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# COMMON ABBREVIATIONS

(For Complete List of Abbreviations see page 498.)

a., adjective.  
adv., adverb.  
A.F., Anglo-French.  
Am., American.  
Ang.-Ind., Anglo-Indian.  
Ang.-Ir., Anglo-Irish.  
Ang.-Lat., Anglo-Latin.  
Arab., Arabic.  
A.-S., Anglo-Saxon.  
aux. v., auxiliary verb.

Bibl., Bible, biblical.  
Bot., Botany.

c., *circa*, about.  
Celt., Celtic.  
Chem., Chemistry.  
colloq., colloquially.  
comb. form., combining form.  
conj., conjunction.  
cp., compare.

Dan., Danish.  
dat., dative.  
Dut., Dutch.  
e.g., *exempli gratia*, for example.  
Eng., English.  
etym., etymology.  
Eur., European.

F., French.  
f., feminine.  
fam., familiar, familiarly.  
fig., figuratively.  
Flem., Flemish.  
Fris., Frisian.  
fut., future.

G., German.  
Gael., Gaelic.  
gen., genitive.  
Goth., Gothic.  
Gr., Greek.

Heb., Hebrew.  
Hind., Hindustani.

Icel., Icelandic.  
i.e., *id est*, that is.  
imper., imperative.  
Ind., India, Indian.  
int., interjection.  
intr., intransitive.

Ir., Irish.  
It., Italian.

L., Latin.  
L.G., Low German.

M.E., Middle English.  
M.F., Middle French.  
M.G., Middle German.

n., noun.  
neut., neuter.  
nom., nominative.  
Norm., Norman.

obj., objective.  
O.F., Old French.  
O.H.G., Old High German.  
O.L.G., Old Low German.  
O.S., Old Saxon.

pass., passive.  
pl., plural.  
Port., Portuguese.  
p.p., past participle.  
pref., prefix.  
pres. p., present participle.  
pret., preterite.  
pron., pronoun.

r., reflexive.  
ref., referring, reference.  
Rus., Russian.

Sansk., Sanskrit.  
Sc., Scottish.  
sing., singular.  
Slav., Slavonic.  
Sp., Spanish.  
suf., suffix.  
Swed., Swedish.

Teut., Teutonic.  
tr., transitive.

v., verb.  
v.i., verb intransitive.  
viz., *videlicet*, namely.  
v.r., verb reflexive.  
v.t., verb transitive.

W., Welsh.  
\*, Obsolete.



# KEY TO PRONUNCIATION

## VOWELS

a	as in far (far).
ă	„ fat (făt).
â	„ fate (fât).
aw	„ fall (fawl).
ä	„ fair (fär).
e	„ bell (bel).
ě	„ her (hěr).
ē	„ beef (bēf).
i	„ bit (bit).
ī	„ bite (bīt).

o	as in not (not).
ō	„ no (nō).
ö	„ north (nörth).
oo	„ food (food).
u	„ bull (bul).
ŭ	„ sun (sŭn).
ū	„ muse (mūz).
ou	„ bout (bout).
oi	„ join (join).

A dot placed over a, e, o, or u (ă, ě, ô, ù,) signifies that the vowel has an obscure, indeterminate, or slurred sound, as in :—

advice (ăd-vīs'), current (kŭr'ĕnt), notion (nō'shŭn).

## CONSONANTS

“s” is used only for the sibilant “s” (as in “toast,” tōst,) the sonant “s” (as in “toes”) is printed “z” (tōz).

“c” (except in the combinations “ch” and “ch”), “q” and “x” are not used.

b, d, f, h (see the combinations below), k, l, m, n (see n below), p, r, t, v, z, and w and y when used as consonants, have their usual values.

ch	as in church (chěrch).
ch	„ loch (loch).

g	„ get (get).
j	„ join (join).

hw	„ white (hwīt).
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n	as in cabochon (ka-bō-shon').
sh	„ shawl (shawl).
zh	„ measure (mezh'ŭr).
th	„ thin (thin).
th	„ thine (thĭn).

The accent (') follows the syllable to be stressed.

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## A

**a** (ā, ā), **an** (ān) [A.-S. *an*, one], *a*. The indefinite article. *A*, before words beginning with a consonant, *h* aspirate, the sound of *yu*, and before *one*; *an*, sometimes used before *h* unaccented, *an historian*.

**ab-** (1) [L. *ab*], *pref.* Off, from, away, apart, as in *abrogate*, *abuse*.

**ab-** (2) [L. *ad*, to], *pref.* To, as in *abbreviate*.

**aback** (ā-bāk') [A.-S. *onbæc* (on, back)], *adv.* Backwards; behind; by surprise.

**abacus** (āb'ā-kūs) [Gr. *abax* -akos, tablet], *n.* A counting-frame made of beads sliding on wires; (*Arch.*) a flat stone crowning the capital of a column.

**abaft** (ā-baft') [A.-S. *beaftan*], *adv.*, *prep.* Towards the hinder part of a ship; behind.

**abandon** (ā-bān'dōn) [O.F. *abandoner*, from *a* *bandon*, at liberty; low L. *bandum*, proclamation], *v.t.* To give up, forsake; surrender oneself unreservedly. *n.* Careless freedom of manner. *abandoned*, *a.* Deserted; profligate. **abandonment**, *n.* The act of abandoning.

**abase** (ā-bās') [O.F. *abaissier*, late L. *bassus*, low], *v.t.* To humble, degrade.

**abasement**, *n.* State of humiliation.

**abash** (ā-bāsh') [O.F. *esbaïr*, to express amazement], *v.t.* To put to shame or confusion. **abashment**, *n.*

**abate** (ā-bāt') [O.F. *abatre*, to beat down], *v.t.* To diminish, lessen. *v.i.* To become less. **abatement**, *n.* Deduction.

**abatis**, **abattis** (ā-bāt'is) [F. *abatis*], *n.* (*Mil.*) A defence of felled trees.

**abattoir** (ā-ba-twar') [F.], *n.* A public slaughter-house.

**abbacy** (āb'ā-si), *n.* The office of an abbot. **abbatial** (ā-bā'shi-āl), *a.* **ab'bé** [F.], *n.* A R.C. ecclesiastic without a cure. **ab'ness**, *n.* A lady superior.

**abbey** (āb'i) [O.F. *abeie*], *n.* A monastery; the church attached.

**abbot** (āb'ōt) [L. *abbas*, Syriac, *abbā*, father], *n.* The superior of a monastery.

**abbreviate** (ā-brē'vi-āt) [L. *abbreviāre*], *v.t.* To shorten, abridge. **abbrevia'tion**, *n.* **abbre'viator**, *n.*

**abdicate** (āb'di-kāt) [L. *AB-*, from, *dicāre*, to declare], *v.t.* To resign. *v.i.* To relinquish a throne or other dignity. **abdica'tion**, *n.* The act of abdicating.

**abdomen** (āb-dō'mēn) [L.], *n.* The trunk between the thorax and pelvis; the belly. **abdominal** (āb-dōm'-), *a.*

**abduct** (āb-dūkt') [L.], *v.t.* To take away (esp. a woman or child) by guile or force. **abduction**, *n.* A taking away of a child, wife, or ward by fraud or force.

**abeam** (ā-bēm') [A.-S.], *adv.* (*Naut.*) At right angles to the keel.

**abed** (ā-bēd') [A.-S.], *adv.* Gone to bed.

**aberdevine** (āb'er-dē-vīn), *n.* The siskin.

**aberrant** (āb'er-ānt) [L. *AB-*, *errāre*, wander], *a.* Wandering from the right way; deviating from type. **aberra'tion**, *n.*

**abet** (ā-bet') [O.F.], *v.t.* To encourage or aid; to instigate (in a bad sense). **abetment**, *n.* **abettor**, *n.*

**abeyance** (ā-bā'āns) [O.F. *abeance*], *n.* The state of being held back; dormancy.

**abhor** (āb-hōr') [L. *AB-*, *horrēre*, to bristle, shudder], *v.t.* To loathe, shrink from with horror. **abhorrence**, *n.* **abhorrent**, *a.* Exciting loathing.

**abide** (ā-bīd') [A.-S.], *v.i.* To dwell in a place; to remain firm. *v.t.* To await; tolerate. **abiding**, *a.*

**abigail** (āb'i-gāl) [Heb.], *n.* A waiting-maid (1 Sam. xx. 5).

**ability** (ā-bil'i-ti) [O.F. *ableté*], *n.* Power, capacity; (*pl.*) intellectual gifts.

**abject** (āb'jekt) [L. *AB-*, away, *jacere*, to cast], *a.* Servile, degraded. **abjectly**, *adv.*

**abjure** (āb-joor') [L. *AB-*, *jurāre*, to swear], *v.t.* To retract on oath. *v.i.* To take an oath of abjuration. **abjuration**, *n.*

**ablative** (āb'lā-tiv) [L. *AB-*, *lātus*, p.p. of *fero*, I bear], *n.* The case in Latin, etc., expressing separation or instrumentality.

**ablaze** (ā-blāz') [A.-S.], *adv.* or *a.* On fire.

**able** (ābl) [L. *habilis*, handy], *a.* Having sufficient power, skill, resources, etc., to do something indicated; gifted, vigorous, active. **ably** (āb'li), *adv.*

**ablution** (ā-bloo'shùn) [L. *AB-*, *luere*, to wash], *n.* The act of washing or purifying.

**abnegate** (āb'né-gāt) [L. *AB-*, *negāre*, to



deny], *v.t.* To deny, refuse, abjure. **abnegation** (-gā'shùn), *n.* Renunciation.

**abnormal** (áb-nórm'ál) [L. *AB-*, *norma*, *rule*], *a.* Not according to type. **abnormal'ity**, *n.* Irregularity, deformity. **abnormally**, *adv.* **abnor'mity**. *n.* Departure from rule.

**aboard** (á-bórd') [Fr. *à bord*], *adv.* In a ship or boat.

**abode** (á-bód') [ABIDE], *n.* A habitation.

**abolish** (á-bol'ish) [L. *AB-*, *olēre*, to grow], *v.t.* To do away with, cancel. **aboli'tion**. *n.* **aboli'tionist**, *n.* One who favoured the abolition of slavery.

**abominate** (á-bom'i-nât) [L. *abomināri* (AB-, OMEN), to dislike], *v.t.* To detest, hate exceedingly. **abominable**, *a.* **abomina'tion**, *n.*

**aborigines** (áb-ò-rij'i-nēz) [L. *AB-*, *origine*, beginning], *n. pl.* The original inhabitants of a country. **aborig'inal**, *a.* Indigenous.

**abort** (á-bört') [L. *AB-*, *oriri*, to arise, grow], *v.t.* To make abortive. **abortion**, *n.* The production of the fœtus before the time; anything which does not come to maturity. **abortive**, *a.*

**abound** (á-bound') [L. *abundāre*, to overflow], *v.i.* To be rich (in). **abounding**, *a.*

**about** (á-bout') [A.-S.], *prep.* Around, surrounding; near in time, space, number, quantity, or quality; on the point of; concerning, in connection with. *adv.* Nearly.

**above** (á-búv') [A.-S.], *prep.* Over; at a higher point; in excess of. *adv.* Overhead. **above-board**, *adv.* Openly.

**abrade** (á-brād') [L. *AB-*, *radere*, to scrape], *v.t.* To rub or wear away by friction.

**abrasion** (á-brā'zhùn) [L. *abrasio*], *n.* A rubbing away.

**abreast** (á-brest') [A.-S.], *adv.* Side by side; up to the standard (of).

**abridge** (á-brij') [O.F. *abregier*], *v.t.* To shorten, epitomize. **abridgment**, *n.*

**abroach** (á-bröch') [A.-S.], *adv.* Broached; in a position allowing liquor to run out freely.

**abroad** (á-brawd') [A.-S.], *adv.* At large; out of doors; in a foreign country.

**abrogate** (áb-ró-gät') [L. *AB-*, *rogāre*, to ask], *v.t.* To repeal. **abroga'tion**, *n.*

**abrupt** (á-brüpt') [L. *abruptus*, broken off], *a.* Very steep; disconnected.

**abscess** (áb'ses) [L. *abscessus*], *n.* A gathering of pus in a tissue of the body.

**abscond** (áb-skond') [L. *AB-*, *condere*, to hide], *v.i.* To go away secretly.

**absent** (áb'sént) [L. *abses*, to be away], *a.* Away from a place; wanting; inattentive to passing events. **absence**, *n.* **absent'**, *v.refl.* To keep oneself away. **absentee'**, *n.* One who is habitually absent, esp. a landlord from his estate.

**absinthe** (áb'sinth) [F.], *n.* A liqueur flavoured with wormwood.

**absolute** (áb-só-loot) [L. *absolutus*], *a.* Independent; self-existent; arbitrary, despotic; perfect; (*Gram.*) applied to a case not determined by any other word in a sentence; (*Chem.*) free from mixture.

**absolution** (áb-só-loo'shùn), *n.* Remission,

forgiveness; the pardon of sins by a priest after confession.

**absolutism** (áb'só-lu-tizm), *n.* Despotic government. **absolutist**, *a.* Pertaining to despotism.

**absolve** (áb-solv') [L. *AB-*, *solvere*, to loosen], *v.t.* To pardon, acquit; pronounce forgiveness of sins to a penitent.

**absorb** (áb-sörb') [L. *AB-*, *sorbere*, to suck up], *v.t.* To drink in. **absorbent**, *a.*

**absorption** (áb-sörp'shùn) [L. *absorptio*], *n.* The act of absorbing. **absorptive**, *a.*

**abstain** (áb-stān') [L. *AB-*, away, *tenēre*, to hold], *v.t.* To refrain (from). **abstainer**, *n.* One who refrains, esp. from intoxicants.

**abstemious** (áb-stē'mi-ūs) [L.], *a.* Sparing, esp. in use of food and drink.

**abstention** (áb-sten'shùn) [ABSTAIN], *n.* The act of abstaining. **ab'stinen'ce**, *n.* Refraining, esp. from some indulgence.

**absterge** (áb-stérj') [L. *AB-*, *tergere*, to wipe], *v.t.* To cleanse; to purge by medicine. **abstergent**, *a.*

**abstinence** [ABSTENTION].

**abstract** (áb-sträkt') [L. *abstractus*], *v.t.* To take away, remove; to consider apart from other things; to epitomize, summarize. **ab'stract**, *a.* Separated from particular things, ideal; not concrete. *n.* An epitome. **abstracted**, *a.* Absent-minded.

**abstraction** (áb-strāk'shùn), *n.* The act of separating or taking away; being engrossed in thought; an abstract idea.

**abstruse** (áb-stroos') [L. *AB-*, *trudere*, to push], *a.* Recondite. **abstruseness**, *n.*

**absurd** (áb-sërd') [L. *AB-*, *surdus*, deaf], *a.* Contrary to reason; nonsensical. **absurdity**, *n.*

**abundance** (á-bün'dáns) [L. *abundantia*, ABOUND], *n.* Plenteousness. **abundant**, *a.* Ample.

**abuse** (á-büz') [L. *AB-*, *uti*, to use], *v.t.* To misuse; to reproach coarsely. **abuser**, *n.* **abuse** (á-büs'), *n.* Improper treatment; a corrupt custom; scurrilous language. **abusive**, *a.*

**abut** (á-büt') [O.F. *abouler* (à, to, but, end)], *v.t.* To border upon. **abutment**, *n.* That which borders; a pier or wall against which an arch rests.

**abysm** (á-bizm') [O.F. *abisme*], *n.* A poetical form of abyss. **abys'mal**, *a.* Profound, immeasurable.

**abyss** (á-bis') [L. *abyssus*, bottomless], *n.* A vast depth, chasm, or cavity; primeval chaos; (*fig.*) anything profound and unfathomable. **abyssal**, *a.*

**ac-** [L. AD], *pref.* As in *accord*, *acquire*. **-ac** [Gr. *-akos*], *suf.* Pertaining to, *e.g.* *demoniac*.

**acacia** (á-kā'shā) [Gr. *akakia* (aké, a point, thorn)], *n.* A genus of trees.

**academy** (á-kād'é-mi) [Gr. *akadēmeia* (the garden at Athens where Plato taught)], *n.* A place for higher education; a society for promoting literature, science or art.

**academ'ic**, *a.* Professorial, unpractical.

**academicals**, *n. pl.* Cap and gown. **acad-**

emically, *adv.* academic'ian, *n.* A member of an academy.

**acanthus** (â-kân'thûs) [Gr. *akanthos*, a thorn], *n.* The plant bear's-breech; (*Arch.*) an ornament resembling its foliage.

**accede** (âk-séd') [L. *AC-*, *cedere*, to come], *v.i.* To agree to, assent; to come to (an office or dignity). **access**, *n.* Admission to; means of approach; increase. **access'ible**, *a.* Capable of being approached; easy of access. **accessibil'ity**, *n.* **accessibly**, *adv.* **accession** (âk-sesh'un, *n.* Going or coming to; agreeing or consenting to; an addition, improvement. **access'ory**, *a.* Contributive; accompanying; guilty, not as the chief actor, but by assisting or concealing the offender. *n.* An accomplice; any secondary accompaniment.

**accelerate** (âk-sel'ér-ât) [L. *AC-*, *celer*, swift], *v.t.* To hasten; to increase the velocity of; to bring nearer in point of time. **accelera'tion**, *n.* **accelerator**, *n.* A device fitted to motor-cars for allowing the engine to run at an accelerated speed.

**accent** (âk'sent) [L. *accentum* (*AD-*, *cantus*, singing)], *n.* Prominence given to a syllable; manner of speaking peculiar to an individual, locality, etc.; a mark used to direct the stress of the voice; (*pl.*) words, language. **accent'**, *v.t.* To lay stress upon a syllable or word, or passage of music. **accen'tual**, *a.* (*Prosody*) Accented verse as distinguished from that governed by quantity. **accen'tuate**, *v.t.* To emphasize. **accentua'tion**, *n.*

**accept** (âk-sept') [L. *AC-*, *capere*, to take] *v.t.* To take what is offered; agree to. **accept'able**, *a.* acceptance, *n.* The act of receiving; agreement to terms; an accepted bill of exchange; the subscription to a bill of exchange. **accepta'tion**, *n.* Favourable reception; the recognized sense of an expression. **accep'tor**, *n.*

**accidence** (âk'si-dens) [L. *accidentia*], *n.* That part of grammar which deals with the inflection (*i.e.* the accidents) of words.

**accident** (âk si-dént) [L. *AC-*, *cadere*, to fall], *n.* An unexpected event proceeding from an unknown cause; a mishap. **acciden'tal**, *a.* Occurring unexpectedly; adventitious.

**acclaim** (â-k'lâm') [L. *AC-*, *clāmāre*, to shout], *v.t.* To applaud loudly, welcome with enthusiasm. *v.i.* To shout applause. **acclama'tion**, *n.*

**acclimatize** (â-kli'mâ-tiz) [F. *à*, to, *climat*, climate], *v.t.* To habituate to a new climate. **acclimati'za'tion**, *n.*

**acclivity** (â-kli'v'i-ti) [L. *AC-*, *clivus*, a slope], *n.* An upward slope.

**accolade** (âk-kô-lâd') [F. *accolade* (L. *ac-*, *collum*, neck)], *n.* The ceremony of conferring knighthood; (*Mus.*) a brace uniting several staves.

**accommodate** (â-kom'mô-dât) [L. *accommodāre*], *v.t.* To make suitable, to fit; to bring into harmony; to supply or furnish. **accommodating**, *a.* Obliging, complying.

**accommoda'tion**, *n.* Adjustment, compromise; supplying a want; a loan.

**accompaniment** (â-kûm'pân-i-mént) [F. *accompagnement*], *n.* Something attendant upon another thing; (*Mus.*) the part performed by instruments accompanying the voice. **accompanist**, *n.* (*Mus.*) The performer who plays the accompaniment.

**accompany** (â-kûm-pâ-ni) [F. *accompagner* (*à*, to, *compagne*, companion)], *v.t.* To go with, escort; to exist along with. *v.i.* (*Mus.*) To play the accompaniment.

**accomplice** (â-kom'plis) [L. *com-*, together, *plicāre*, to fold], *n.* A partner in crime.

**accomplish** (â-kom'plish) [late L. *accomplere* (*AC-*, *complere*, to fill up)], *v.t.* To complete, fulfil, achieve. **accomplished**, *a.* Having the attainments perfecting one for good society. **accomplishment**, *n.*

**accord** (â-körd') [L. *AC-*, *cor*, *cordis*, heart], *v.t.* To cause to agree, to adjust, grant. *v.i.* To agree, to be in harmony. *n.* Agreement, harmony. **accordance**, *n.* **accordant**, *a.* **according**, *part.a.* and *adv.* Agreeing, corresponding (to), agreeably with. **accordingly**, *adv.*

**accordion** (â-kör'di-on) [It. *accordare*, to tune], *n.* A small keyed instrument in which the notes are produced by bellows action on metal reeds.

**accost** (â-kost') [late L. *accostāre* (*AC-*, *costa*, a rib, side)], *v.t.* To approach, to address.

**accouchement** (a-koosh'mân) [F.], *n.* Confinement, lying-in. **accou'cheur**, *n.* A man midwife. **accoucheuse'**, *n.* A midwife.

**account** (â-kount') [L. *com-*, together, *putāre*, to reckon], *v.t.* To compute, count; to regard as, deem. *v.i.* To give a reason, explanation, or answer. *n.* Statement showing the balance, register of debit and credit; advantage, behalf, sake. **account'able**, *a.* Liable to be called on to render an account. **accountant**, *n.* One who keeps or inspects accounts. **accountant-general**, *n.* **accountancy**, *n.*

**accoutre** (â-koo'tér) [med. F. *accoustrer*], *v.t.* To array in military dress. **accoutrements**, *n.* Outfit.

**accredit** (â-kred'it) [F.; see CREDIT], *v.t.* To sanction; send with credentials.

**accretion** [L. *accrētus*], *n.* Increase by external additions; a part added.

**accrue** (â-kroo') [O.F. *acreue*, growth], *v.i.* To increase; to come to.

**accumulate** (â-kûmû-lât) [L. *accumulāre*, to heap up], *v.t.* To pile one thing on another; to amass. *v.i.* To grow by additions. **accumula'tion**, *n.* **accumulative**, *a.* **accumulator**, *n.* An apparatus for the storage of electricity.

**accurate** (âk'û-rât) [L. *accūrātus*, p.p. of *accūrāre*, from *cūra*, care], *a.* Careful, exact. **accurately**, *adv.* **accuracy**, *n.* **accursed** (â-kêr'séd) [A.-S.], *a.* Lying under a curse; detestable; excommunicated.

**accusative** (â-kû'zâ-tiv) [F. *accusatif*], *a.* Belonging to the objective case.

**accuse** (â-kûz') [L. *AC-*, *causa*, cause, lawsuit], *v.t.* To charge with a crime, etc.,



to indict. **accuser**, *n.* **accusa'tion**, *n.* **accu'satory**, *a.*  
**accustom** (ă-kūs'tóm) [O.F. *acostumer*], *v.t.*  
 To make familiar by use. **accustomed**, *a.*  
**ace** (ās) [L. *as*, a unit], *n.* The single point  
 on cards or dice; a trifle.  
**-aceous**, *suf.* Of the nature of, *e.g.* *crust-*  
*aceous*, *cretaceous*, *farinaceous*, *filaceous*.  
**acerbity** (ă-sēr'bi-ti) [L. *acerbus*, bitter], *n.*  
 Sourness; harshness of speech, etc.  
**acetic** (ă-sē'tik) [L. *acētum*, vinegar], *n.*  
 Pertaining to vinegar, sour. **ac'etate**, *n.*  
 A salt of acetic acid.  
**acetylene** (ă-set'i-lēn), *n.* A gas composed  
 of carbon and hydrogen.  
**ache** (āk) [A.-S. *acan*], *v.t.* To suffer pain  
 or distress. *n.* Continuous pain.  
**achieve** (ă-chēv') [F. *à chef*, L. *ad caput*,  
 to a head], *v.t.* To accomplish; to bring  
 about by effort. **achievement**, *n.*  
**achromatic** (ăk-rō-măt'ik) [Gr. *a-*, not,  
*chrōma*, colour], *a.* Colourless.  
**acid** (ās'id) [L. *acidus*, sour], *a.* Tart,  
 sharp to the taste. *n.* A sour substance.  
**acid'ity**, *n.* Sourness. **acid'ify**, *v.t.* To  
 render acid. **acid'ulous**, *a.* A little acid.  
**acidulated**, *a.* Rendered slightly acid.  
**-acious**, *suf.* Abounding in, characterized  
 by, *e.g.* *loquacious*, *tenacious*.  
**-acity**, *suf.* The quality of; forming nouns  
 from adjectives in -ACIOUS.  
**acknowledge** (ăk-nol'ēj) [A.-S. *acknowe*,  
*cniawan*, to know], *v.t.* To own the truth  
 of, admit; recognize the authority of.  
**acknowledgment**, *n.* Recognition, admis-  
 sion; receipt; expression of gratitude.  
**-acle**, *suf.* Diminutive of nouns, *e.g.* *pin-*  
*nacle*.  
**acme** (ăk'mē) [Gr. *akmē*, an edge], *n.* The  
 highest point, the culmination.  
**acolyte** (ăk'ô-lit) [Gr. *akolouthos*, a fol-  
 lower], *n.* An inferior officer in the R.C.  
 Church; an attendant.  
**aconite** (ăk'ô-nit) [Gr. *akoniton*], *n.* The  
 common monk's-hood or wolf's-bane.  
**acorn** (ă'körn) [A.-S. *æcern*], *n.* The fruit  
 of the oak.  
**acotyledon** (ă-kot-i-lē'dôn) [Gr. *a-*, not,  
*kotule*, a cup], *n.* A plant without distinct  
 seed-lobes. **acotyledonous**, *a.*  
**acoustic** (ă-kou'stik) [Gr. *akouein*, to hear],  
*a.* Pertaining to the ear or hearing.  
**acoustician**, *n.* One skilled in acoustics.  
**acoustics**, *n.* The science of sound and  
 of the phenomena of hearing.  
**acquaint** (ă-kwānt') [L. *AD-*, to, *cognitum*,  
 known], *v.t.* To inform, to communicate  
 intelligence. **acquaintance**, *n.* The state  
 of knowing person or thing; a person  
 whom one knows. **acquaintanceship**, *n.*  
**acquiesce** (ăk-wi-es') [L. *acquiescere*], *v.t.*  
 To submit to; accept tacitly, to concur  
 in. **acquiescence**, *n.* **acquiescent**, *a.*  
**acquire** (ă-kwīr') [L. *AC-*, *querere*, to seek],  
*v.t.* To obtain. **acquisition**, *n.* A  
 personal attainment. **acquisi'tion**, *n.*  
 The act of acquiring; the object acquired.  
**acquis'itive**, *a.*  
**acquit** (ă-kwit') [late L. *aquitare*], *v.t.* To  
 release from a charge, etc. *v.r.* To dis-

charge the duties of one's position. **ac-**  
**quittal**, *n.* Discharge from arrest, a  
 promise, debt, or other obligation; per-  
 formance. **acquittance**, *n.* A receipt.  
**acre** (ă'kēr) [A.-S. *æcer*, a field], *n.* A  
 superficial measure containing 4,840 square  
 yards; tilled or enclosed land. **acreage**, *n.*  
 The area of land in acres.  
**acrid** (ăk'rid) [L. *acer* *ācris*, pungent], *a.*  
 Sharp to the taste; irritating.  
**acrimony** (ăk'ri-mō-ni) [L. *ācrimōnia*,  
 sharpness], *n.* Bitterness of temper or  
 manner. **acrimo'nious**, *a.*  
**acrobat** (ăk'rō-băt) [Gr. *akrobatos*], *n.* A  
 performer of daring gymnastic feats; a  
 rope-dancer. **acrobat'ic**, *a.*  
**acropolis** (ă-krop'ô-lis) [Gr.], *n.* The  
 citadel of a Greek town, especially that  
 of Athens.  
**across** (ă-kros') [A.-S.], *adv.* or *prep.*  
 Transversely, from side to side, athwart.  
**acrostic** (ă-kros'tik) [Gr. *acro*, on the top,  
*stichos*, a row], *n.* A verse composition in  
 which the initial letters of the lines con-  
 stitute a word.  
**act** (ăkt) [L. *actus*, a doing, from *agere*, to  
 do], *n.* That which is done, a deed; a  
 principal division of a play; a law or edict  
 of a legislative body. *v.t.* To play the  
 part of; impersonate. *v.i.* To exert  
 power; carry out a purpose; behave;  
 to perform as an actor. **acting**, *a.*  
 Performing dramatically; doing tem-  
 porary duty. *n.* Action; dramatic per-  
 formance. **actor**, **actress**, *n.*  
**actinic** (ăk-tin'ik) [Gr.], *a.* Pertaining to  
 rays. **act'inism**, *n.* The property in rays  
 of light by which chemical changes are pro-  
 duced; the radiation of light or heat.  
**action** (ăk'shūn) [F. *action*, L. *actiōnem*,  
 acc. of *actio*, a doing, performance; ACT],  
*n.* The state or condition of doing;  
 activity; anything done; a battle; the  
 mechanism of an instrument; gesture;  
 the main subject of a play, etc.; a legal  
 process or suit. **actionable**, *a.* Fur-  
 nishing ground for an action at law.  
**active** (ăk'tiv) [L. *activus*; ACT], *a.* Pos-  
 sessed of power of acting; agile; busy;  
 denoting action. **activ'ity**, *n.*  
**actual** (ăk'tū-ăl) [L. *actuālis*], *a.* Real,  
 existing. **actual'ity**, *n.*  
**actuary** (ăk'tū-ăr-i) [L. *actuārius*, account-  
 keeper], *n.* One skilled in statistics, esp.  
 connected with insurance.  
**actuate** (ăk'tū-ăt) [med. L. *actuātus*], *v.t.*  
 To put in action, furnish the motive of.  
**acumen** (ă-kū'mēn) [L. *acuere*, to sharpen],  
*n.* Shrewdness, keen penetration.  
**acute** (ă-kūt') [L. *acuere*, to sharpen], *a.*  
 Sharp, penetrating; quick to perceive  
 minute distinctions; piercing (of pain);  
 the accent ('); (*Med.*) attended with  
 violent symptoms; (*Geom.*) less than a  
 right angle.  
**-acy**, *suf.* Forming nouns of quality,  
 state, condition, etc.; *e.g.* *fallacy*, *infancy*.  
**ad-**, *pref.* Signifying motion towards,  
 direction to, adherence, etc.; *e.g.* *adduce*,  
*adhere*, *adjacent*, *admire*.

**adage** (ăd'ăj) [L. *adagium*], *n.* A proverb; a pithy maxim.

**adagio** (ă-da'ji-ō) [It., at leisure], *adv.* (*Mus.*) Slowly, gracefully.

**adamant** (ăd'ă-mănt) [Gr. *a-*, not, *damaō*, I tame], *n.* A stone of impenetrable hardness; loadstone, diamond. *a.* Intensely hard; unfeeling. **adaman'tine**, *a.*

**adapt** (ă-dăpt') [L. *AD-*, to, *aptare*, from *aptus*, fit], *v.t.* To adjust to, to remodel.

**adaptable**, *a.* **adapta'tion**, *n.*

**add** (ăd) [L. *AD-*, to, *dare*, to put], *v.t.* To put together, unite; put into one total; annex. **addition** (ă-dish'un), *n.* The process of adding; the thing added. **ad-ditional**, *a.* Supplementary.

**addendum** (ă-den'dŭm) [L.], *n.* A thing to be added, an addition; an appendix.

**adder** (ăd'er) [A.-S. *nædre*], *n.* The common viper.

**addict** (ă-dikt') [L. *addictus*], *v.t.* To apply habitually, to habituate. *v.r.* To make oneself a slave to (a vice). **addicted**, *part.a.* Given over to, prone. **addiction**, *n.*

**addle** (ădl) [A.-S. *adela*, mire, filth], *a.* Putrid, as an egg; (*fig.*) idle, vain, confused. *v.t.* To confuse (mentally). **addle-headed**, *a.* Muddle-headed.

**address** (ă-dres') [F. *adresser*], *v.t.* To direct a communication to; speak to; write the address or direction on; make suit to; apply (oneself) to. *n.* A discourse; tact, skill; bearing in conversation; (*pl.*) courtship; the name of the place where one lives. **addressee**, *n.* One to whom a communication is addressed.

**adduce** (ă-dŭs') [L. *AD-*, to, *dŭcere*, to lead], *v.t.* To bring forward as a proof, to cite.

**adducible**, *a.* Capable of being adduced.

**-ade**, *suf.* Forms nouns from verbs, etc., *e.g.* *cannonade*, *brigade*, *lemonade*, *parade*.

**adenoid** (ăd'en-oid) [Gr. *adēn*, an acorn], *a.* Glandular. *pl.n.* A spongy growth at the back of the nose.

**adept** (ă-dept') [L. *adeptus*, one who has attained], *n.* One completely versed in any science or art.

**adequate** (ăd'ê-kwăt) [L. *adæquātus*, made equal], *a.* Equal to, sufficient.

**adequacy**, *n.* Adequateness, sufficiency.

**adhere** (ăd-hēr') [L. *AD-*, *hærere*, to stick], *v.t.* To stick to; to remain attached to.

**adherence**, *n.* **adherent**, *a.* Sticking to. *n.* A partisan.

**adhesion** (ăd-hē'zhŭn) [F. *adhésion*], *n.* The act or state of sticking to or joining.

**adhesive**, *a.* Able to adhere; sticky.

**adhibit** (ăd-hib'it) [L. *AD-*, *habere*, to hold], *v.t.* To append, use, employ. **adhibit'ion**, *n.* Application, use.

**adieu** (ă-dŭ') [F.], *int.* and *n.* God be with you; good-bye.

**adipocere** (ăd'i-pō-sēr) [L. *adeps*, fat, *cera*, wax], *n.* A greyish-white soapy substance formed in dead bodies buried in moist places.

**adipose** (ăd'i-pōs) [L. *adeps*, fat], *a.* Pertaining to fat, fatty.

**adjacent** (ăd-jă'sent) [L. *AD-*, *jacere*, to lie], *a.* Lying near to; neighbouring

**adjective** (ăd-jék-tiv) [L. *adjectivus*], *n.* A part of speech joined to nouns to define their signification. **adjecti'val**, *a.*

**adjoin** (ăd-join') [O.F. *ajoindre*], *v.t.* To be contiguous to. **adjoining**, *a.*

**adjourn** (ăd-jēr'n') [O.F. *ajorner*], *v.t.* To put off or defer till a later period; to postpone. *v.i.* To cease for the time being. **adjournment**, *n.*

**adjudge** (ăd-jŭj') [O.F. *ajuger*], *v.t.* To award by a judicial decision, to condemn.

**adjudicate** (ăd-joo'di-kăt) [L. *AD-*, *iudicare*, to judge], *v.t.* To judge, pronounce sentence. *v.i.* To sit as a judge. **ad-judica'tion**, *n.* **adju'dicator**, *n.*

**adjunct** (ăd-jŭnkt) [L. *AD-*, *iungere*, to join], *n.* Any thing joined to another: an attribute. *a.* Added to. **adjunc-tive**, *a.* Joining.

**adjure** (ăd-joor') [L. *AD-*, *iurare*, to swear, put to an oath], *v.t.* To charge upon oath, or upon pain of the divine displeasure.

**adjura'tion**, *n.*

**adjust** (ăd-jŭst') [L. *AD-*, *iuxta*, near], *v.t.* To arrange; to fit, accommodate, settle. **adjustment**, *n.*

**adjutant** (ăd'ju-tănt) [L. *adjutans*], *n.* An officer who assists the commanding officer; a gigantic Indian stork.

**admeasure** (ăd-mezh'ŭr) [O.F. *amesurer*], *v.t.* To measure out, apportion.

**administer** (ăd-min'is-tēr) [L. *AD-*, *ministrare*, to minister], *v.t.* To manage; to tender, as an oath; to supply. **administra'tion**, *n.* The act of administering; the executive functions of government; the executive. **admin'istrative**, *a.*

**administrator**, *n.* One who administers; (*Law*) one who manages the estate of an intestate.

**admiral** (ăd'mir-ăl) [O.F. *amiral*, Arab. *amir*, a prince], *n.* The commander of a fleet or a division of a fleet. **admiralty**, *n.* The Government department that deals with the Navy; the building where they transact business.

**admire** (ăd-mĭr') [L. *AD-*, *mĭrari*, to wonder], *v.t.* To regard with wonder and pleasure; to have a high opinion of.

**admirable** (ăd'mir-ăbl), *a.* Worthy of admiration; excellent. **admirably**, *adv.*

**admira'tion**, *n.* Wonder excited by anything pleasing. **admirer**, *n.*

**admit** (ăd-mĭt') [L. *AD-*, *mittere*, to send], *v.t.* To let in; accept as valid; acknowledge. **admittance**, *n.* **admiss'ible**, *admittable*, *a.* Fit to be considered as evidence; qualified for entrance. **ad-missibil'ity**, *n.* **admiss'ion**, *n.* **ad-mittedly**, *adv.* Agreed.

**admixture** (ăd-miks'tŭr) [L. *admiscere*; MIX], *n.* An alloy; a foreign element.

**admonish** (ăd-mon'ish) [L. *AD-*, *monere*, to advise], *v.t.* To reprove gently; caution. **admonisher**, *n.* **admon'ish-ment**, *n.* **admoni'tion**, *n.*

**ado** (ă-doo') [Scand. *at*, to, *DO*], *n.* Trouble, fuss.

**-ado** [Sp. and Port.], *suf.* Forms nouns, *e.g.* *desperado*, *tornado*.



**adolescent** (ăd-ô-les'ent) [L. *adolēscere*, to grow up], *a.* Growing up to manhood. *n.* A person in the age of adolescence.

**adolescence**, *n.* The period between childhood and manhood.

**adopt** (ă-dopt') [L. *AD-*, *optāre*, to choose], *v.t.* To take into relationship (as heir, candidate, etc.); to embrace (a principle, cause, etc.). **adoption**, *n.* **adoptive**, *a.* Due to or by reason of adoption.

**adore** (ă-dôr') [L. *AD-*, *drāre*, to pray], *v.t.* To pay divine honours to; to regard with the utmost respect. **adorer**, *n.* A worshipper, admirer. **adorable**, *a.* **adora'tion**, *n.* Divine worship; homage.

**adorn** (ă-dörn') [L. *AD-*, *ornāre*, to deck], *v.t.* To ornament, embellish. **adorn-ment**, *n.* A decoration, ornament.

**adown** (ă-doun') [A.-S.], *adv.* From a higher to a lower place. *prep.* In a descending direction.

**adrift** (ă-drift') [DRIFT], *adv.* Drifting at the mercy of wind and waves; at a loss.

**adroit** (ă-droit') [F. *à*, to, *droit*, right], *a.* Dexterous, ready in resource.

**adulate** (ăd'ū-lăt') [L. *adulāri*, to flatter], *v.t.* To fawn upon, flatter servilely.

**adulation**, *n.* **adulatory**, *a.*

**adult** (ă-dŭlt') [L. *adultus*], *a.* Grown up, full-grown. *n.* One grown to maturity.

**adulterate** (ă-dŭl'tēr-ăt') [L. *adulterāre*, to corrupt (*ad-*, to, *alterāre*, to change)], *v.t.* To debase a thing by mixing with it a baser substance. **adultera'tion**, *n.*

**adultery** (ă-dŭl'tēr-i) [L. *adulterium*; see ADULTERATE], *n.* Illicit sexual intercourse on the part of a married person. **adulterer**, **adulteress**, *n.* **adulterous**, *a.*

**adumbrate** (ăd'um-brăt') [L. *adumbrāre*, to cast a shadow], *v.t.* To shadow forth, indicate faintly. **adumbra'tion**, *n.* **ad-umbrative**, *a.* Faintly representing.

**advance** (ăd-vans') [O.F. *avancer*], *v.t.* To bring or move forward; promote; supply on credit. *v.i.* To move forward, to progress. *n.* The act of moving forward; promotion; a rise (in price); payment beforehand, a loan. **advanced**, *a.* **advancement**, *n.* Preferment.

**advantage** (ăd-van'taj) [F. *avantage*], *n.* Favourable condition or circumstance; gain, superiority. *v.t.* To benefit; promote the interests of. **advanta'geous**, *a.*

**Advent** (ăd'vent) [L. *AD-*, *venire*, to come], *n.* The Incarnation and Second Coming of Christ; the four weeks before Christmas; a coming.

**adventitious** (ăd-vén-tish'ús) [L. *adventicius*, coming from abroad], *a.* Not properly pertaining to; accidental.

**adventure** (ăd-ven'chŭr) [O.F. *aventure*], *n.* Hazard; an enterprise in which risk is incurred; a speculation. *v.t.* To risk, to hazard. **adventurer**, *n.* **adventuress**, *n.* A woman who seeks to gain social position by false pretences. **adventurous**, *a.* Fond of adventure; daring, rash.

**adverb** (ăd'verb) [L. *AD-*, *verbum*, word], *n.*

A word qualifying a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. **adverbial**, *a.*

**adversary** (ăd'ver-sār-i) [L. *adversarius*; see ADVERSE], *n.* An opponent, a foe.

**adverse** (ăd'vers) [L. *AD-*, towards, *vertere*, to turn], *a.* Acting in a contrary direction; hostile; opposite in position.

**advers'ity**, *n.* Misfortune.

**advert** (ăd-vért) [L., ADVERSE], *v.t.* To turn attention to, refer to. **advertence**, *n.* Attention, notice, regard.

**advertise** (ăd'ver-tiz) [F. *avertissement*], *v.t.* To give notice of; make publicly known. *v.i.* To give public notice.

**advertisement**, *n.* **advertiser**, *n.*

**advice** (ăd-vis') [L. *AD-*, *visum*, seen], *n.* Opinion as to course of action; formal notice.

**advise** (ăd-viz') [late L. *advīsāre*; see ADVICE], *v.t.* To counsel; to inform.

**advi'sedly**, *adv.* With mature deliberation. **advisable**, *a.* Proper, befitting.

**advisory**, *a.* Having power to advise.

**advocate** (ăd'vó-kăt') [L. *AD-*, *vocāre*, to call], *n.* One who defends or promotes a cause; an intercessor. *v.t.* To plead in favour of, recommend. **advocacy**, *n.*

**advowson** (ăd-vou'zón) [L. *advocatiōnem*], *n.* The right of presentation to a benefice.

**adze** (ădz) [A.-S. *adesa*], *n.* An axe with an arched blade at right angles to the handle.

**ædile** (ē'dil) [L. *ædes*, a building], *n.* A magistrate in ancient Rome.

**ægis** (ē'jis) [L.], *n.* A shield; protection, a protective influence.

**æon** (ē'ón) [Gr. *aiōn*], *n.* An age of the universe; a period of immense duration.

**aerate** (ă-ēr-ăt') [L. *ær*, air], *v.t.* To charge with air or other gas. **aerated**, *part.a.* Charged with air or carbonic acid gas; effervescent.

**aerial** (ă-ēr-i-ăl) [L. *ær*, air, -AL], *a.* Belonging to the air; airy, thin; immaterial. *n.* A wire to catch messages in wireless telegraphy.

**aerie**, **aery** (ă-ēr-i), **eyrie**, **eyry** (ī'ri) [med. L. *aeria*], *n.* The nest of a bird of prey, esp. an eagle; the brood of such birds.

**aero-** [L. *ær*, the air], *comb. form.* Pertaining to the air, *e.g.* **aeroplane**, **aeronaut**.

**aerodrome** (ăr'ô-drôm) [Gr. *drōmos*, race, race-course], *n.* A station for aeroplanes.

**aerodynamics** (ăr-ô-dī-năm'iks) [DYNAMICS], *n.* The science which treats of gases in motion.

**aerolite** (ă-ēr-ô-lit) [AERO-, Gr. *lithos*, a stone], *n.* A stone which falls from space.

**aeronaut** (ă-ēr-ô-nawt) [Gr. *naútēs*, a sailor], *n.* One who sails or floats in the air: a balloonist. **aeronautics**, *n.* The science or art of aerial navigation.

**aeroplane** (ăr'ô-plân) [AERO-, PLANE], *n.* A flying machine fitted with one or more fixed planes that are supported by the air.

**aerostatics** (ă-ēr-ô-stăt'iks) [Gr. *statikos*, causing to stand], *n.* The science which treats of air at rest; aeronautics.

**æsthete** (ēs'thēt) [Gr. *aisthētes*, one who perceives], *n.* One who professes a special

- appreciation of the beautiful. *æsthetic, a.*  
*æstheticism, n.* Devotion to the study of the beautiful. *æsthetics, n.* The theory or philosophy of the perception of the beautiful.
- ætiology** (ê-ti-ol'ô-jî) [Gr. *aitia*, a cause, -OLOGY], *n.* An account of or assignment of a cause; the philosophy of causation.
- ætiological** (êt-i-ô loj'ik-âl), *a.*
- afar** (â-fâr') [A.-S.], *adv.* From, at, to a distance
- affable** (âf'âbl) [L. *affâbilis*], *a.* Courteous, benign. **affability** (âf-â-bil'i-ti), *n.*
- affair** (â-fâr') [F. *à, to, faire, to do*], *n.* Any kind of business; (*pl.*) business; finances.
- affect** (â-fekt') [L. AD-, *facere, to do, act*], *v.t.* To tend towards, aim at; to fancy, like; to feign, pretend; to exert an influence upon. **affected**, *a.* Pretending to what is not natural or real.
- affecting**, *a.* Touching; exciting emotion.
- affection** (â-fek'shùn) [F.], *n.* Feeling, disposition, love; malady, disease. **affectionate**, *a.* Of a loving disposition.
- affiance** (â-f'âns) [L. AD-, *fidus, faithful*], *n.* Pighting of faith, betrothal.
- affidavit** (âfidâ'vit) [late L., *affidare, to make oath*], *n.* A voluntary affirmation sworn before a person qualified to administer an oath.
- affiliate** (â-fil'i-ât) [L. AD-, *filius, a son*], *v.t.* To adopt; to receive as a son; to assign (an illegitimate child) to its father.
- affiliation**, *n.*
- affinity** (â-fin-i-ti) [L. AD-, *finis, end, border*], *n.* Relationship; attraction, and its object.
- affirm** (â-fêrm') [L. AD-, *firmus, strong*], *v.t.* To assert positively or confidently. *v.i.* To make a solemn affirmation in lieu of oath. **affirmation**, *n.* That which is affirmed. **affirmative**, *a.* Containing an affirmation; confirmatory.
- affix** (â-fiks') [med. L. *affixare, FIX*], *v.t.* To fasten, annex. *n.* (âf'iks) An addition; a syllable added to a word.
- affiliation** (â-flâ'shùn) [L. AD-, *flare, to blow*], *n.* The act of blowing or breathing upon; inspiration. **afflatus**, *n.* Inspiration.
- afflict** (â-fikt') [L. AD-, *figere, to strike*], *v.t.* To inflict pain on. **affliction**, *n.*
- affluent** (âf'lu-ênt) [L. AD-, *fluere, to flow*], *a.* Flowing, wealthy. *n.* A tributary. **affluence**, *n.* Abundance, wealth.
- afford** (â-fôrd') [A.-S. *ge-, forthian, to further*], *v.t.* To yield the means; to be able to bear the expense of.
- afforest** (â-for'êst) [FOREST], *v.t.* To convert into forest. **afforestation**, *n.*
- affray** (â-frâ') [O.F. *effrêre*], *v.t.* To frighten. *n.* Commotion; a fight.
- afright** (â-frit') [A.-S. *a-, intens., fyrhtan, to frighten*], *v.t.* To frighten, to terrify. *n.* Fright, terror.
- affront** (â-frünt') [L. AD-, *against, frontem, forehead*], *v.t.* To insult. *n.* An insult; contemptuous or rude treatment.
- afield** (â-fêld') [A.-S.], *adv.* To or in the field; at a distance.
- afire** (â-fîr'), *adv. and a.* On fire.
- afloat** (â-flôt') [M.E. *on flete*], *a. or adv.* Floating; aboard ship; solvent; current.
- afoot** (â-fut'), *n.* On foot; in motion.
- afore** (â-fôr') [A.-S.], *adv.* Before. **afore-said**, *a.* Said or mentioned before.
- aforethought**, *a.* Premeditated.
- afraid** (â-frâd') [p.p. of AFFRAY], *pred.a.* Impressed with fear; terrified.
- afresh** (â-fresh') [A.-S.], *adv.* Again, anew, freshly.
- African** (âf'ri-kân) [L. *Africa*], *a.* Pertaining to Africa. *n.* A native of Africa, or of African race.
- Afrikaner** (âf-ri-kân'dér) [Dut.], *n. and a.* One (esp. of Dutch descent) born in South Africa of white parents.
- aft** (aft) [A.-S.], *a. or adv.* Towards the stern of a vessel; abaft.
- after** (af'tér) [A.-S.], *adv., prep., and conj.* In the rear; behind; in pursuit of; following (in time). *a.* Later, subsequent. **after-math**, *n.* Grass which springs up after a first crop has been mown; a sequel. **afternoon**, *n.* Between midday and evening. **afterthought**, *n.* Reflection after the act; a belated explanation. **afterwards**, *adv.* At a later period.
- again** (â-gân') [A.-S.], *adv.* A second time, once more, in addition.
- against** (â-gânst') [AGAIN], *prep.* In opposition to, opposite to, in contrast to; in contact with.
- agape** (â-gâp') [A.-S.], *adv. and pred.a.* On the gape, in an attitude or condition of wondering expectation.
- agate** (âg'ât) [Gr. *achatês*], *n.* A variegated form of silica, used for seals, etc.
- age** (âj) [O.F. *agee*], *n.* A period or the duration of life; maturity, senility; an epoch; an æon. *v.i.* To grow old.
- aged** (âjd, âj'ed), *a.* Of a certain age, old.
- age, suf.** Forms abstract or collective nouns, e.g. *baronage, courage*; notes act of doing or thing done, e.g. *passage, voyage*.
- agenda** (â-jen'dâ) [L. *agere, to do*], *n.pl.* Things to be done; business to be transacted.
- agent** (âj'ênt) [L. *agere, to do*], *n.* One who or that which exerts power; a deputy. **agency**, *n.* The business of an agent; causative action.
- agglomerate** (â-glom'êr-ât) [L. AD-, *glomus, a ball*], *v.t.* To heap up into a mass. **agglomeration**, *n.*
- agglutinate** (â-gloo'tin-ât) [L. AD-, *gluten, glue*], *v.t.* To cause to adhere. *a.* Glued together; (*Philol.*) consisting of simple words, or roots combined into compounds. **agglutination**, *n.*
- aggrandize** (âgrân-dîz) [F. *agrandir, to greatness*], *v.t.* To enlarge; to make great, to exalt. **aggrandizement**, *n.*
- aggravate** (âgrâ-vât) [L. AD-, *gravare, to make heavy*], *v.t.* To intensify; (*colloq.*) to provoke, irritate. **aggravating**, *a.* Provoking. **aggravation**, *n.*
- aggregate** (âgrê-gât) [L. AD-, *to, gregis, a flock*], *v.t.* To collect together, bring into a whole. *a.* Collected to-



- gether. *n.* A mass formed by union; the total. **aggregation**, *n.* The act of collecting together; an aggregate.
- aggression** (á-grěsh'ún) [L. *aggressus*, *gradior*, I walk], *n.* An unprovoked attack or injury. **aggress'ive**, *a.*
- aggress'or**, *n.* One who begins a quarrel.
- aggrieve** (á-grěv') [L. *gravis*, heavy], *v.t.* To cause grief, pain, or injustice to.
- aghost** (á-gast') [A.-S.], *a.* Terrified.
- agile** (áj'il) [L. *agilis*, nimble], *a.* Quick, nimble, active. **agility** (á-jil'iti), *n.*
- agitate** (áj'i-tăt) [L. *agitatus*], *v.t.* To shake or move briskly; to excite. *v.i.* To bring forward a question for public discussion. **agita'tion**, *n.* Commotion; public excitement. **agitator**, *n.* One who excites political agitation.
- aglow** (á-glō') [A.-S.], *adv.* In a glow.
- agnate** (ág'năt) [L. AD-, *gnātus*, born], *a.* Related on the father's side; hence, allied, akin.
- agnomen** (ág-nō'men) [L. AD-, (*g*) *nōmen*, name], *n.* An additional name.
- agnostic** (ág-nos'tik) [Gr. *agnōstos*, ignorant of], *n.* One who denies that man can know anything of God or have any knowledge except of phenomena. **agnosticism**, *n.*
- ago** (á-gō') [a-, forth, GO], *a.* and *adv.* Gone by, since.
- agog** (á-gog') [O.F. *en gogues*], *adv.* In a state of expectation; astir.
- agogue** [Gr. *agōgos*, leading], *comb. form.* A leader, as in *demagogue*, *pedagogue*.
- agony** (ág'ō-ni) [Gr. *agōnia*, contest], *n.* Anguish of mind; a paroxysm; the death struggle. **agonizing**, *a.*
- agrarian** (á-grār'i-án) [L. *agrarius*], *a.* Pertaining to landed property or cultivated land. **agrarianism**, *n.* Political agitation concerning land or land-tenure.
- agree** (á-grě') [O.F. *agrēr*], *v.i.* To be of one mind; to coincide; to suit. **agree-able**, *a.* Pleasant; favourable; conformable. **agreement**, *n.* Mutual understanding; a contract legally binding.
- agriculture** (ág'ri-kūl-tūr) [L. *ager*, CULTURE], *n.* The science and art of cultivating the soil. **agricultural**, *a.* **agriculturist**, *n.* One engaged in agriculture.
- aground**, *adv.* and *a.* Stranded.
- ague** (á-gū) [O.F.], *n.* A malarial fever.
- ah** (a), *int.* Expressing various emotions.
- ahead**, *adv.* and *a.* In advance; forward.
- ahoy** (á-hoi') [HOY], *int.* (Naut.) Used in hailing.
- aid** (ăd) [O.F. *aider*], *v.t.* To assist, help. *n.* Help, succour.
- aide-de-camp** (ă'dé-con) [F.], *n.* An officer attending a general.
- algette** (ă'grět) [F.], *n.* The egret; a tuft of feathers like the egret's; a spray of gems worn on the head.
- ail** (ăl) [A.-S. *eglan*], *v.i.* To be in pain or trouble. **ailment**, *n.* Sickness.
- aim** (ăm) [O.F. *aîmer*], *v.t.* To direct; endeavour; point at with a weapon. *v.i.* To take aim; form plans. *n.* The point aimed at; design. **aimless**, *a.*
- air** (ăr) [Gr. *aēr*], *n.* The atmosphere; a light breeze; manner, mien; haughtiness (*chiefly in pl.*); a tune. *v.t.* To ventilate, show off. **air-man**, *n.* A man who flies an aeroplane or air-ship. **air-ship**, *n.* A dirigible balloon carrying its own motive power. **air-tight**, *a.* So tight as to prevent the passage of the air. **airing**, *n.* Exposure to the free action of the air, or to a fire; a walk or ride in the open air. **airy**, *a.* **airily**, *adv.* **airiness**, *n.*
- aisle** (il) [L. *āla* (*axilla*), wing], *n.* A lateral division of a church.
- ajar** (1) (á-jar') [A.-S. *on cerre*, on the turn], *adv.* Partly open, as a door.
- ajar** (2) (á-jar') [a-, JAR], *adv.* At discord.
- akimbo** (á-kim'bō) [ ? ], *adv.* With hands resting on hips and elbows turned outwards.
- akin** (á-kin') [a-, KIN], *a.* Allied by blood.
- al**, *suf.* Belonging to, capable of, like, *e.g.* *annual*, *equal*; forming substantives, *e.g.* *canal*, *hospital*.
- alabaster** (ăl'á-bas'tér) [O.F. *alabastre*], *n.* Gypsum, white or delicately shaded.
- alack** (á-lăk') [a, ah, LACK], *int.* Expressing grief. **alackaday**, *int.*
- alacrity** (á-lăk'ri-ti) [L. *alacer*, brisk], *n.* Eagerness; vivacity, cheerful ardour.
- alamode** (a-la-mōd) [F., in the fashion], *adv.* and *a.* Fashionable. *n.* A thin black silk.
- alarm** (á-larm') [O.F. *alarme*], *n.* A warning of danger; terror and surprise. *v.t.* To rouse to a sense of danger.
- alarming**, *a.* **alarmist**, *n.* One who creates panic.
- alarum** (á-lăr'um), *n.* [ALARM]. (*poet.*) An alarm; an alarm-clock or watch.
- alas** (á-las') [O.F. *a*, ah! *las*! wretched], *int.* Expressive of sorrow, grief, pity, etc.
- albatross** (ăl'bă-tros) [Arab. *al*, *quadras*, the pelican], *n.* The largest sea-bird.
- albeit** (awl-bě'it), *conj.* Although.
- albert** (ăl'bért) [Prince Albert], *n.* A short watch-chain.
- albino** (ăl-bě'nō) [L. *albus*, white], *n.* A human, animal, or plant in which the colour pigment is absent, resulting in an abnormally light colour.
- album** (ăl'búm) [L. neut. of *albus*, white], *n.* A blank book for the insertion of autographs, etc.
- albumen** (ăl-bū'mén) [L. *albumen*, white of egg], *n.* The white of egg; (*Bot.*) the substance between the skin and embryo of many seeds. **albuminous**, *a.*
- alcaic** (ăl-kă'ik), *n.* The lyric metre used by Alcæus (c. 600 B.C.).
- alchemy** (ăl'kě-mi) [Arab. *al*, *kimia*], *n.* The chemistry of the Middle Ages, the search for the philosophers' stone, etc.
- alchemist**, *n.*
- alcohol** (ăl'kō-hol) [Arab. *al*, the, *koh'l*, powder to stain the eyelids], *n.* Pure spirit, spirits of wine; any intoxicating liquor. **alcohol'ic**, *a.* **al'coholism**, *n.*
- alcove** (ăl'kōv) [Arab. *alquobah*, the vault], *n.* A vaulted recess; a bower.

**alder** (awl'dér) [A.-S.], *n.* An English tree growing in moist places.

**alderman** (awl'dér-mán) [A.-S. *ealdor*, a chief], *n.* A civic dignitary next below the mayor. **al'dermanry**, *n.*

**alderney** (awl'dér-ni) [name of island], *n.* A breed of cattle common in the Channel Islands.

**ale** (ál) [A.-S. *ealu*], *n.* An intoxicating liquor made by fermenting malt. **ale-house**, *n.* A tavern licensed to sell ale.

**alee** (á-lē') [O.N.], *adv.* and *a.* On the lee side; to leeward.

**alert** (á-lért') [F. *alerte*], *a.* Watchful, sprightly.

**alexandrine** (ál-ég-zán'drin) [F.], *n.* Iambic verse with six feet.

**alfresco** (al-fres'kó) [It. in the fresh], *adv.* and *a.* In the open air, open-air.

**alga** (ál'gá) [L.], *n.* (*pl.* *algæ*) A seaweed.

**algebra** (ál'jé-brá) [Arab. *al-jabr*, the reunion of parts], *n.* Universal arithmetic, in which letters stand for quantities, and signs represent arithmetical processes. **algebra'ic**, *a.* Relating to algebra.

**alias** (ál'i-ás) [L.], *adv.* Otherwise (named or called). *n.* An assumed name.

**alibi** (ál'i-bi) [L. elsewhere], *n.* The plea that one was "elsewhere."

**alien** (áli-én) [L. *alienus*, a stranger], *a.* Of foreign extraction; repugnant to; incongruous with. *n.* A foreigner.

**alienable**, *a.* That may be alienated.

**alienate**, *v.t.* To transfer to another.

**alienation**, *n.* The act of alienating; mental derangement. **alienism**, *n.* The treatment and study of mental alienation. **alienist**, *n.* One skilled in alienism.

**alight** (1) (á-lit') [A.-S. *álihthan*], *v.i.* To get down, dismount, to settle on.

**alight** (2) (á-lit') [A.-S. *onlithan*, to shine upon], *a.* On fire; illuminated.

**alike** (á-lik') [A.-S. *onlic*, *lic*, like], *a.* Similar. *adv.* Equally, in the same manner.

**aliment** (ál'i-mént) [L. *alere*, to nourish], *n.* Nutriment, food; support. **alimen'tal**, *a.* **alimen'tary**, *a.* **alimenta'tion**, *n.*

**alimony** (ál'i-móni) [L. *alimonia*], *n.* The part of a husband's income allowed for a wife's support on legal separation.

**aline**, **align** (á-lín') [F. *aligner*], *v.t.* To align in line. **alignment**, *n.*

**aliquot** (ál'i-kwot) [L. *aliquot*, several, so many], *a.* Pertaining to a number contained an exact number of times by a given number.

**alive** (á-liv') [A.-S. *on life*], *adv.* and *a.* Living; in operation; lively.

**alkali** (ál'ká-li) [Arab. *al-qālī*], *n.* A chemical compound which is soluble in water and capable of neutralizing acids. **alkaline**, *a.*

**all** (awl) [A.-S. *eal*], *a.* The whole. *n.* The whole, everything, every one. *adv.* Wholly, completely. **all but**: Almost. **all in all**: All things in all respects. **at all**: In any respect; whatever.

**Allah** (ál'á) [Arab.], *n.* The name of God among the Mohammedans.

**allay** (á-lá') [A.-S.], *v.t.* To quiet, abate, alleviate.

**allege** (á-lej') [O.F. *esligier*], *v.t.* To adduce as an authority, plead as an excuse; to affirm positively. **allega'tion**, *n.* A specific charge.

**allegiance** (á-lē'jāns) [O.F. *ligeance*], *n.* A subject's obligation to his sovereign.

**allegory** (ál'è-gó-ri) [Gr. *allegoria*], *n.* Description of one thing under the image of another; an emblem. **allegor'ic**, *a.*

**allegro** (ál-á-grō) [It.], *adv.* Briskly, quickly.

**alleviate** (á-lē'vi-át) [L. AD-, *levāre*, to lift], *v.t.* To lessen, mitigate. **allevia'tion**, *n.*

**alley** (ál'i) [O.F. *alee* (*aller*, to go)], *n.* A narrow street.

**alliance** (á-lí'āns) [O.F. *aliance*], *n.* The state of being allied; a treaty or league.

**alligator** (ál'li-gā-tōr) [Sp. *el lagarto*, the lizard], *n.* Gigantic Saurian from America and China.

**alliterate** (á-lit'ér-át) [L. AD-, *littera*, a letter], *v.i.* To commence with the same sound. **allitera'tion**, *n.* **alliterative**, *a.*

**allocate** (ál'ò-kāt) [L. AD-, *locāre*, to place], *v.t.* To assign, allot. **alloca'tion**, *n.*

**allocation** (ál-ò-kū'shùn) [L. AD-, *loqui*, to speak], *n.* A formal address.

**allodium** (á-lō di-um) [O. Frankish, *al*, all, *od*, estate], *n.* Landed property held in absolute ownership. **allodial**, *a.*

**allopathy** (á-lóp'á-thi) [Gr. *allos*, other, -*PATHY*], *n.* The treatment of disease by inducing an action of a different kind; ordinary medical practice, as opposed to homeopathy. **allopathist**, *n.*

**allot** (á-lot') [A.-F. *aloter*], *v.t.* To distribute, assign as one's share. **allotment**, *n.* The act of allotting; the share assigned; a small plot of land let for cultivation.

**allow** (á-lou') [O.F. *alouer*], *v.t.* To admit; permit; concede; give credit for. **allow-able**, *a.* **allowance**, *n.* Permission; fixed quantity or sum allowed.

**alloy** (á-loi') [O.F. *aleier*, to combine], *n.* A mixture of metals; an amalgam; any base admixture.

**allspice** (awl'spīs), *n.* The pimento berry, tasting of cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg.

**allude** (á-lood') [L. AD-, *ludere*, to play], *v.i.* To hint at. **allusion**, *n.* A reference to anything not directly mentioned; a hint. **allusive**, *a.*

**allure** (á-loor') [O.F. *alurer*], *v.t.* To tempt by the offer of some real or apparent good; to entice. **allurement**, *n.*

**alluvium** (á-loo'vi-um) [L. AD-, *luere*, to wash], *n.* Earth, stones, etc., washed away and deposited elsewhere by flowing water.

**ally** (á-lí') [L. AD-, *ligāre*, to bind], *v.t.* To unite by treaty, marriage, etc. *n.* One united by treaty or agreement; something akin to another.

**almanac** (awl'mán-ák) [F. *almanach*], *n.*



A register of the days of the year, with astronomical and other data.

**almighty** (awl-mí'ti) [A.-S.], *a.* Omnipotent; possessed of unlimited power.

**almond** (á'mónd) [Gr. *amygdalē*], *n.* The nut of the almond-tree; the almond-tree.

**almoner** (ál'món-ér) [O.F. *aumoner*], *n.* A distributor of alms; a hospital official.

**almshouse** (ál'món-ri) [O.F. *aumosnerie*], *n.* A place where alms are distributed.

**almost** (awl'möst), *adv.* Nearly, wellnigh.

**alms** (amz) [A.-S. *ælmæsse*, Gr. *eleos*, pity], *n.* Anything given out of charity to the poor. **alms-house**, *n.* A house for poor persons endowed by charity.

**aloe** (ál'ō) [Gr. *aloē*], *n.* A plant with bitter juice; (*pl.*) a purgative drug.

**aloft** (á-loft') [Icel.], *adv.* On high; (*Naut.*) in the rigging, at the mast-head.

**alone** (á-lōn') [M.E. *al one* (ALL, ONE)], *a.* Single, by oneself. *adv.* Only, solely.

**along** (á-long') [A.-S.], *adv.* Lengthwise; in progressive motion. *prep.* By the side of, from end to end. **alongshore**, *adv.* Along and on the shore. **alongside**, *adv.* By the side of.

**aloof** (á-loof') [M.E. *loof*, see LUFF], *adv.* At a distance from; (*Naut.*) to windward.

**aloud** (á-loud') [LOUD], *adv.* Loudly; with a loud voice; audibly.

**alp** (álp) [L. *Alpes*], *n.* A high mountain; (*fig.*) a formidable obstacle. **Alpine**, *a.*

**alpaca** (ál-pák'á) [Sp.], *n.* The llama of Peru; cloth made from its wool.

**alpenstock** (ál-pén-stok) [G. *Alpen*, of the Alps, *stock*, STICK], *n.* A long stick shod with iron, used in mountaineering.

**alpha** (ál-fá) [Gr.], *n.* The first letter of the Greek alphabet; (*Astron.*) the chief star in a constellation. **alpha and omega**: The beginning and the end.

**alphabet** (ál-fá-bet) [Gr. *alpha*, *bēta*, A, B], *n.* The letters of a language arranged in order; **alphabet'ic**, *a.*

**already** (awl-red'i), *adv.* Beforehand, before some specified time.

**also** (awl'sō), *adv.* and *conj.* Likewise, in like manner, besides; in addition.

**altar** (awl'tár) [L. *altus*, high], *n.* A sacrificial block or place of sacrifice; the communion-table. **altar-screen**, *n.* The reredos.

**alter** (awl'tér) [F. *altérer*], *v.t.* To cause to vary or change; to modify. *v.i.* To undergo change. **altera'tion**, *n.*

**altercate** (awl'tér-kát) [L. *altercāri*], *v.t.* To dispute hotly. **altercation**, *n.*

**alternate** (awl'tér-nāt) [L. *alternāre*, to do by turns], *v.t.* To arrange or perform by turns. *v.i.* (*Elec.*) To change from positive to negative and back again in turns. **alter'nate**, *a.* Done or happening by turns. **alter'nately**, *adv.*

**alterna'tion**, *n.* The act of alternating; the state of being alternate. **alter'native**, *a.*

Offering a choice of two things. *n.* Either of two things which may be chosen. **alter'natively**, *adv.*

**although** (awl-thō'), *conj.* Though, however.

**altitude** (ál'ti-tūd) [L. *altus*, high], *n.* Vertical height; elevation of an object above its base; elevation of a heavenly body above the horizon.

**alto** (ál'tō) [It., high], *n.* The highest male voice; a singer of this, and the part sung.

**altogether** (awl-tō-geth'er), *adv.* Wholly, completely; on the whole.

**alto-relievo** (ál'tō-rè-lè-vō) [It.], *n.* (*Sculp.*) High relief.

**altruism** (ál'tru-izm) [F. *altruisme*], *n.* Devotion to the good of others. **altruist**, *n.*

**altruis'tic**, *a.*

**alum** (ál'um) [L. *alumen*], *n.* A double sulphate containing aluminium and an alkali.

**aluminium** (ál-ū-min'i-um) [ALUM], *n.* A white, sonorous, ductile metal not subject to oxidation. **aluminous**, *a.*

**alumnus** (á-lūm'nūs) [L., foster-child], *n.* A student in relation to his place of education.

**alveolus** (ál-vē-ó-lūs) [L.], *n.* A little cavity; the cell of a honeycomb; a tooth socket. **alveolar**, *a.* **al'veolate**, *a.*

**always** (awl'wāz) [A.-S.], *adv.* All the while; uninterruptedly; while one lives.

**am** (ám) [A.-S.], 1st *sing. pres. ind.* of *v.* to be.

**amain** (á-mān') [A.-S.], *adv.* Energetically, violently, in full force, at full speed.

**amalgam** (á-mál-gám) [F.], *n.* A mixture of a metal with mercury; a compound of different things. **amalgamate**, *v.t.* To combine. *v.i.* To blend, to merge into one. **amalgama'tion**, *n.*

**amanuensis** (á-mān-ū-en'sis) [L.], *n.* (*pl.* -ses). One employed to write what another dictates; a secretary.

**amaranth** (ám'á-ránth) [Gr. *a-*, not, *marainein*, to wither], *n.* An imaginary flower supposed never to fade.

**amass** (á-mās') [F. *amasser*], *v.t.* To make into a heap; collect together.

**amateur** (ám'á-tür) [F.], *n.* One who cultivates anything as a pastime, not as a profession. **amateur'ish**, *a.*

**amative** (ám'á-tiv) [L. *amāre*, to love], *a.* Disposed to loving.

**amatory** (ám'á-tó-rí) [L. *amātor*, a lover], *a.* Pertaining to love.

**amaze** (á-māz') [A.-S.], *v.t.* To overwhelm with wonder, to bewilder. **amazement**, *n.* **amazing**, *a.*

**amazon** (ám'á-zón) [Gr. *a-*, not, *mazos*, breast], *n.* A female warrior; a masculine woman; a virago. **amazo'nian**, *a.* Pertaining to the fabled Amazons, or to the river Amazon.

**ambassador** (ám-bās'á-dór) [F. *ambassadeur*], *n.* A minister representing his country at a foreign court. **ambassador'ial**, *a.*

**amber** (эм'бér) [Arab. *anbar*, ambergris], *n.* A yellowish translucent fossil resin.

**ambergris** (эм'бér-grēs) [F. grey amber], *n.* A morbid secretion from the intestines of the cachalot or spermaceti whale.

**ambidexter** (ám-bí-dek'stér) [L. *ambi-*

- both, *dexter*, right-handed], *a.* Using both hands with equal facility. *n.* One who can do this; (*Law*) one who accepts bribes from both sides. **ambidextrous**, *a.*
- ambient** (ám'bi-ént) [L.], *a.* Surrounding, investing.
- ambiguous** (ám-big'ü-ús) [L. *ambiguus*, doubtful], *a.* Of doubtful meaning, equivocal. **ambigu'ity**, *n.*
- ambit** (ám'bit) [L.], *n.* Bounds, scope.
- ambition** (ám-bish'ün) [L. *ambitiōnem*, soliciting for votes], *n.* A desire for power, superiority, etc.; the object of such desire. **ambitious**, *a.* **ambitiously**, *adv.*
- amble** (ámbl) [L. *ambulāre*, to walk], *v.i.* To move (as a horse) by lifting the two feet on one side alternately with those on the other; to move easily. *n.* The pace described; an easy pace.
- ambrosia** (ám-brō'zi-á) [Gr. *a-*, not, *brotos*, mortal], *n.* The fabled food of the gods. **ambrosial**, *a.*
- ambulance** (ám'bū-láns) [L. *ambulāre*, to walk], *n.* A hospital which follows an army in the field; a wagon, wheeled stretcher, etc., for wounded or invalids.
- ambulatory** (ám'bū-lá-tō-rí) [as *prec.*], *n.* A covered corridor or cloister.
- ambuscade** (ám-bús-kád') [F. *embuscade*, see *AMBUSH*], *n.* An ambush.
- ambush** (ám'bush) [O.F. *embusche*, from L. *in*, *in*, *boscus*, a bush, thicket], *n.* Concealment of forces to entrap an enemy; any lying in wait. *v.t.* To waylay.
- ameer** (á-mēr') [Arab. *amīr*], *n.* The title of certain Mohammedan rulers.
- ameliorate** (á-mē-lí-ór-át) [L. *melior*, better], *v.t.* To make better; to improve. **ameliora'tion**, *n.*
- amen** (á-men') [Heb., certainly; verily], *int.* Truly, verily; so be it.
- amenable** [ám'nē'ábl] [F. *amener*], *a.* Liable to be called to account; easy to lead. **amenabil'ity**, *n.* Tractableness.
- amend** (á-mend') [L. *ex-*, *menda*, fault], *v.t.* To alter (a person or thing) for the better; to formally alter (a bill or resolution). **amendment**, *n.* A change for the better; reformation; something added to a bill or motion; correction of error.
- amends**, *n.* Reparation, compensation.
- amenity** (á-mē-ní-ti) [L.], *n.* The quality of being pleasant or agreeable.
- amerce** (á-mērs') [A.F. *à merci*, at the mercy of the court], *v.t.* To punish by fine. **amerciable**, *a.* **amercement**, *n.*
- amethyst** (ám'-é-thíst) [Gr. *amethystos*], *n.* A violet-blue variety of crystalline quartz. **amethystine**, *a.*
- amiable** (á'mi-ábl) [O.F.], *a.* Kindly disposed, lovable. **amiabil'ity**, *n.*
- amianth** (ám-i-án'th), [Gr. *amiantos*, undefiled], *n.* A variety of asbestos.
- amicable** (ám'ik-ábl) [L. *amicus*, friend], *a.* Friendly; resulting from friendliness. **amicabil'ity**, *n.* **amicably**, *adv.*
- amice** (ám'is) [L. *amictus*], *n.* A square piece of white linen worn on the shoulders by priests.
- amid**, **amidst** (á-midst') [A.-S. *on middan*, in the middle], *prep.* In the midst; among. **amidships**, *adv.* In the middle of a ship.
- amiss** (á-mis') [A.-S.], *a.* Faulty, unsatisfactory. *adv.* Wrongly, astray.
- amity** (ám'i-ti) [F. *amitié*], *n.* Friendship, concord, mutual good feeling.
- ammonia** (á-mō'ni-á) [L. *sal ammōniac*], *n.* A pungent volatile alkaline gas obtained from sal ammoniac; spirit of hartshorn.
- ammoniac**, *a.* **ammo'niated**, *a.* Combined with ammonia.
- ammonite** (ám'ó-nít) [med. L. *cornu Ammonis*, horn of Ammon], *n.* A spirally curved fossil shell-fish.
- ammunition** (ám-ū-nish'ün) [F. *munition*], *n.* Powder, shot, shell, etc.; offensive missiles generally.
- amnesty** (ám'nēs-ti) [Gr. *amnēstos*, forgotten], *n.* A general overlooking or pardon.
- amœba** (á-mē'bá) [Gr. *amoibē*, change], *n.* A microscopic organism, consisting of a single extensile and contractile protoplasmic cell. **amœbæ'an**, *a.*
- among**, **amongst** (á-mūngst') [A.-S., *on gemange*, in a crowd], *prep.* Mingled with, in the number of; surrounded by.
- amorous** (ám'ór-ús), [L. *Amor*, love], *a.* Naturally inclined to love; relating to love. **amorously**, *adv.* **amorousness**, *n.*
- amorphous** (á-mōrf'ús) [Gr. *a-*, not, *morphe*, form], *a.* Shapeless; ill-arranged.
- amount** (á-mount') [O.F. *à mont*, to a mountain], *v.t.* To run into an aggregate by accumulation of particulars; to mount up to; to be equivalent to. *n.* The sum total, result, significance; a (numerical) quantity.
- amour** (á-moor') [L. *amor*, love], *n.* A love affair; an amorous intrigue.
- ampere** (ám-pär') [name of a French electrician (d. 1836)], *n.* The unit by which an electric current is measured.
- ampersand** (ám-pēr-sánd') [and *per se*, "and" standing by itself], *n.* The sign "&."
- amphi-**, *comb. form.* Both; of both kinds, *e.g.* *amphibia*.
- amphibia** (ám-fib'í-á) [Gr. *AMPHI-*, *bios*, life], *n.pl.* Animals which can live either on land or water. **amphibian**, *a.* Pertaining to amphibia. *n.* Any animal of the amphibia. **amphibious**, *a.*
- amphitheatre** (ám-fí-thē'a-tēr) [Gr. *AMPHI-*, *THEATRE*], *n.* An oval or circular building with rising rows of seats round an open space; a gallery in a theatre, above the boxes.
- amphora** (ám'fó-rá) [Gr. *amphoreus*], *n.* An ancient two-handled vessel.
- ample** (ámpl) [L. *amplus*], *a.* Large, wide, fully sufficient. **amply**, *adv.* **am'plify**, *v.t.* To enlarge or dilate upon. **amplifica'tion**, *n.* Extension; diffuseness. **am'plitude**, *n.* Extent, greatness, abundance.
- amputate** (ám'pū-tát) [L. *amputāre*, to



lop off], *v.t.* To cut a portion from an animal body **amputa'tion**, *n.*

**amuck** (á-múk) [Malay, *amok*], *adv.* in to run **amuck**: To attack indiscriminately. **amulet** (ám'ü-lét) [L. *amuletum*, a talisman], *n.* A thing worn as a preservative against sickness, witchcraft, etc.

**amuse** (á-müz') [F. *à*, to, *muser*, stare], *v.t.* To please with anything light and cheerful; to entertain. **amusement**, *n.* That which amuses; play, diversion. **amusing**, *a.* Entertaining, laughable.

**an-**, *pref.* (1) A.-S. *an*, *on*, *prep.*, as in *anent*, *anon*; (2) L. *ad-* before *n.*, as in *annex*, *announce*; (3) Gr. *an-*, *a-*, not, as in *anæsthetic*.

**-an** [L. *-anus*], *suf.* Of, belonging to, pertaining to, *e.g.* *human*, *publican*, *Christian*, *European*, *etc.*

**ana** (á-ná) [L. *-AN*], *n.* Literary gossip.

**ana-**, **an-** [Gr., upon, up, backwards], *pref.* As in *anachronism*, *analog*, *aneurysm*.

**-ana** [L., neut. pl. of *-anus*, see *-AN*], *suf.* Sayings of, anecdotes concerning, as in *Boriana*, *Shakespeareana*, *Virgiliana*.

**Anabaptist** (án-á-báp'tist) [ANA-, BAPTIST], *n.* One who rebaptizes, or maintains that only adults should be baptized.

**anachronism** (á-nák'rón-izm) [Gr. *anachronizein*, to refer to a wrong time], *n.* The reference of an event, etc., to a wrong period; anything out of date.

**anaconda** (án-á-kon'dá) [Sinhalese, *henakandāya*], *n.* A python; a large South American boa.

**anacreontic** (á-nák-ré-on'tik) [Gr.], *a.* Pertaining to the Greek poet Anacreon, or the metre used by him; erotic.

**anæmia** (á-né'mi-á) [Gr. *an-*, not, *haima*, blood], *n.* Want of blood. **anæmic**, *a.*

**anæsthesia** (án-és-thē'zi-á) [Gr. *an-*, not, *aisthanomai*, to feel], *n.* Loss of feeling.

**anæsthetic**, *n.* A substance which produces anæsthesia.

**anagram** (án-á-grām) [Gr. ANA-, *graphein*, to write], *n.* A word or sentence formed by transposing the letters of another word or sentence. **anagrammatical**, *a.*

**analog** (á-nāl'ó-ji) [Gr. ANA-, *logos*, word, relation], *n.* Similitude of relations, similarity. **análogous**, *a.* Presenting some resemblance.

**analyse** (án-á-liz) [Gr. ANA-, *luain*, to loosen], *v.t.* To resolve into its constituent elements; examine minutely. **analysis**, *n.* (pl. *-ses*) The process of analysing.

**analyst**, *n.* One who analyses. **analytic**, *a.* Pertaining to analysis. **analytic's**, *n.* The science of analysis.

**anarchy** (án-ár-ki) [Gr. *an-*, without, *archos*, ruler], *n.* Absence of government; disorder, lawlessness. **anar'chic**, *-al*, *a.* Pertaining to anarchy. **an'archist**, *n.* One opposed to all forms of government.

**anathema** (á-náth-é-má) [Gr. ANA, *tithēmi*, to put], *n.* (pl. *anathemata*, án-á-thē-má-tá). An accursed thing; a formal curse or excommunication. **anath'ema-tize**, *v.t.* To excommunicate, curse.

**anatomy** (á-nát'ó-mi) [Gr. *anatomē*, cutting

up], *n.* The art of dissecting an organized body so as to discover its structure, and inter-relation of its parts; the science of its structure. **anatom'ic**, *-al*, *a.* **anat'omize**, *v.t.* To dissect. **anat'omist**, *n.* One who is skilled in anatomy.

**-ance**, *suf.* Noting state or action, as *distance*, *fragrance*, *parlance*, *riddance*.

**ancestor** (án'sés-tór) [L. *antecessor*, one who goes before], *n.* One from whom descent is derived. **ancestress**, *n.* A female ancestor. **ances'tral**, *a.* **an'-cestry**, *n.* A line of ancestors.

**anchor** (äng'kór) [A.-S. *ancor*], *n.* A heavy hooked iron instrument used to grapple a ship aground and prevent her drifting. *v.t.* To secure by an anchor; to fix firmly. *v.i.* To come to anchor; take up a position. **an'chorage**, *n.* A place suitable for anchoring.

**anchorite**, **anchorite** (äng'kó-rit) [Gr. ANA-, *khōreîn*, to withdraw, retire], *n.* A hermit; a person of solitary habits.  **anchoress**, **ancess**, *n.* A female anchorite.

**anchovy** (án-chō'vi) [Sp.], *n.* A small fish of the herring family.

**ancient** (án'chént) [O.F. *ancien*], *a.* Of or belonging to long-past time; antiquated. *n.pl.* Those who lived in former (esp. Classical) times.

**ancillary** (án-sil'ár-i) [L. *ancilla*, a maid], *a.* Subservient, auxiliary.

**-ancy**, *suf.* Expressing quality or state, *e.g.* *constancy*, *infancy*, *vacancy*.

**and** (ánd) [A.-S.], *conj.* The copulative which joins words and sentences.

**andante** (an-dan'tē) [It.], *adv.* (*Mus.*) Moderately slow, *n.* A moderately slow movement or piece.

**andiron** (ánd'irn) [O.F. *andier*], *n.* A horizontal bar on short legs, placed on each side of the hearth to support logs in a fire.

**-ane** [L. *-anus*, cf. *-AN*], *suf.* Forming adjectives, *e.g.* *humane*, *mundane*, *urbane*.

**anecdote** (án'ek-dōt) [Gr. *an-*, not, *ekdotos*, published], *n.* The relation of an isolated biographical fact; a short tale.

**anemone** (á-nem'ó-ni) [Gr. *wind-flower*], *n.* A genus of plants with brilliantly coloured flowers; the wind-flower.

**anent** (á-nent') [A.-S. *on*, in, *efen*, even, equal], *prep.* Concerning, in respect of. **-aneous** [L.], *suf.* Belonging to, *e.g.* *extraneous*, *instantaneous*.

**aneroid** (án'er-oid) [Gr. *a-*, not, *nēros*, wet], *n.* A barometer which measures the pressure of the air by its action on the lid of a metallic box.

**aneurysm** (án'ū-rizm) [Gr. *ana*, up, *eurynein*, to widen], *n.* A morbid dilatation in an artery.

**anew** (á-nū') [A.-S.], *adv.* Again; afresh.

**angel** (án'jél) [A.-S. *engel*, Gr. *angelos*, a messenger], *n.* A messenger from God; a guardian or attendant spirit; an old English gold coin (value 6s. 8d. to 10s.). **angel'ic**, *a.* **angelically**, *adv.*

**angelica** (án-jel'ik-á) [med. L. *herba*

**angelica**, *n.* A plant used in medicine, and as a sweetmeat.

**angelus** (án-jé-lús) [opening of *Angelus domini*], *n.* A short devotional exercise in the R.C. Church in honour of the Incarnation; the bell rung as a signal to say the Angelus.

**anger** (äng-gér) [Icel. *angr*, sorrow], *n.* Rage, passion, excited by a sense of wrong, *v.t.* To make angry, to enrage. **angry**, *a.* **angrily**, *adv.*

**angina** (än-jí-ná) [L. *angere*, to strangle], *n.* Quinsy; angina-pectoris, a disease of the heart.

**angle** (ängl.) [A.-S. *angel*, fish-hook, Gr. *ankón*, a bend], *n.* A corner; the inclination of two lines towards each other; the space between them; a fish-hook. *v.i.* To fish with rod and line; to try to elicit or get by craft. **angler**, *n.* One who fishes with a baited hook. **angling**, *n.* The art of fishing with rod and line; [*fig.*] trying to find out by craft.

**Anglican** (äng-gli-kán) [med. L. *Anglicānus*], *a.* English (as opposed to Roman); of or belonging to the English Church; esp. High Church. *n.* A member of the High Church school in the Church of England. **Anglicanism**, *n.* The teachings and practices of the High Church party in the Church of England.

**anglice** (äng-gli-sé) [L.], *adv.* In English.

**Anglomania** (äng-glō-mā-ni-á) [L. *Anglus*, -MANIA], *n.* Excessive fondness for English manners and customs. **Anglophobe**, *n.* A hater of England or the English. **Anglophobia**, *n.*

**Angora** (äng-gör-á) [town in Asia Minor], *n.* A goat with long silky hair; the hair, or fabric made therefrom; a long-haired cat.

**anguish** (äng-gwish) [O.F. *anguisse*, the sense of choking], *n.* Excessive pain or distress of body or mind.

**angular** (äng-gū-lár) [L. *angulāris*], *a.* Having angles or sharp corners; bony, lacking in plumpness; stiff, formal. **angularity**, *n.*

**anigh** (á-ní) [A.-S.], *adv.* and *prep.* Near; near to.

**aniline** (án-tí-lín) [Sansk. *nīlas*, blue], *n.* A chemical base used in dyeing, originally obtained from indigo, now chiefly from coal-tar.

**animadvert** (án-i-mád-vért') [L. *animus*, the mind, *ad*, to, *vertere*, to turn], *v.t.* To direct attention to; to criticize. **animadversion**, *n.* Criticism, reproof.

**animal** (án-i-mál) [L. *anima*, breath], *n.* A being possessing life, sensation, and the power of voluntary motion; one of the lower animals, esp. a quadruped. *a.* Of or belonging to animals; carnal. **animalism**, *n.* The theory which views mankind as merely animal; sensuality.

**animalcule** (án-i-mál-kül) [L. *animalculum*], *n.* A small animal invisible to the naked eye. **animalcular**, *a.*

**animate** (án-i-mát) [L. *animāre*], *v.t.* To give life or spirit to; to vivify, stir up.

**animated**, *part.a.* Full of life or spirits. **anima'tion**, *n.* Vitality, vivacity.

**animism** (án'im-izm) [L. *anima*], *n.* The doctrine that a soul is the basis of life; the attribution of a living soul to inanimate objects and to natural phenomena.

**animosity** (án-i-mos'i-ti) [F. *animosité*], *n.* Enmity showing itself in action.

**animus** (án-i-mús) [L. mind, spirit, passion], *n.* Spirit, actuating feeling, usually of a hostile character; animosity.

**anise** (án'is) [Gr. *anison*, dill], *n.* A plant cultivated for its seeds. **Aniseed**, *n.* The seed of the anise, used as a carminative.

**anker** (äng-kér) [Dut.], *n.* A measure of nearly nine imperial gallons.

**ankle** (ängkl) [A.-S. *ancleow*], *n.* The joint uniting the foot to the leg. **anklet**, *n.* An ornament or band for the ankle.

**anna** (án'á) [Hind. *ana*], *n.* An East Indian coin; one-sixteenth of a rupee.

**annals** (án'alz) [L. *annus*, year], *n.pl.* An annual narrative of events; historical records. **annalist**, *n.* One who writes annals.

**annates** (án'áts) [F. *annate*], *n.pl.* The first year's revenue of Roman ecclesiastics, paid to the Pope.

**anneal** (á-nél') [A.-S. *onælan*], *v.t.* To temper glass or metals by intense heat, and slow cooling. **annealing**, *n.* The burning of metallic colours into glass, etc.

**annex** (á-neks') [L. *AD*, *nectere*, to bind], *v.t.* To unite to, add on to; to take possession of. **annexa'tion**, *n.* **annexe** (á-neks'), *n.* A subsidiary building.

**annihilate** (á-ní'hil-át) [L. *AD*, *nihil*, nothing], *v.t.* To reduce to nothing; blot out of existence. **annihila'tion**, *n.* Complete destruction.

**anniversary** (án-i-vér'sá-ri) [L. *annus*, year, *versus*, turned], *n.* The annual return of a date, or its celebration.

**annotate** (án'ō-tát) [L. *AD*, *notāre*, to mark], *v.t.* To make notes or comments upon. **annota'tion**, *n.* **annotator**, *n.*

**announce** (á-nouns') [L. *AD*, *nuntiāre*, to report], *v.t.* To make known, proclaim; to declare officially. **announcement**, *n.*

**annoy** (á-noi') [O.F. *anoier*, to molest], *v.t.* To trouble, to put to inconvenience by repeated acts. **annoyance**, *n.* The act of annoying; that which annoys.

**annoying**, *a.* **annual** (án'ū-ál) [L. *annālis*, yearly], *a.* Happening every year; done in a year; (*Bot.*) lasting but a single season. *n.* A book published every year; a plant which lives for a year only. **annually**, *adv.*

**annuity** (á-nū'i-ti) [F. *annuité*], *n.* An investment insuring fixed annual payments; the payment. **annuitant**, *n.* One who receives an annuity.

**annul** (á-nūl') [L. *AD*, *nullus*, none], *v.t.* To render void, cancel. **annulment**, *n.*

**annular** (án'ū-lár) [L. *annulus*, ring], *a.* Ring-shaped, ringed. **annula'tion**, *n.*

**annunciate** (á-nūn'shi-át) [ANNOUNCE], *v.t.* To announce, bring tidings. **annuncia'tion**, *n.* The act of announcing; the



announcement of the Incarnation by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary.

**anodyne** (ăn'ô-dîn) [Gr. *an-*, not, *odunē*, pain], *a.* Assuaging pain or distress, soothing. *n.* A medicine, or anything, which does this.

**anoint** (â-noint') [L. *in-*, *unctus*, smeared], *v.t.* To smear with oil, esp. as a religious ceremony; to consecrate with oil.

**anointed**, *a.*

**anomaly** (â-nom'â-li) [Gr. *an-*, not, *ômalos*, even], *n.* Irregularity; deviation from established order. **anomalous**, *a.*

**anon** (â-non') [A.-S. *on ân*, in one moment], *adv.* Thereupon; in a little while.

**anonymous** (â-non'i-mûs) [Gr. *an-*, not, *onoma*, name], *a.* Nameless; of unknown or unavowed authorship. **anonymity**, *n.*

**another** (â-nûth'êr) [A.-S.], *pron.* and *a.* An other one; a different one; any other.

**answer** (an'sér) [A.-S. *andswaru*, a reply], *n.* A reply to a charge, question, etc.; a solution of a problem. *v.t.* To reply to; to be suitable to; to be opposite to. *v.i.* To suit, correspond. **answerable**, *a.* Liable to be called to account; capable of being answered.

**ant** (ânt) [A.-S. *æmette*], *n.* A small, social, hymenopterous insect; an emmet. **ant's**, **ain't** (ant, ânt) [contr. of *aren't*, *are not*], *v.* (*collog.*) Are not, is not.

**ant-**[ANTI-], *pref.* Against, as in *antagonist*, *Antarctic*.

**-ant** [Lat.], *suf.* Forming adjectives, as *distant*, *elegant*; denoting an agent, as *accountant*, *merchant*.

**antagonist** (ân-täg'ô-nist) [Gr. *anti-*, against, *agônizesthai*, to struggle], *n.* An opponent. **antagonism**, *n.* Opposition. **antagonis'tic**, *a.*

**Antarctic** (ânt-ark'tik) [ANT-, ARCTIC], *a.* Opposite to the Arctic; belonging to the southern pole or circle.

**ante-**[L.], *pref.* Before, as in *antedate*.

**antecede** (ân-te-sêd') [L. *antecedere*, to go before], *v.t.* To precede. **antecedence**, *n.* A going before; (*Astron.*) an apparent motion contrary to the true motion. **antecedent**, *a.* Going before in time, prior, presumptive. *n.* That which goes before; the word to which a relative refers; (*pl.*) past circumstances.

**antechamber** (ân'te-), *n.* An anteroom.

**antediluvian** (ân-tê-di-loo'vi-ân) [ANTE-, *L. diluvium*, flood], *a.* Pertaining to the period before the Flood; (*fig.*) antiquated.

**antelope** (ân'tê-lôp) [late Gr. *antholops*], *n.* A ruminant akin to the deer and goat.

**antemeridian** (ân-tê-mer-id'i-ân), [ANTE-, MERIDIAN], *a.* Pertaining to the forenoon.

**antenatal** (ân-te-nâ'tâl) [ANTE-, NATAL], *a.* Happening or existing before birth.

**antenna** (ân-ten'â) [L., sail-yard], *n.* (*pl.* -æ). The palp or feeler of insects.

**antenuptial** (ân-tê-nûp'shi-âl) [ANTE-, NUPTIAL], *a.* Happening before marriage.

**antepenult** (ân-tê-pên-ûlt') [ANTE-, L. *pæne*, almost, *ultimus*, latest], *a.* Pertaining to the last syllable but two.

**anterior** (ân-têr'i-ôr) [L.], *a.* Going before, preceding, prior. **anteriority**, *n.*

**anteroom** (ân'tê-rum) [ANTE-, ROOM], *n.* A room forming an entrance to another.

**anthem** (ân'thêm) [A.-S. *antefn*, Gr. *anti-phôna*], *n.* A hymn in alternate parts; a portion of Scripture set to music.

**anther** (ân'thêr) [Gr. *anthêra*, flowery], *n.* The pollen-bearing organ of plants.

**anthology** (ân-thôl'ô-ji) [Gr. *anthologia*, a gathering of flowers], *n.* A collection of poems (esp. a famous Greek collection) or literary extracts. **anthologist**, *n.* The compiler of an anthology.

**anthracite** (ân'thrâ-sit) [Gr. *anthrax*, coal, carbon], *n.* Non-bituminous coal, burning with intense heat and with little flame.

**anthrax** (ân'thrâks) [Gr., a carbuncle], *n.* The splenic fever of sheep and cattle (communicable to man).

**anthropo-** [Gr. *anthrôpos*, a man], *comb. form.* Human; pertaining to man or mankind. **anthropoid** (ân'thrô-pôid), *a.* Resembling man; of human form. *n.* One of the higher apes. **anthropoph'agous** [-PHAGOUS], *a.* Man-eating, cannibal.

**anthropology** (ân'thrô-pol'ô-ji) [ANTHROPOLOGY], *n.* The study of man, or mankind, in the widest sense. **anthropolog'ical**, *a.*

**anthropomorphous** (ân'thrô-pô-môr'fûs) [ANTHROPO-, Gr. *morphê*, form], *a.* Possessed of a form resembling that of man.

**anthropomor'phism**, *n.* The attribution of human character to the Deity.

**anthropomor'phic**, *a.*

**anti-**[Gr.], *pref.* Opposite, against, instead of, as in *antibillious*, *antiseptic*.

**antibillious** (ân'ti-bil'i-ûs) [ANTI-, BILIOUS], *a.* Counteracting biliousness.

**antic** (ân'tik) [L. *antiquus*, ancient], *a.* Odd, whimsical. *n.* (*Usually in pl.*) An odd trick; a ludicrous gesture.

**Antichrist** (ân'ti-krist) [ANTI-, Christ], *n.* A personal antagonist of Christ spoken of in the N.T.

**anticipate** (ân-tis'i-pât) [L. *anticipâtus*, taken before], *v.t.* To forestall; to cause to happen earlier; to look forward to; to deal with before the proper time. **anticipant**, *a.* Anticipating, expecting. **anticipa'tion**, *n.* The act of anticipating; expectation, presentiment. **anticipa'tory**, *a.*

**anticlimax** (ân-ti-kl'î-mâks) [ANTI-, CLIMAX], *n.* A decrease in impressiveness; bathos.

**anticyclone** (ân'ti-si-klôn) [ANTI-, CYCLONE], *n.* The rotatory outward flow of air from an atmospheric region of high pressure. **anticyclon'ic**, *a.*

**antidote** (ân'ti-dôt) [ANTI-, Gr. *didômi*, I give], *n.* A counteracting medicine; anything intended to counteract evil.

**antimacassar** (ân-ti-mâ-kâs'sâr) [ANTI-, MACASSAR], *n.* A removable covering for the backs of chairs, sofas, etc.

**antimony** (ân'tim-ô-ni) [med. L.], *n.* A bright bluish-white brittle metal, used in

- the arts and in medicine. **antimo'nial**, *a.* Pertaining to or containing antimony.
- Antinomian** (än-ti-nō'mi-än) [Gr. *anti-*, against, *nomos*, law], *a.* Opposed to the moral law. *n.* One who holds that the moral law is not binding on Christians.
- antipathy** (än-tip'ä-thi) [ANTI-, Gr. *pathein*, to suffer], *n.* Hostile feeling towards; aversion, dislike. **antipathet'ic**, *a.*
- antiphlogistic** (än-ti-flō-jis'tik) [ANTI-, PHLOGISTON], *a.* (*Med.*) allaying inflammation; cooling.
- antiphon** (än'ti-fon) [Gr. *anti-*, in return, *phōnē*, voice], *n.* A sentence sung by one choir in response to another; an anthem.
- antiph'onal**, *n.* A book containing antiphons. **antiphony**, *n.* Opposition of sound; alternate chanting.
- antipodes** (än-tip'ō-dēz) [ANTI-, Gr. *pous*, foot], *n. pl.* Those who dwell directly opposite to each other on the globe; places on the surface of the globe diametrically opposite. **antip'odal**, **antipode'an**, *a.*
- antipope** (än'ti-pōp) [ANTI-, POPE], *n.* A pope elected in opposition to one canonically chosen.
- antiquary** (än'ti-kwār-i) [L. *antiquarius*], *n.* A student, collector, or vendor of antiques. **antiquar'ian**, *a.* Pertaining to the study of antiquities. *n.* An antiquary. **antiquarianism**, *n.*
- antiquate** (än'ti-kwāt) [L. *antiquatus*], *v.t.* To make old or obsolete; (*in p.p.*) made out of date, old-fashioned, or disused.
- antique** (än-tēk') [F., L. *antiquus*], *a.* Ancient, old-fashioned, antiquated. *n.* A relic of antiquity. **antiqu'ity**, *n.* The state of being ancient; ancient times; manners, customs, etc., of ancient times.
- antiscorbutic** (än-ti-skōr-bū'tik) [ANTI-, SCORBUTIC], *a.* Of use against scurvy.
- antiseptic** (än-ti-sep'tik) [ANTI-, Gr. *septos*, decayed], *a.* Counteracting putrefaction.
- antistrophe** (än-tis'trō-fē) [ANTI-, Gr. *strophē*, a turning, a verse], *n.* The part of an ode sung on the return movement of the chorus. **antistroph'ic**, *a.*
- antithesis** (än-tith'e-sis) [ANTI-, Gr. *thesis*, a setting], *n. (pl. -ses).* Opposition or contrast between words, clauses, or ideas; a counter-proposition. **antithet'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to antithesis; sharply opposed.
- antler** (änt'ler) [O.F. *antoillier*], *n.* A branch of the horns of a stag or deer.
- antonomasia** (än-tōn-ō-mä'zi-ä) [Gr. *anti-*, instead, *onomazein*, to name], *n.* The substitution of an epithet for a proper name, as the *Stagyrite* for Aristotle; or of a proper name for a class, as a *Cicero* for an orator.
- anvil** (än'vil) [A.-S. *onfilt*], *n.* The iron block on which smiths hammer and shape their work; a bone in the ear.
- anxiety** (äng-zī'ē-ti) [L. *anxietas*], *n.* The state of being anxious; trouble, solicitude.
- anxious** (äng'shūs) [L. *anxius* (*angere*, to choke)], *a.* Troubled about some uncertain event. **anxiously**, *adv.*
- any** (en'i) [A.-S. *ænig*], *a.* and *pron.* One indefinitely; whichever, whatever. **any**
- body**, *n.* or *pron.* Any person, any one; a person of no importance. **anyhow**, *adv.* and *conj.* At any rate; in any case; at haphazard. **anything**, *n.* and *pron.* Any thing (in its widest sense). **anywhere**, *adv.* In any place.
- aorist** (ä'rist) [Gr. *aoristos*, unlimited], *n.* A Greek tense expressing indefinite past time.
- aorta** (ä-ör'tä) [Gr. *aortē* (*aeirein*, to lift)], *n.* The largest artery in the body, proceeding from the left ventricle of the heart.
- ap-** [AD, to, before *p.*], *pref.*, *e.g.* *appear*.
- apace** (ä-päs') [A.-S.], *adv.* At a quick pace.
- apanage** (äp'ä'nä) [O.F. *apaner*, to nourish], *n.* Lands, etc., for the maintenance of a royal house; a perquisite.
- apart** (ä-part') [F. *à part*], *adv.* To one side.
- apartment** (ä-part'mént) [L. AD-, *partire*, to divide], *n.* A portion of, or single room in, a house; (*pl.*) lodgings.
- apathy** (äp'ä-thi) [Gr. *a-*, not, *pathein*, to suffer], *n.* Absence of feeling; indifference. **apathet'ic**, *a.*
- ape** (äp) [A.-S. *apa*], *n.* A tailless monkey; a servile imitator. *v.t.* To imitate or mimic. **a'pish** (ä'), *a.*
- aperient** (ä-pēr'i-ént), **aper'itive** [L. *aperire*, to open], *a.* Laxative. *n.* A purgative medicine.
- aperture** (äp'ēr-tür) [L. *apertūra*], *n.* An opening, gap.
- apex** (ä-peks) [L.], *n. (pl. apices or apexes).* The summit of anything.
- aphæresis** (ä-fēr'è-sis) [Gr. *apo-*, away, *airein*, to take], *n.* The removal of a letter or syllable at the beginning of a word.
- aphasia** (ä-fä'zhi-ä) [Gr. *a-*, not, *phēni*, I speak], *n.* Loss of the power of articulate speech.
- aphellion** (ä-fē'li-ön) [Gr. *aph-*, *hēlion*, away from the sun], *n. (pl. -la).* The point most distant from the sun in an orbit.
- aphis** (ä'is) [mod. L.], *n. (pl. aph'ides, äf'i-dēz).* The plant-louse, very destructive to vegetation. **aphid'ian**, *a.*
- aphorism** (äf-ō-rizm) [Gr. *aphorismos*, a definition], *n.* A maxim or wise precept.
- aphoris'tic**, *a.*
- apiary** (äpi-är-i) [L. *apis*, bee], *n.* A place where bees are kept.
- apiculture** (äpi-kül-tür) [L. *apis*, a bee, CULTURE], *n.* Bee-keeping; bee-rearing.
- apiece** (ä-pēs'), *adv.* For or to each, severally.
- aplomb** (ä-plon) [F., perpendicular], *n.* Self-possession, coolness.
- apo-** [Gr.], *pref.* Away, detached, separate, as in *apology*, *apostrophe*.
- apocalypse** (ä-pok-ä-lips) [APO-, Gr. *kalyptein*, to cover], *n.* The last book of the New Testament, the Revelation.
- apocalyp'tic**, *a.*
- apocrypha** (ä-pok'ri-fä) [APO-, Gr. *kruptein*, to hide], *n.* Books included in the Septuagint and the Vulgate, but not reckoned genuine by the Jews, nor inserted in



the Authorized Version of the Bible. **apocryphal**, *a.* Mythic, fabulous.

**apogee** (ăp'ô-jē) [APO-, Gr. *gaia*, earth], *n.* The point in an orbit which is at the greatest distance from the earth; (*fig.*) the culmination.

**apologue** (ăp'ô-log) [APO-, Gr. *logos*, speech], *n.* A moral fable.

**apology** (ă-pol'ô-jī) [APO-, Gr. *legein*, to speak], *n.* A defence; vindication; excuse. **apologet'ic**, *a.* Excusing, explanatory. **apologetics**, *n.pl.* Defensive argument, esp. in defence of Christianity.

**apologist**, *n.* One who defends or apologizes by speech or writing. **apol'o-gize**, *v.i.* To make an apology.

**apophthegm** (ăp'ô-them) [APO-, Gr. *phthengesthai*, to speak], *n.* A terse pointed saying. **apophthegmatic** (ăp'ô-theg-măt'ik), *a.* Sententious, pithy.

**apoplexy** (ăp'ô-plek-sī) [Gr. *apoplēssein*, to cripple with a blow], *n.* A sudden loss of sense and motive power, generally caused by effusion on the brain. **apoplec'tic**, *a.* Predisposed to apoplexy.

**apostasy** (ă-pos'tă-sī) [APO-, Gr. *apostasia*, stasis], *n.* Renunciation of principles—religious, moral, political, etc.

**apostate** (ă-pos'tăt) [as prec.], *n.* One who apostatizes. *a.* Unfaithful to creed or principles. **apostatize**, *v.i.* To abandon one's principles or party.

**apostle** (ă-pos'l) [Gr. *apostolos*, a messenger], *n.* One of the Twelve appointed by Christ to preach the gospel; the leader of a reform. **apostolate** (ă-pos'tô-lăt), *n.* The office of apostle. **apostol'ic**, *a.*

**apostrophe** (ă-pos'trô-fē) [Gr. *apostrophēin*, to turn away], *n.* An address to one person in particular, or to the absent or dead; the sign ('), denoting contraction or the possessive case. **apostrophize** (ă-pos'trô-fiz), *v.t.*

**apothecary** (ă-poth'ē-kăr-i) [O.F. *apotecaire*, late L. *apothēcarius*, a storekeeper], *n.* A druggist or pharmaceutical chemist.

**apotheosis** (ă-poth-ē-ô'sis) [APO-, Gr. *theōō*, I deify], *n.* Deification; transformation into a god or saint.

**appal** (ă-pawl') [O.F. *apalir*, to grow pale], *v.t.* To terrify, to dismay. **appalling**, *a.*

**apparatus** (ăp-ă-răt'us) [L. AD-, *parāre*, to prepare], *n.* Equipment, means; scientific instruments; materials for critical study.

**apparel** (ă-păr'el) [O.F. *apareiller*, to dress], *n.* Dress, attire; to adorn, embellish, trick out. *v.t.* To clothe, to fit out.

**apparent** (ă-păr'ent) [O.F. L. *appārentem*, come into sight], *a.* Visible; plain, obvious. **apparently**, *adv.*

**apparition** (ăpă-rish'ūn) [F., from L.; see APPEAR], *n.* A strange appearance; a spectre.

**appeal** (ă-pel') [O.F. *apelēr*], *v.t.* To refer to a superior authority; to invoke aid, pity, etc.; to have recourse to. *n.* Reference or recourse to another; the right of appeal. **appealing**, *a.* Suppliant.

**appear** (ă-pēr') [L. AD-, *pārēre*, to come

into sight], *v.i.* To become visible; come before the public; to seem. **appearance**, *n.* The act of appearing; the thing seen; aspect; (*pl.*) the aspect of circumstances.

**appease** (ă-pēz') [F. *à*, to, *pais*, peace], *v.t.* To quiet, pacify.

**appellant** (ă-pel'ant) [APPEAL], *n.* One who appeals to a higher tribunal or authority. **appella'tion**, *n.* A name, designation. **appel'lative**, *a.* Common as opposed to proper; designating a class.

**append** (ă-pend') [L. AD-, *pendere*, to hang], *v.t.* To hang to or upon; to add or subjoin. **appendage**, *n.* **appendant**, *a.*

**appendix** (ă-pen'diks) [L. as prec.], *n.* (*pl.* **appendices**, -dixes). An adjunct; a supplement to a book; (*Physiol.*) a small prolongation of any organ, esp. the vermiform appendix of the intestine. **appen'dic'itis**, *n.* Inflammation of this.

**appertain** (ăp-ēr-tān') [L. AD-, *pertinēre*, to pertain], *v.i.* To belong to; relate to.

**appetite** (ăp'ē-tīt) [L. AD-, *petere*, to seek], *n.* Desire to satisfy the natural functions; desire for food. **appetize**, *v.t.* To give an appetite to; to make (one) feel hungry.

**applaud** (ă-plawd') [L. AD-, together, *plaudere*, to clap], *v.i.* To express approbation, esp. by clapping. *v.t.* To praise in an audible and significant manner. **applause**, *n.* Praise loudly expressed.

**apple** (ăpl) [A.-S.], *n.* The fruit of the apple-tree; the pupil of the eye.

**appliance** (ă-pli'āns) [APPLY], *n.* The act of applying; anything applied as a means to an end.

**applicable** (ăp'lik-ăbl) [APPLY], *a.* Capable of being applied; fit, suitable, appropriate. **applicabil'ity**, *n.* **applicant**, *n.* **appli-cation**, *n.* The act of applying; thing applied; request; close attention.

**apply** (ă-pli') [L. AD-, *plīcāre*, fold together, fasten], *v.t.* To lay on, put close to; to employ, devote; to adapt, conform to. *v.i.* To be relevant; to have recourse (to); to study. **applied**, *a.* Practical.

**appoint** (ă-point') [F. *à*, to, *point*, the point], *v.t.* To decree, ordain; nominate; make an appointment; to grant. **ap-point'ment**, *n.* That which is appointed or fixed; an engagement; (*pl.*) equipment, accoutrements.

**apportion** (ă-pôr'shūn) [F. *à*, to, *PORTION*], *v.t.* To divide in suitable proportion. **apportionment**, *n.*

**apposite** (ăp'ô-zīt) [L. AD-, to, *pōnere*, to place], *a.* Fit, appropriate. **appositely**, *adv.* **appositeness**, *n.* **apposi'tion**, *n.* The act of putting side by side; juxtaposition; (*Gram.*) the placing together of two nouns, one being a complement to the other. **appositional**, *a.*

**appraise** (ă-prāz') [PRAISE], *v.t.* To set a price on; value.

**appreciate** (ă-prē'sh-ăt) [L. AD-, *pretium*, a price], *v.t.* To form an estimate of value; to estimate aright; to esteem highly. *v.i.* To rise in value. **appreci-able**, *a.* **appreciably**, *adv.* To an

- appreciable extent. **apprecia'tion**, *n.* Estimate; adequate recognition; rise in value. **appre'ciative**, *a.* Esteeming favourably.
- apprehend** (ăp-ré-hend') [L. *AD-*, *prehendere*, to seize], *v.t.* To take hold of; to seize, to arrest; conceive mentally; to dread; to anticipate. *v.i.* To understand. **apprehensible**, *a.* **apprehension**, *n.* The act of laying hold of or arresting; the mental faculty which apprehends; fear of what may happen. **apprehensive**, *a.*
- apprentice** (ă-pren'tis) [O.F. *aprentis*, from *apprendre*, to learn, see *prec.*], *n.* One bound by indentures to serve for a term of years in order to learn some trade or craft. *v.t.* To bind as an apprentice. **apprenticeship**, *n.*
- apprise** (ă-priz') [F. *appris*], *v.t.* To inform, bring to the knowledge of.
- apprize** (ă-priz') [O.F. *aprisier*, to appraise], *v.t.* To estimate the worth of.
- approach** (ă-prôch') [L. *AD-*, to, *propius*, nearer], *v.i.* To come or draw nearer; to approximate. *v.t.* To come near to; to resemble. *n.* The act of drawing near; resemblance; avenue, access. **approachable**, *a.*
- approbation** (ăp-rô-bă'shùn) [APPROVE], *n.* Approval, commendation, praise.
- appropriate** (ă-prô'pri-ăt) [L. *AD-*, *proprius*, one's own], *v.t.* To take as one's own; to devote to a special purpose. *a.* Suitable, fit, becoming; set apart for a particular use. **appropriately**, *adv.* **appropria'tion**, *n.* **appropriator**, *n.*
- approve** (ă-proov') [L. *AD-*, *probare*, to test, try], *v.t.* To esteem, pronounce as good; to sanction, confirm. *v.i.* To express or feel approbation. **approval**, *n.* **Approbation**, sanction. **approver**, *n.* One who approves; one who confesses and gives evidence against his associates.
- approximate** (ă-proks'i-măt) [L. *AD-*, *proximus*, very near], *v.i.* To draw or bring near. *a.* Very close to; closely resembling; **approxima'tion**, *n.*
- appurtenance** (ă-pér'tén-âns) [APPERTAIN], *n.* That which belongs to something else; an adjunct, appendage. **appurtenant**, *a.* Pertaining to, pertinent.
- apricot** (ă'pri-kot) [L. *præcox*, early ripe], *n.* A stone-fruit allied to the plum.
- April** (ă'pril) [L. *Aprilis* (prob. from *aperire*, to open)], *n.* The fourth month of the year.
- apron** (ă'prôn) [O.F. *naperon*, a large cloth], *n.* A garment worn in front to protect the clothes, or as part of a distinctive dress, *e.g.* of bishops, Freemasons.
- apropos** (ă'prô-pô) [F. *à propos*], *adv.* Seasonably; by the way; as suggested by. *a.* Opportune; to the point.
- apse** (ăps) [Gr. *apsis*, fastening, fellow of a wheel], *n.* A semi-circular, dome-roofed recess in a building.
- apsis** (ăp'sis) [APSE], *n.* (*pl.* *apsides*, ăp-si'déz). One of two points at which a planet is at its greatest and least distance from the body round which it revolves.
- ap'sidal**, *a.* Of the shape of an apse or apsis.
- apt** (ăpt) [L. *aptus*], *a.* Suitable; having a tendency to; quick. **ap'titude**, *n.* Fitness, suitability; proneness to. **aptly**, *adv.* **aptness**, *n.*
- apterous** (ăp'tér-ús) [Gr. *a-*, not, *pteron*, a wing], *a.* Wingless.
- apteryx** (ăp'tér-iks) [as *prec.*], *n.* A New Zealand bird with rudimentary wings.
- aqua** (ăk'wă) [L.], *n.* Water, liquid. **aqua-vitæ**, *n.* Unrectified alcohol.
- aquamarine** (ă-kwă-mă-rén') [L., sea-water], *n.* A bluish-green variety of beryl.
- aquarium** (ă-kwăr'i-um) [L. *AQUA*, water], *n.* A tank or vessel in which aquatic plants and animals are kept alive.
- aquatic**, *a.* Pertaining to water; living, growing in or near water.
- aqueduct** (ăk'wé-dükt) [L. *aquæ*, of water, *ductus*, conveyance], *n.* A conduit, esp. one raised on pillars or arches for the conveyance of drinking-water.
- aqueous** (ăkwé-ús) [L. *aqueus*], *a.* Containing, formed in, or deposited from water; watery.
- aquiline** (ăk'wi-lin) [L. *aquila*, an eagle], *a.* Pertaining to an eagle; eagle-like (esp. of noses), hooked.
- ar-** [AD-], *pref.* as in *arrest*, *arrogate*.
- ar** (1) [L.], *adj. suf.* Belonging to, of the nature of; *e.g.* *angular*, *lunar*. *n. suf.* Thing pertaining to; *e.g.* *altar*, *exemplar*.
- ar** (2) [O.F.], *suf.* Agent; *e.g.* *bursar*, *vicar*, *liar*.
- Arab** (ăr'ăb), *n.* A native of Arabia; an Arabian horse. *a.* Arabian. **arabesque'** [F.], *a.* Arabian in design; fantastic. *n.* Surface decoration composed of flowing lines fancifully intermingled.
- Arabian**, *a.* Pertaining to Arabia. *n.* An Arab, a native of Arabia. **Ar'abic**, *a.* Pertaining to Arabia, or to its language. *n.* The language.
- arable** (ăr'ăbl) [L. *arare*, to plough], *a.* Capable of being ploughed; fit for tillage.
- Aramaic** (ăr'ă-mă'ik), *a.* Of or belonging to Aram; applied to the northern branch of the Semitic family of languages, including Syriac and Chaldee. *n.* Syriac.
- araucaria** (ăr-aw-kăr'i-ă) [*Arauco*, in Chile], *n.* A genus of coniferous plants, including the monkey-puzzle.
- arbitr** (ăr'bi-tér) [L.], *n.* A judge; an umpire; one who can decide according to his absolute pleasure. **arbit'rument**, *n.* Power or liberty of deciding; the decision or award given by arbitrators.
- ar'bitrary**, *a.* Determined by one's own will; capricious; absolute. **arbitrari-ness**, *n.*
- arbitrate** (ăr'bi-trăt) [L. *arbitrari*, to give judgment], *v.t.* To hear and judge as an arbitrator; to decide, act as an arbitrator or umpire. **arbitra'tion**, *n.* The determining of a dispute by means of an arbiter. **ar'bitrator**, *n.* **arbitress**, *n.*
- arbor'eal** (ăr-bôr'ě-ăl), *a.* [L. *arbor*, a tree]. Pertaining to trees; living in trees. **arbores'**



**cent**, *a.* Having tree-like characteristics; branching like a tree. **ar'boriculture**, *n.* The systematic culture of trees and shrubs.

**arbour** (ar'bór) [L. *herba*, a tree, herb, grass, assim. to *arbor*], *n.* A bower formed by trees or shrubs, lattice-work, etc.

**arbutus** (ar'bū-tús) [L.], *n.* An evergreen shrub, the strawberry-tree.

**arc** (ark) [L. *arcus*, a bow], *n.* A portion of a circle or other curve; the luminous bridge between two carbon poles when an electric current is sent through them.

**arcade** (ar-kād') [It. *arcata*, arched], *n.* A series of arches; a walk arched over; a covered passage.

**Arcadian** (ar-kā-di-án) [L.], *a.* Pertaining to Arcadia, the ideal region of rural happiness; hence, ideally rustic or pastoral.

**arcanium** (ar-kā'núm) [L. *arcēre*, to shut up], *n.* (usually in *pl.* *arcana*) A mystery; an elixir.

**arch** (1) (arch) [L. *arca*, a chest (confused with *arcus*, a bow)], *n.* A curved structure, the parts supporting each other by mutual pressure; a vault, a curve. *v.f.* To cover with or form into an arch; to overarch, span.

**arch** (2) (arch) [ARCH-], *a.* Clever, cunning, mirthfully mischievous or waggish.

**archly**, *adv.* **archness**, *n.*

**arch-**, **archi-** (ar'ki-) [Gr. *archos*, chief], *pref.* Chief, principal; leading, pre-eminent; first; e.g. *archangel*, *archbishop*.

**archæo-** [Gr., *archaios*, ancient], *pref.* Pertaining to past time; primitive.

**archæology** (ar-kē-ol'ô-jī) [ARCHÆO-, -LOGY], *n.* The study of antiquities, esp. prehistoric remains. **archæological**, *a.* **archæol'ogist**, *n.*

**archaic** (ar-kā'ik) [Gr. *archaios*, old], *a.* Pertaining to antiquity; antiquated.

**ar'chaism**, *n.* An old-fashioned habit; an obsolete expression; affectation of ancient style.

**archangel** (ark'án-jél) [ARCH-, ANGEL], *n.* An angel of the highest rank. **archangel'ic**, *a.*

**archbishop** (arch-bish'óp) [ARCH-, BISHOP], *n.* A chief bishop; the spiritual head of an archiepiscopal province. **archbishopric**, *n.*

**archdeacon** (arch'dē-kón) [Gr. *archidiaconos* (ARCH-, DEACON)], *n.* A dignitary next below a bishop. **archdeaconry**, *n.* The portion of a diocese over which an archdeacon exercises jurisdiction.

**archduke** (arch'dūk) [ARCH-, DUKE], *n.* The title of the sons of the former Emperors of Austria. **archdu'al**, *a.* Pertaining to an archduke. **archduchess** (arch-dūch'es), *n.* The wife, or daughter of an archduke. **archduchy**, *n.* An archduke's territory.

**archer** (ar'chér) [O.F. *archier*], *n.* A bowman; (*Astron.*) the constellation Sagittarius. **archery**, *n.* The act or art of shooting with bows and arrows.

**archetype** (ar'ké-tip) [ARCH-, TYPE], *n.* The primitive model or pattern on which anything is formed.

**archidiaconal** (ar-ki-di-ák'ón-ál) [Gr. *archidiaconos*, ARCHDEACON], *a.* Pertaining to or holding the office of an archdeacon.

**archiepiscopal** (ar-ki-é-pis'kó-pál) [Gr. *archiepiskopos*, ARCHBISHOP], *a.* Of or pertaining to an archbishop or archbishopric.

**archimandrite** (ar-ki-mán'drit) [Gr. *archi*, chief, *mandra*, an enclosure, monastery], *n.* The superior of a monastery in the Greek Church.

**archipelago** (ar-ki-pel'á-gō) [ARCH-, Gr. *pelagos*, sea], *n.* The Ægean Sea; any sea or water studded with islands.

**architect** (ar'ki-tek) [ARCH-, Gr. *tektōn*, a builder], *n.* One who plans and designs buildings and superintends their erection; (*fig.*) the Creator.

**architecture** (ar'ki-tek-tyúr) [L. *architectūra*], *n.* The art of building edifices; architectural work; style of building; construction. **architec'tural**, *a.*

**architrave** (ar'ki-trāv) [ARCH-, L. *trabs*, a beam], *n.* The part of the entablature that rests immediately on the column; ornamental moulding round a door or window.

**archive** (ar'kiv) [Gr. *archeion*, public office], *n.* (usually in *pl.*) Historical records officially preserved. **archivist** (ar'ki-vist), *n.* One who has charge of archives.

**archon** (ar'kón) [Gr. ruler, *archein*, to rule], *n.* The chief magistrate or one of the nine chief magistrates of Athens.

**archway** (arch'wā) [ARCH (1)], *n.* An archway entrance or vaulted passage.

**Arctic** (ark'tik) [Gr. *arktikos*, belonging to the Great Bear (*arktos*, bear)], *a.* Pertaining to the region within the Arctic Circle, i.e. the parallel of the globe 23° 28' distant from the North Pole, which is its centre. *n.* The Arctic regions.

**arcuate** (ar'kū-āt) [L. *arcus*, bow], *a.* Curved like a bow; arched.

**-ard**, *suf.* Noting disposition or character, with augmentative force; e.g. *drunkard*, *sluggard*.

**ardent** (ar'dént) [O.F. *ardant*, L. *ardēre*, to burn], *a.* On fire; fierce, eager, zealous.

**ardency**, *n.* **ardently**, *adv.*

**ardour** (ar'dór) [O.F. *ardor*, L. *ardōrem*], *n.* Fierce heat; flame; heat of passion; warmth of emotion.

**arduous** (ar'dū-tis) [L. *arduus*, steep, difficult], *a.* Involving much labour; difficult, laborious, energetic. **arduously**, *adv.*

**area** (ár-é-á) [L.], *n.* Any clear or open space; the sunken, partly enclosed court giving access to the basement of some houses; superficial extent; a tract of country.

**areca** (ár-é-ká) [Tamil *adai*, clustering, *kāy*, nut], *a.* A genus of palms.

**arena** (à-ré-ná) [L. *arēna*, *harēna*, sand], *n.* The sand-strewn floor of an amphitheatre where combats took place; an amphitheatre; a field of conflict, sphere of action. **arena'-ceous**, *a.* 'Sandy: in the form of sand.

**argent** (ar'jènt) [L. *argentum*], *n.* Silver (esp. in heraldry). *a.* Resembling silver; silvery-white. **argentiferous**, *a.* Producing silver. **ar'gentine**, *a.* Silvery.

**argill** (ar'jil) [Gr. *argillos*, white clay], *n.* White clay, potters' earth. **argilla'ceous**, *a.* Clayey.

**argon** (ar'gòn) [Gr. *a-*, not, *ergon*, work], *n.* An inert gaseous constituent of the atmosphere.

**Argonaut** (ar'gó-nawt) [Gr. *argonautès*], *n.* One of the legendary heroes who sailed in the *Argo* to seek the Golden Fleece; (*Zool.*) the paper-nautilus.

**argosy** (ar'gó-si) [prob. It. *una Ragusea* (*nave*), a Ragusan (ship)], *n.* A large merchant-vessel; a richly laden ship.

**argot** (ar'gò) [F.], *n.* Thieves' slang; the phraseology of a class; slang generally.

**argue** (ar'gü) [L. *arguere*, to prove], *v.t.* To discuss, debate; to exhibit or convince by logical methods; to evince. *v.i.* To bring forward reasons, to discuss, dispute. **arguable**, *a.* Capable of being argued. **argument**, *n.* Reason, demonstration; process of reasoning; debate; a summary, the subject of a discourse. **argumentative**, *a.* Pertaining to argument; disputatious.

**aria** (a'ri-á) [It.], *n.* An air; song for one voice.

**Arian** (är'i-án), *a.* Pertaining to Arius. *n.* A follower of Arius of Alexandria (4th cent.), who denied that Christ was consubstantial with the Father. **Arianism**, *n.*

**-arian** [L.], *suf.* Belonging to; *e.g.* *humanitarian*, *sexagenarian*, *trinitarian*.

**arid** (är'id) [L. *ärere*, to dry], *a.* Dry, parched; barren, bare; (*fig.*) uninteresting. **aridity** (ä-rid'i-ti), **aridness** (är'id-nés), *n.* Dryness, drought.

**aright** (ä-rit'), [A.-S.], *adv.* Rightly, properly.

**-arious** [L.], *suf.* Connected with, belonging to; forming adjectives, *e.g.* *vicarious*.

**arise** (ä-riz') [A.-S. *a-*, intens., *risan*], *v.i.* (*arose*, *arisen*). To assume an upright position, to get up; to appear, to come into notoriety; to originate.

**aristocracy** (är-is-tok'rä-si) [Gr. *aristos*, the best, *kratia*, rule], *n.* Government by the best citizens or nobles; a state so governed; the nobility; (*fig.*) the best of any class. **aristocrat**, *n.* A noble; a member of an aristocracy. **aristocratic**, *a.*

**arithmetic** (ä-rith'mé-tik) [Gr. *arithmein*, to count], *n.* The science of numbers; computation by figures. **arithmet'ical**, *a.* **arithmetically**, *adv.* **arithmetician** (-tish'än), *n.* One skilled in arithmetic.

**-arium** [L.], *suf.* Thing connected with, used for, place for; as *aquarium*, *herbarium*.

**ark** (ark) [A.-S.], *n.* A chest; a large flat-bottomed vessel; a sacred repository.

**arm** (arm) [A.-S.], *n.* The upper limb of the human body, from the shoulder to the hand; a sleeve; a projecting branch, as of the sea; the parts of a yard on each side of the mast; a weapon; a branch of the military service; (*pl.*) war; the military

profession; armour; heraldic bearings.

**armful**, *n.* As much as the arm or arms can hold.

**armada** (ar-mä'dá) [Sp.], *n.* An armed fleet, esp. that sent by Philip II of Spain against England in 1588.

**armadillo** (ar-mä-dil'ò) [Sp.], *n.* (*pl.* -os). A small burrowing edentate S. American animal, encased in bony armour, and capable of rolling itself into a ball.

**armament** (ar'mä-ment) [L.], *n.* Munitions of war, esp. the guns of a warship.

**armature** (ar'mä-tür) [L. *arma*, -TURE], *n.* A piece of soft iron placed in contact with the poles of a magnet to preserve and increase its power.

**armed** (armd) [ARM], *a.* Equipped with weapons or armour; prepared for war; equipped with anything required for action or defence.

**Armenian** (ar-mé'ni-än), *a.* Pertaining to Armenia. *n.* A native of Armenia; the language.

**armistice** (ar'mis-tis) [F. from L. *arma*, arms, -stitium, from *sistere*, to stop], *n.* A cessation of arms for a stipulated time during war; a truce.

**armlet** (arm'lèt) [ARM -LET], *n.* A small band worn on the arm.

**armory** (ar'mó-ri) [O.F. *armoier*, to blazon], *n.* The science of heraldry. **armorial** (ar-mör'i-äl), *a.*

**armour** (ar'mór) [O.F. *armure*], *n.* Defensive covering; heraldic bearings. *v.t.* To furnish with protective covering, esp. ships with armour-plating. **armoured**, *a.* Clad in armour; ironclad. **armourer**, *n.* A maker of arms; a non-commissioned officer in charge of the arms of a regiment, ship, etc. **armoury**, *n.* Place for keeping arms, an arsenal.

**armpit** (arm'pit), *n.* The hollow under the arm at the shoulder.

**army** (ar'mi) [F. *armée*], *n.* Men organized for land warfare; a host.

**arnica** (ar'ni-ká) [?], *n.* A vegetable tincture used for bruises, sprains, etc.

**aroma** (ä-rö'má) [Gr. *arōma*, a spice], *n.* An agreeable odour or smell; a subtle pervasive quality. **aromatic**, *a.*

**around** (ä-round') [a-, on, ROUND], *prep.* Surrounding; round about. *adv.* All round.

**arouse** (ä-rouz') [a-, intens., ROUSE], *v.t.* To raise, awaken; to excite, stimulate.

**arrack** (är'ák) [Arab. *'araq*, juice], *n.* Distilled spirits prepared in the E. Indies from cocoa-nut, rice, etc.

**arraign** (ä-rän') [L. AD-, ratio -ōnem, reason], *v.t.* To cite before a tribunal; to accuse, charge with fault, find fault with.

**arraignment**, *n.* Accusation, charge.

**arrange** (ä-ränj') [O.F. *à*, to, *rangier*, to range], *v.t.* To draw up in order; to adjust, settle; to plan circumstances in readiness. *v.i.* To make a settlement. **arrangement**, *n.* Settlement, disposition; a grouping of things in a particular way; (*pl.*) preparations.



**arrant** (ăr'ant) [ERRANT], *a.* Notorious, downright, thorough.

**arras** (ăr'as), *n.* Tapestry made at Arras; wall hangings.

**array** (ă-ră') [A.-F. *arayer*], *v.t.* To marshal, dress up, deck. *n.* Order, esp. of battle, troops.

**arrear** (ă-rēr') [O.F. *arere*, backward], *n.* The state of being behindhand; (*pl.*) that which is unpaid.

**arrest** (ă-rest') [L. AD-, *restāre*, to stay], *v.t.* To stop; to stay (legal proceedings, etc.); to apprehend, seize by authority. *n.* A stoppage; seizure, detention.

**arrive** (ă-riv') [L. AD-, *ripam*, to shore], *v.i.* To come to, reach, attain. *arrival*, *n.* The act of coming to a destination, etc.; one who has arrived.

**arrogance** (ăr'ô-gāns) [as next], *n.* The act or quality of being arrogant; undue assumption. **arrogant** (ăr'ô-gānt), *a.* Assuming too much; insolent, haughty.

**arrogate** (ăr'ô-gāt) [L. *arrogātus* (AD-, *rogāre*, to ask)], *v.t.* To put forth unduly exalted claims or baseless pretensions.

**arrow** (ăr'ô) [A.-S. *arewe*], *n.* A slender, straight missile shot from a bow.

**arsenal** (ar'sen-āl) [Arab. *dār*, house, *al*, the, *çinā'ah*, art, trade], *n.* A place for the manufacture and (or) storage of weapons and ammunition.

**arsenic** (ar'sé-nik) [Arab. *az-zernikh* (*al*, the, *zernikh*, orpiment)], *n.* A brittle, semi-metallic element. **arsenical**, *a.*

**arson** (ar'són) [L. *arsus*, burnt], *n.* The wilful setting on fire of property.

**art** (art) [L. *ars artem*], *n.* Skill, workmanship; skill applied to subjects of taste; the practical application of science; rules for putting principles into practice; craft, artifice; (*pl.*) the subjects in a university course; the faculty concerned with such subjects. **fine arts**: Pursuits in which the mind or imagination is chiefly engaged, as painting, music, sculpture, etc. **artful**, *a.* Characterized by art or skill; crafty, cunning. **artfulness**, *n.* **artless**, *a.* Uncultured, natural; guileless, simple.

**artery** (ar'tér-i) [Gr. *arteriā*], *n.* A large pulsating vessel conveying blood from the heart; a main channel. **arterial**, *a.* Pertaining to, contained in, or resembling an artery; ramifying.

**Artesian** (ar-tě'shān) **well** [F. *Artésien*, from *Artois*], *n.* A well made by boring through an upper retentive stratum to a water-bearing stratum, the water rising by natural pressure.

**arthritis** (ar-thr'i'tis) [Gr. *arthron*, a joint, -ITIS], *n.* Disease of the joints.

**artichoke** (ar'ti-chōk) [It. *articiocco*], *n.* A composite plant of which the receptacle and fleshy bases of the scales are eaten as a vegetable. **Jerusalem artichoke**, *n.* A species of sunflower, the tuberous roots of which are edible.

**article** (ar'tikl) [L. *articulus*, a little joint], *n.* A point of faith or duty; a prose composition, complete in itself; an item,

detail; a provision in an agreement, statute, etc.; a thing; the adjectives *a*, *an*, *the*, considered as separate parts of speech; (*pl.*) a formal agreement; terms, conditions.

**articulate** (ar-tik'ū-lāt) [as prec.], *v.t.* To divide sounds into words and syllables; to utter distinctly; to join together in proper order; to joint. *v.i.* To utter intelligible sounds; speak distinctly.

**articulated**, *a.* Jointed. **articulation**, *n.* Articulate sound, utterance, speech; a joint or jointed structure.

**artifice** (ar'ti-fis) [L. *ars artis*, art, *facere*, to make], *n.* Human skill; trickery; a contrivance or trick. **artificer**, *n.* A craftsman. **artificial** (-fish'āl), *a.* Made or produced by art; affected in manner. **artificiality**, *n.*

**artillery** (ar-til'ér-i) [O.F. *artiller*, to fortify, equip], *n.* Guns and cannon with their equipment; troops trained in gunnery.

**artisan** (ar-ti-zān') [F.], *n.* One trained to practise a manual art.

**artist** (ar'tist) [F.], *n.* One who practises any of the fine arts, especially painting; any artistic producer or performer.

**artiste** (ar-těst') [F.], *n.* A public performer, actor, dancer, musician, acrobat, etc.; a highly proficient cook, hairdresser, etc. **artis'tic**, *a.* Pertaining to art or artists. **artistically**, *adv.*

**arum** (ăr'um) [Gr. *aron*], *n.* A genus of plants, containing the cuckoo-pint.

**-ary** (1) [L.], *suf.* Pertaining to, connected with; belonging to, engaged in; as in *elementary*, *voluntary*; *statuary*; *granary*. (2) Equivalent to -AR; *e.g.* *exemplary*, *military*.

**Aryan** (ăr'i-ān) [Sansk. *ārya*, noble], *a.* Belonging to an ancient race of northern Europe or Central Asia.

**as** (ās) [A.-S. *eal swā*, all so], *adv.* and *conj.* In the same manner or degree; thus; while; since, because, that. *rel. pron.* That, who, which.

**as-** [AD-], *pref.*, *e.g.* *assimilate*, *assume*.

**asafetida** (ās-ă-fet'i-dā) [L. *asa*, mastic, *fœtida*, stinking], *n.* A gum with a strong smell of garlic.

**asbestos** (ās-bes'tós) [Gr. *a-*, not, *sbestos*, from *sbenuinai*, to quench], *n.* A variety of hornblende, of fibrous structure, practically incombustible.

**ascend** (ă-send') [L. AD-, *scandere*, to climb], *v.i.* To rise, to be raised; to slope upwards; to proceed from a lower to a higher plane; to go back in order of time; to come above the horizon. *v.t.* To climb or go up to a higher position, or to the summit or source of; to mount. **ascendancy**, **ascendancy**, *n.* Controlling influence; governing power. **ascendant**, **ascend'ent**, *a.* Rising; predominating.

**ascension** (ă-sen'shun) [as prec.], *n.* The act of ascending; the ascent of Christ to Heaven; the rising of a celestial body.

**ascent** (ă-sent'), *n.* The act or process of ascending; upward motion; a slope.

**ascertain** (ās-er-tān') [O.F.], *v.t.* To find

- out by investigation or experiment; to make sure of. **ascertainable**, *a.*
- ascetic** (â-set'ik) [Gr. *askētikos*, given to exercises], *a.* Severely abstinent, austere; practising rigorous self-discipline. *n.* An early hermit who practised rigorous self-denial and mortification; any person given to this. **ascetical**, *a.* **asceticism** (â-set'i-sizm), *n.*
- ascribe** (â-skrib') [L. AD-, *scribere*, to write], *v.t.* To attribute, impute, assign.
- aseptic** (â-sep'tik) [Gr. *a-*, not, *SEPTIC*], *a.* Not liable to putrefaction. *n.* An aseptic substance.
- ash** (1) (ăsh) [A.-S. *æsc*], *n.* The remains of anything burnt; (*pl.*, ashes) the remains of a cremated body; a symbol of grief or repentance. **Ash-Wednesday**, *n.* The first day of Lent (when the foreheads of the people were sprinkled with ashes).
- ashy**, *a.* Composed of ashes; whitish-grey; pale.
- ash** (2) (ăsh) [A.-S. *æsc*], *n.* A forest tree with tough, close-grained wood; its wood.
- ashamed** (â-shămd') [*a-*, intens., *SHAME*], *a.* Affected with shame; abashed by consciousness of error or guilt.
- ashen** (ăsh'en) [ASH (1 and 2)], *a.* The colour of ashes; pertaining to the ash or made of its wood.
- ashlar** (ăsh'lăr) [O.F. *aisseler*], *n.* Square-hewn stone.
- ashore** (â-shôr') [*a-*, on, *SHORE*], *adv.* To the shore; on the shore; on land.
- Asiatic** (â-shi-ăt'ik), *a.* Pertaining or belonging to Asia. *n.* A native of Asia.
- aside** (â-sid') [*a-*, on, *SIDE*], *adv.* At or towards one side; away. *n.* Something spoken so as to be audible only to the person addressed.
- asinine** (ăs'in-in) [L. *asinus*, an ass], *a.* Having the character of an ass; stupid.
- ask** (ask) [A.-S. *ascian*], *v.t.* To request, question, solicit; to state a price required; to invite. *v.i.* To make a request; to inquire.
- askance** (â-skăns'), **askant** (â-skănt') [?], *adv.* Obliquely, sideways.
- askew** (â-skū) [SKEW], *adv.* Askance; in an oblique direction. *a.* Oblique, awry.
- aslant** (â-slant') [*a-*, on, *SLANT*], *adv.* Slantingly, obliquely. *prep.* In a slanting direction.
- asleep** (â-slēp') [*a-*, on, *SLEEP*], *adv.* and *pred.a.* In or into a state of sleep.
- aslope** (â-slōp') [A.-S. *aslopen*], *a.* Sloping, oblique. *adv.* With a slope, aslant.
- asp** (ăsp) [Gr. *aspis*], *n.* A small venomous hooded serpent, the Egyptian cobra.
- asparagus** (â-spăr'a-gūs) [Gr. *asparagos*], *n.* A plant, the tender shoots of which are eaten.
- aspect** (ăs'pekt) [L. *aspectus*, beheld], *n.* Look, view; way of looking; direction in which something is turned; appearance.
- aspen** (ăs'pén) [A.-S. *æspe*], *n.* The trembling poplar, remarkable for its quivering leaves.
- asperity** (â-sper'i-ti) [L. *asper*, rough], *n.* Roughness; a rugged excrescence; harshness of sound; bleakness; acrimony.
- asperse** (â-spērs') [L. *aspersus*, sprinkled], *v.t.* To strew upon, besprinkle; to defame. **aspersion**, *n.* Calumny, slander.
- asphalt** (ăs'fălt) [Gr. *asphallon*], *n.* A dark form of bitumen or an artificial substitute used for paving, etc.
- asphodel** (ăs'fô-del) [Gr. *asphodelos*], *n.* A mythic undying flower.
- asphyxia** (ăs-fiks'i-ă) [Gr. *a-*, not, *sphuzein*, to pulsate], *n.* Stoppage of the pulse; suspended animation; suffocation. **asphyxial**, *a.* **asphyxiate**, *v.t.* To suffocate.
- aspic** (ăs'pik) [F.], *n.* A savoury dish of game, etc., with hard-boiled eggs, in jelly.
- aspirate** (ăs'pi-răt) [ASPIRE], *v.t.* To pronounce with a full breath; to prefix the sound of *h*. *a.* Aspirated; pronounced with a breathing. *n.* The sound of *h*. **aspiration**, *n.* The act of breathing, aspiring, or aspirating; steadfast desire. **aspire** (â-spir') [L. *ad-*, *spirare*, to breathe], *v.i.* To desire eagerly; to seek to attain. **aspiring**, *a.* Eagerly desirous of some high object, ambitious. **aspiringly**, *adv.* **aspirant**, *a.* Aiming at a higher position. *n.* A candidate.
- ass** (ăs) [A.-S. *assa*], *n.* A quadruped allied to the horse, but smaller, with long ears and a tufted tail; (*fig.*) a stupid, obstinate fellow.
- assagai** (ăs'ă-gi) [Arab. *azzaghayah*], *n.* A slender lance of hard wood.
- assail** (ăs'săl') [L. AD-, *sailire*, to leap], *v.t.* To attack violently; to dash against.
- assailable**, *a.* **assailant**, *n.* One who assails.
- assassin** (â-săs'in) [Arab. *hashshashin*, hashish-eaters], *n.* One who kills by surprise (generally for other than private motives). **assassinate**, *v.t.* To murder by sudden violence. **assassination**, *n.*
- assault** (â-sawlt') [L., as *ASSAIL*], *n.* A violent attack; a charge on a fortified post; (*Law*) a threatening word or act. *v.t.* To make a violent onset or attack on.
- assay** (â-să') [O.F. *assai*, L. *exagium* (*ex*, out, *agere*, to drive, deal)], *n.* Trial, examination; determination of the quantity of metal in an ore, alloy, etc. *v.t.* To try, test; to determine the purity of alloys, etc. *v.i.* To attempt, endeavour.
- assayer**, *n.*
- assemble** (â-sembl') [L. AD-, *simul*, together], *v.t.* To call or bring together into one mass or heap. *v.i.* To meet or come together; to gather. **assemblage**, *n.* A gathering, a concourse. **assembly**, *n.* People met together for some common purpose; a deliberative, legislative, or religious body.
- assent** (â-sent') [L. AD-, *sentire*, to feel], *v.i.* To sanction (something proposed); to admit (a statement) as true. *n.* Sanction, acquiescence.
- assert** (â-sért') [L. AD-, *serere*, to join, bind], *v.t.* To affirm, declare positively; to insist on a right, etc. **assertion**, *n.* The act of asserting a claim or right; a positive statement. **assertive**, *a.*
- assess** (â-ses') [L. AD-, *sedere*, to sit], *v.t.*



To fix the amount of a tax, etc.; to value property for the purpose of taxation; to estimate. **assessable**, *a.* Capable of being or liable to be assessed. **assessment**, *n.* The amount assessed; a scheme of rating or taxation; estimation, appraisal. **assessor**, *n.* One who advises a judge on technical points.

**assets** (äs'ets) [A.-F. *asets*, L. *ad satis*, sufficiency], *n.pl.* Goods sufficient to satisfy debts; the effects of an insolvent debtor; property in general.

**asseverate** (ä-sev'ér-ät) [L. AD-, *sevērus*, serious], *v.t.* To affirm with solemnity. **assevera'tion**, *n.*

**assiduous** (ä-sid'ü-üs) [as ASSESS], *a.* Constant in application; diligent. **assiduously**, *adv.* **assidu'ity**, *n.*

**assign** (ä-sin') [L. AD-, *signäre*, to mark], *v.t.* To allot, designate for a specific purpose; to transfer, surrender. *n.* One to whom a property or right is transferred. **assignable**, *a.* Capable of being transferred. **assignment** (äs-ig-nä'shün), *n.* The act of assigning. **assignee**, (äs-i-nē'), *n.* An agent, a representative; (*Law*) one to whom an assignment is made. **assignment** (ä-sin'mént, *n.* The act of assigning; allocation; legal transference; the instrument effecting such transference; the right or property transferred. **assignor** (äs-i-nör'), *n.* One who transfers a right or property.

**assimilate** (ä-sim'i-lät) [L. AD-, *similis*, like], *v.t.* To make like to; to digest; to incorporate. *v.t.* To become similar; to be incorporated in the substance of a living organism. **assimila'tion**, *n.*

**assist** (ä-sist') [L. AD-, *sistere*, to place], *v.t.* To help, support, further. *v.i.* To give help or aid. **assistance**, *n.* Help, support, succour. **assistant**, *n.*

**assize** (ä-siz') [F. *asseoir*, to sit at], *n.* A statute regulating weight and price, hence standard of quantity, price, or quality, esp. of bread and ale; (*pl.*) sessions held periodically by judges in each county for the administration of justice.

**associate** (ä-sö'shi-ät) [L. AD-, *sociäre*, to join], *v.t.* To join for a common purpose; to combine. *v.i.* To keep company or have familiar intercourse with. *a.* Connected, allied; in the same category. *n.* An ally, colleague; member of an association. **associa'tion**, *n.* The act of associating; a society for the promotion of some common object; fellowship.

**assoil** (ä-soil') [L. AB-, away, *solvere*, to loosen], *v.t.* To absolve.

**assonant** (äs'ö-nánt) [L. AD-, *sonäre*, to sound], *a.* Rhyming in the accented vowels, but not in the consonants.

**assort** (ä-sört') [F. *à*, to, *sorte*, sort], *v.t.* To arrange or dispose in sorts or lots. *v.t.* To suit, to agree, match. **assortment**, *n.* A collection of things assorted.

**assuage** (ä-swä'j) [L. AD-, *suavis*, sweet], *v.t.* To allay, mitigate, lessen the violence of. **assuage'ment**, *n.* Mitigation.

**assume** (ä-süm') [L. AD-, *sūmere*, to take],

*v.t.* To take upon oneself; to arrogate, claim; take for granted. *v.i.* To be arrogant; to claim more than is due. **assumed**, *a.* Usurped; taken for granted. **assumedly**, *adv.* **assuming**, *a.* Arrogant, haughty. **assump'tion**, *n.* The act of assuming; the thing assumed; supposition; ascent to Heaven, esp. the Virgin Mary's (commemorated Aug. 15).

**assure** (ä-shoor') [L. AD-, *sēcūrus*, safe], *v.t.* To make secure, give confidence to, insure the payment of compensation in case of loss. **assurance** (ä-shoor'ans), *n.* Act of assuring; positive declaration; security; audacity, impudence; insurance; **assured**, *a.* Safe; made certain.

**aster** (as-, äs-tēr) [Gr. *astēr*, a star], *n.* A genus of plants.

**-aster** [L.], *suffix*. Somewhat after the manner of; as in *criticaster*, *poetaster*.

**asterisk** (äs'tēr-isk) [Gr. *asteriskos*], *n.* A printers' mark (\*) used to call attention to a note, etc.

**astern** (ä-stēr'), *adv.* In, at, or towards the hinder part of a ship.

**asthma** (äs'mä) [Gr. *azein*, to breathe hard], *n.* A disease of respiration characterized by cough, wheezing, and constriction of the chest. **asthma'tic**, *a.*

**astigmatism** (ä-stig'mä-tizm) [Gr. *a-*, not, *stigma*, point], *n.* A defect of the eye which prevents the convergence of rays of light at a point on the retina. **astig-mat'ic**, *a.*

**astir** (ä-stēr') [a-, on, *stir*], *adv.* and *pred. a.* In motion; in excitement; out of bed.

**astonish** (ä-ston'ish) [O.F. *estoner*, to amaze], *v.t.* To strike with sudden wonder; to surprise. **astonishing**, *a.* **astonishingly**, *adv.* **astonishment**, *n.*

**astound** (ä-stound') [M.E. *astoned*], *v.t.* To strike with amazement. **astounding**, *a.*

**astraddle** (ä-strädl), *adv.* Astride.

**astragal** (äs'trä-gäl) [Gr. *astragalos*], *n.* A small moulding or bead round the top or the bottom of columns.

**astrakhan** (äs-trä-kän'), *n.* A fine kind of furry lamb's wool, from Astrakhan and Persia.

**astral** (äs'träl) [Gr. *aster*, a star], *a.* Pertaining to the stars. **astral-body**, *n.* A spiritual body which occultists claim to be able to project to a distance.

**astray** (ä-strä') [prob. O.F. *estraié*, strayed], *adv.* and *pred. a.* Out of the right way.

**astride** (ä-strid'), *adv.* and *pred. a.* With legs apart or on either side. *prep.* **Astride** of.

**astri'ngent** (ä-strin'jént) [L. AD-, *stringere*, to bind], *a.* (*Med.*) Contracting muscular fibre; binding, styptic. **astri'ngency**, *n.*

**astrolabe** (äs'trö-läb) [O.F. *astrelabe*], *n.* An obsolete instrument for taking astronomical observations.

**astrology** (ä-strol'ö-jī) [Gr. *astron*, star, *logia*, -LOGY], *n.* The art of foretelling events from the position of the stars; their occult influence on human affairs. **astrologer**, *n.* One versed in this.

**astronomy** (ä-stron'ö-mī) [Gr. *astron*, star,

**nemine**, to arrange, *n.* The science which treats of the phenomena of the heavenly bodies, and of the earth in relation to them. **astronomer**, *n.* One versed in this. **astronom'ical**, *a.*

**astute** (à-stùt') [L. *astutus*, crafty], *a.* Acute, shrewd, cunning. **astuteness**, *n.*

**asunder** (à-sùn'dér) [A.-S. *onsuntran*], *adv.* Apart, separately, in different pieces.

**asylum** (à-sil'ùm) [Gr. *asûlos*, inviolable], *n.* A place of refuge, a sanctuary; an institution affording relief and shelter to the afflicted, the destitute, or the insane.

**asymmetry** (à-sim'et-ri) [*a-*, not, SYMMETRY], *n.* Want of symmetry.

**at** (ât) [A.-S. *æt*], *prep.* Denoting nearness in time, space, etc.

**atavism** (ât'à-vizm) [L. *atarus*, an ancestor], *n.* Reversion to some ancestral peculiarity. **atavis'tic**, *a.*

**ate** (et), *pret.* [EAT].

**-ate** [L.], *suf.* (1) Forming nouns of office or function, *e.g.* *curate*, *aldermanate*; participial nouns, *e.g.* *delegate*, *mandate*; salts of acids, *e.g.* *acetate*, *carbonate*; (2) participial adjectives, *e.g.* *desolate*, *situate*; and other adjectives formed by analogy, *e.g.* *roseate*, *ovate*; (3) forming verbs, *e.g.* *separate*, *isolate*.

**atelier** (âtel'îä) [F.], *n.* A workshop, studio.

**atheism** (â'thë-izm) [Gr. *a-*, not, *theos*, God], *n.* Disbelief in a God. **atheist**, *n.* One who disbelieves, or denies, the existence of a God. **atheis'tic**, *a.*

**athirst** (â-thërst') [A.-S. *ofthyrst*], *a.* Thirsty, oppressed with thirst; (*fig.*) eager.

**athlete** (âth'lët) [Gr. *athlêtês* (*athlein*, to contend)], *n.* One trained to perform feats of strength and activity; a powerful, vigorous man. **athlet'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to contests requiring strength and activity; muscular, robust. **athletics**, *n.* Physical exercises by which muscular strength is developed.

**athwart** (â-thwört'), *prep.* From side to side of, across. *adv.* Transversely, crosswise, awry.

**-atic**, *suf.* Forming adjectives, *e.g.* *aquatic*.

**-atile**, *suf.* Forming adjectives chiefly denoting possibility or quality, *e.g.* *volatile*.

**-ation**, *suf.* Forming abstract nouns from verbs, *e.g.* *agitation*, *appreciation*.

**-ative**, *suf.* Forming adjectives, *e.g.* *demonstrative*, *representative*.

**atlas** (ât'läs) [Gr. *Atlas*, fabled to uphold the universe], *n.* A collection of maps in a volume. **atlante'an**, *a.* Of colossal size.

**atmosphere** (ât-mô-sfër) [Gr. *atmos*, vapour, *sphaira*, a ball], *n.* The gaseous envelope surrounding the earth or a heavenly body; (*fig.*) mental or moral environment. **atmospher'ic**, **-ical**, *a.*

**atoll** (â-tol', â'tôl' [Maldivé]), *n.* A coral island, a reef surrounding a lagoon.

**atom** (ât'ôm) [Gr. *atomos*, indivisible], *n.* The smallest conceivable portion of anything; a body incapable of further division, one of the supposed ultimate particles of matter. **atom'ic**, *a.*

**atone** (â-tôn') [AT ONE], *v.i.* To make expiation or satisfaction. **atonement**, *n.* Expiation, amends, reconciliation; the Redemption.

**atonic** (â-ton'ik) [Gr. *atonos*, without tone], *a.* Without an accent, unaccented.

**atop** (â-top'), *adv.* On or at the top.

**atrabillious** (ât-râ-bil'i-üs) [L. *âtra bilis*, black bile], *a.* Melancholy, splenetic, bitter-tempered. **atrabillar**, *a.*

**a-trip** (â-trip'), *adv.* Just drawn out of the ground at right angles to it (of an anchor); hoisted as high as possible (of the topsails).

**atrocious** (â-trô'shüs) [L. *atrox*], *a.* Savagely and wantonly cruel, fierce, violent; characterized by heinous wickedness.

**atrociously**, *adv.* **atroc'ity** (â-tros'i-ti), *n.* Excessive cruelty; an atrocious act.

**atrophy** (ât'rô-fî) [Gr. *a-*, not, *trephein*, to nourish], *n.* A wasting of the bodily organs through want of nourishment or disease. *v.i.* To waste away.

**attach** (â-täch') [O.F. *atachier*], *v.t.* To fasten on, connect; to seize, arrest. *v.i.* To adhere to. **attaché** (â-tâsh'ä) [F.], *n.* One attached to the suite of an ambassador.

**attachment**, *n.* The act of attaching; means by which a thing is attached; connexion; fidelity, affection; a thing attached.

**attack** (â-täk') [F. *attaquer*], *v.t.* To fall upon with force of arms; to assail by hostile words, etc.; to begin a work. *n.* The act of attacking; an onset, an assault; violent abuse; fit of illness.

**attain** (â-tân') [L. *AD-*, *tangere*, to touch], *v.i.* To arrive at some object. *v.t.* To reach, gain; arrive at; accomplish. **attainment**, *n.*

**attainder** (â-tân'dér) [O.F. *ataindre*], *n.* The extinction of civil rights for some crime; the act or process of attainting a criminal; the state of being so attainted.

**attain'**, *v.t.* To condemn or subject to attainder; to accuse.

**attar** (ât'är) [Pers. *'atar*, essence], *n.* Fragrant essence, esp. of roses.

**attempt** (â-temt') [L. *AD-*, *tentare*, to strive after], *v.t.* To try, endeavour; to attack; to make trial of. *n.* An endeavour; an effort as contrasted with attainment.

**attend** (â-tend') [L. *AD-*, *tendere*, to stretch], *v.t.* To turn the thoughts towards; to accompany, wait upon; to be present at. *v.i.* To pay attention, be in attendance; to wait upon or for a person. **attendance**, *n.* **attendant**, *a.* Accompanying. *n.* One who attends or accompanies.

**attention** (â-ten'shün) [as prec.], *n.* The act, state, or mental faculty of attending; an act of courtesy or love (*often pl.*); military attitude of readiness. **attentive**, *a.* Heedful; polite, courteous. **attentively**, *adv.* **attentiveness**, *n.*

**attenuate** (â-ten'ü-ât) [L. *AD-*, *tenuis*, thin], *v.t.* To make thin or slender; to dilute.

**attest** (â-test') [L. *AD-*, *testis*, a witness], *v.t.* To testify (esp. in a formal manner); to put a person on his oath. *v.i.* To bear



witness. *n.* Evidence, attestation. **at-testa'tion**, *n.* The act of attesting; formal confirmation; the administration of an oath. **attes'tor**, *n.*

**Attic** (1) (ăt'ik) [Gr. *Attikos*], *a.* Of or belonging to Attica or its capital, Athens; classical, refined; witty. *n.* A native of Attica; the Attic dialect.

**attic** (2) (ăt'ik) [F. *attique*, as prec.], *n.* A room in the top story of a house.

**attire** (ă-tir') [O.F. *atirer*], *v.t.* To dress; to array. *n.* Dress, clothes.

**attitude** (ăt'i-tūd) [It. *attitudine*, L. *aptitūdinem* (aptus, fitted)], *n.* Posture; disposition of things; behaviour indicating opinion and sentiment. **attitū'dinize**, *v.i.* To pose; to behave affectively.

**attorney** (ă-tēr'ni) [O.F. *atorné*], *n.* A qualified practitioner in the Common Law courts, who prepares the case for counsel; a solicitor of the Supreme Court.

**attract** (ă-trăkt') [L. AD-, *tractus*, drawn], *v.t.* To draw to or cause to approach; to allure. *v.i.* To exert the power of attraction, to be attractive. **attractable**, *a.* That may be attracted. **attraction**, *n.* The action or power of attracting; that which attracts. **attractive**, *a.*

**attribute** (ăt'ri-būt) [L. AD-, *tribuere*, to give], *n.* A quality ascribed to any person or thing, as an essential characteristic; a characteristic; an attributive word. **at-trib'ute** (ă-trib'ūt), *v.t.* To ascribe; to impute as belonging or due to. **attribut-able**, *a.* **attribution**, *n.*

**attrition** (ă-trish'ūn) [L. AD-, *terere*, to rub], *n.* The act or process of rubbing away; abrasion.

**attune** (ă-tūn') [AD-, TUNE], *v.t.* To put in tune, or make tuneful; render accordant.

**auburn** (aw'bēr'n) [O.F. *auborne*, L. *alburnus*, whitish], *a.* Ruddy brown; golden brown.

**auction** (awk'shūn) [L. *auctus*, increased], *n.* A public sale in which each bidder offers a higher price than the preceding. *v.t.* To sell by auction. **auctioneer**', *n.* A person who sells by auction.

**audacious** (aw-dă'shūs) [L. *audax*, daring], *a.* Bold, spirited; impudent, shameless.

**audaciously**, *adv.* **audac'ity**, *n.* Courage.

**audible** (aw'dibl) [L. *audire*, to hear], *a.* Capable of being heard. **audibil'ity**, *n.*

**audience** (aw'dyēns) [L., as prec.], *n.* The act of hearing; an assemblage of hearers; reception at a formal interview.

**audit** (aw'dit) [L. *auditus*, hearing], *n.* An official examination of accounts. *v.t.* To examine officially and pronounce as to the accuracy of (accounts). **auditor**, *n.* One of an audience; one appointed to audit accounts. **auditor'ium**, *n.* The part of a building occupied by the audience;

**au'ditory**, *a.* Pertaining to the organs of hearing; perceived by the ear.

**auger** (aw'gēr) [A.-S. *nafugār*], *n.* A tool like a very large gimlet, for boring holes.

**ought** (a'wt) A.-S. *awiht*, *n.* Anything whatever; whit, a jot, or tittle. *adv.* In any respect.

**augment** (awg-ment') [L. *augēre*, to increase], *v.t.* To make larger in number, degree, etc.; to extend, enlarge; to prefix a grammatical inflexion to. *v.i.* To increase; to become greater. **augmenta'tion**, *n.* **augmen'tative**, *a.* Having the power or quality of augmenting; increasing the force of a word (of an affix); extending the force of an idea (of a word).

**augur** (aw'gūr) [L.], *n.* An official among the Romans who foretold future events from omens; a soothsayer, a diviner. *v.t.* To prognosticate from omens; to betoken, portend. *v.i.* To forbode, anticipate. **au'gury**, *n.* The art or practice of the augur; an omen.

**august** (aw-güst') [L. *augustus*, honoured], *a.* Majestic, stately, inspiring reverence. **Au'gust**, *n.* The eighth month of the year. **Augustan**, *a.* Pertaining to the time of Augustus Cæsar (B.C. 27-A.D. 14), when Latin literature reached its highest development; classical.

**auk** (awk) [Swed. *alka*, a puffin], *n.* A northern sea-bird with rudimentary wings.

**aulic** (aw'lik) [Gr. *aulikos* (*aulē*, a court)], *a.* Pertaining to a royal court; courtly.

**aunt** (ant) [O.F. *auniē*], *n.* The sister of one's father or mother; one's uncle's wife.

**aura** (aw'ră) [Gr. *breath*], *n.* A subtle emanation from any body.

**aural** (aw'răl) [L. *auris*, ear], *a.* Pertaining to the ear.

**aureate** (aw'rē-ăt) [late L. *aureātus*, golden], *a.* Golden, gold-coloured; (*fig.*) splendid.

**aureola** (aw-rē'ô-lă) [L. golden], *n.* The crown of virgins, martyrs and doctors; an aureole. **au'reole**, *n.* The gold disk surrounding the head in early pictures, denoting glory; a nimbus, glory.

**auricle** (aw'rikl) [L. dim. of *auris*, ear], *n.* The external ear; the two upper cavities of the heart. **auric'ula**, *n.* A garden flower allied to the primrose. **auric'ular**, *a.* Pertaining to the sense of hearing, or to an auricle of the heart.

**auriferous** (aw-rif'er-ūs) [L. *aurum*, gold, -fer, producing], *a.* Yielding gold.

**aurochs** (aw'roks) [G.], *n.* The extinct wild ox of Central Europe.

**aurora** (aw-rōr'ă) [L.], *n.* The Roman goddess of dawn; morning twilight; dawn; illumination of the night sky common within the polar circles, called *aurora borealis* or *aurora australis*, as it is seen near the North or South Pole.

**auscultation** (aws-kül-tă'shūn) [L. *auscultare*, to listen], *n.* The act of listening esp. with the stethoscope to the sounds made by the internal organs.

**auspices** (aw'spi-sēz) [L. *auspices*], *n.* Omens drawn from the actions of birds; a prognostication; (*fig.*) patronage, protection. **auspic'ious**, *a.* Auguring good fortune; conducive to prosperity.

**austere** (aw-stēr') [Gr. *austēros*, dry, harsh], *a.* Severe, stern, rigorous; rough to the taste; simple, unadorned. **auster'ity**, *n.*

**austral** (aw'străl) [L. *auster*, south wind], *a.* Pertaining to the south; southern.

**authentic** (aw-then'tik) [Gr. *authentikos*, vouched for], *a.* Of undisputed origin, genuine; really proceeding from its professed source. **authenticate**, *v.t.* To render authentic; to establish the truth or credibility of. **authenticity**, *n.*

**author** (aw'thór) [L. *auctor* (from *augere*, to make to grow)], *n.* The originator of anything; the composer of a literary work. **authoress**, *n.* A female author. **authorship**, *n.* The profession of a writer of books; the origin of a literary work.

**authority** (aw-thor'i-ti) [L. *autoritatem*], *n.* Legitimate power to command or act; a person or body exercising this power; weight of testimony, credibility; the author or source of a statement; the standard work on any subject; an expert. **authoritative**, *a.* Commanding; possessed of or founded on authority. **authoritatively**, *adv.* **authorize**, *v.t.* To empower; to sanction; to justify, afford just ground for; to make or prove legitimate; to vouch for, confirm. **authorized**, *a.* **authorization**, *n.*

**auto-** [Gr. *autos*, self], *comb. form.* Self; by oneself; one's own, independently.

**autobiography** (aw-tó-bi-og'rā-fī) [AUTO-, BIOGRAPHY], *n.* A memoir of one's life, written by oneself. **autobiographer**, *n.* One who writes an account of his own life. **autobiograph'ic**, **autobiograph'ical**, *a.* **autobiograph'ically**, *adv.*

**autochthon** (awtok'thón) [Gr., sprung from the land itself], *n.* One of the original inhabitants; an aboriginal animal or plant. **autochthonal**, *a.* Native to the soil. **autochthonous**, *a.*

**autocracy** (aw-tok'rā-si) [Gr. AUTO-, *kratein*, to rule], *n.* Absolute government. **autocrat**, *n.* A sovereign of uncontrolled authority. **autocratic**, *a.*

**auto-da-fé** (aw-tó-da-fā) [Port., action for the faith], *n.* The burning of a heretic.

**autograph** (aw'tó-grāf). [Gr. AUTO-, *graphēin*, to write], *n.* A person's own handwriting, especially his signature.

**automatic** (aw-tó-māt'ik) [Gr. *automatos*, acting of itself], *a.* Self-acting; having the power of movement within itself; carried on unconsciously. **automatism**, *n.*

**automaton** (aw-tom'á-tón) [Gr., neut. of *automatos*, see prec.], *n.* (*pl.* -ata). Mechanism simulating human or animal action; one whose actions are merely mechanical.

**automobile** (aw-tó-mō-bēl') [F. (AUTO-, L. *mobilis*, moving)], *n.* A motor-car.

**autonomy** (aw-ton'ò-mi) [Gr. AUTO-, *nomos*, law], *n.* The right of self-government; an independent community. **autonomous**, *a.* Possessing autonomy.

**autopsy** (aw'tóp-si) [Gr. AUTO-, *opsis*, sight], *n.* Personal observation; dissection; post-mortem examination.

**autumn** (aw'tùm) [L. *autumnus*], *n.* The season between summer and winter. **autumnal**, *a.*

**auxiliary** (awg-zil'i-á-ri) [L. *auxilium*,

help], *a.* Helping; subsidiary to; an auxiliary verb. *n.* One who or that which helps; a verb used in the conjugation of other verbs; (*pl.*) foreign troops in the service of a nation at war.

**avail** (á-vál') [O.F. *vail*, 1st pers. pres. sing. of *valoir*, to be worth], *v.i.* To be of use, or advantage; to be helpful, effectual, sufficient. *v.t.* To be of use (to). **available**, *a.* Capable of being used; at one's disposal.

**avalanche** (áv'á-lansh) [Swiss-F., from *aval*, to descend to the valley], *n.* A mass of snow, ice, and debris sliding from the upper parts of a mountain.

**avarice** (áv'á-ris) [L. *avarus*, greedy], *n.* Excessive craving after wealth; eager desire to get and keep. **avaricious**, *a.*

**avast** (á-vast') [prob. Dut.], *int.* (*Naut.*) Stay! Stop!

**avatar** (av-á-tar') [Sansk. *avatara*, descent], *n.* The descent or incarnation of a deity; (*fig.*) manifestation, phase.

**avaunt** (á-vawnt') [F., before], *int.* Be off! Away with you! Begone!

**ave** (á-vi) [L., hail!], *int.* Ha'll! Welcome! *n.* A prayer beginning Ave Maria; a shout of welcome or adieu.

**avenge** (á-venj') [O.F. *á*, to, *vengier*, revenge], *v.t.* To vindicate by punishing a wrong-doer; to inflict punishment on account of. **avenger**, *n.*

**avenue** (áv'é-nū) [F., *avenir*, to come to], *n.* A means of access or approach; a broad alley bordered with trees.

**aver** (á-vēr') [L. AD-, *verum*, truth], *v.t.* To assert positively; to declare. **avermant**, *n.* The act of averring; affirmation.

**average** (áv'er-áj) [F. *avarie*], *n.* A quantity intermediate to several different quantities; a mean; the rate, proportion, degree, quantity, or number generally prevailing. *a.* Medium, ordinary. *v.t.* To calculate the average; to take the ordinary standard.

**averse** (á-vērs') [L. *a-*, *ab-*, away, *vertere*, to turn], *a.* Feeling, dislike; unwilling, disinclined. **aversely**, *adv.* **averseness**, *n.* **aversion**, *n.* Disinclination, repugnance; an object of dislike.

**avert** (á-vērt') [as prec.], *v.t.* To turn from or away (used specially of something feared or threatened); to ward off.

**aviary** (á-vi-ári) [L. *avis*, a bird], *n.* A large cage or building for birds.

**aviation** (á-vi-á-shún) [as prec.], *n.* The art of flying, or of travelling in the air by mechanical means. **aviator**, *n.* A person skilled in managing flying-machines.

**avid** (áv'id) [L. *avidus*, greedy], *a.* Greedy, ardently desirous. **avidity**, *n.*

**avocation** (áv-ō-kā-shún) [L. *ā-*, *ab-*, away, *vocāre*, to call], *n.* Ordinary employment, calling, business.

**avoid** (á-void') [O.F. *es-*, out, *vuidier*, to void], *v.t.* To shun; keep away from; evade. **avoidable**, *a.* **avoidably**, *adv.*

**avoirdu pois** (áv'ér-dé-pois) [O.F. *avoir* (*avoir*) *de pois*, things of weight], *n.* The system of weights based on the unit of



a pound of 16 ounces, equal to 7,000 grains.

**avouch** (á-vouch') [L. AD-, *vocāre*, to call], *v.t.* To affirm, guarantee; to avow.

**avow** (á-vou') [as prec.], *v.t.* To own, admit; to state, declare. **avowal**, *n.* An open declaration. **avowed**, *a.* Acknowledged.

**avuncular** (á-vūng'kū-lár) [L. *avunculus*, a maternal uncle], *a.* Pertaining to an uncle, or (*slang*) to a pawnbroker.

**await** (á-wát') [O.N.F. *awaiter*, to lie in wait for], *v.t.* To wait for, look out for, expect; to be in store for.

**awake** (á-wák') [A.-S.], *v.i.* To wake from sleep; to become alive to (anything); to become active or alert. *v.t.* To arouse from sleep, or from lethargy or inaction; to excite to action. *a.* Not asleep; vigilant, aware of, alive to (some object). **awaken**, *v.t.* To awake.

**award** (á-wórd') [A.-F. *awarder*], *v.t.* To adjudge, to assign judicially. *n.* The decision of judge or umpire.

**aware** (á-wár') [A.-S. *geuær*], *a.* Apprised, conscious; watchful, vigilant.

**away** (á-wá') [A.-S. *onweg*, on the way], *adv.* Implying motion from; absent, in the other direction; constantly; straightway. Used elliptically as a verb, Be off!

**awe** (aw) [Icel. *agi*], *n.* Dread mingled with veneration; solemn, reverential wonder. **awesome**, *a.* Full of awe.

**awful** (aw-ful) [AWE, FULL], *a.* Inspiring awe; sublime; dreadful, fearful, appalling; (*colloq.*) frightful, terrible; often as a mere intensive. **awfully**, *adv.*

**awhile** (á-whíl') [A.-S. *āne while*], *adv.* For some time; for a little.

**awkward** (awk'wárd) [M.E. *awk*, contrary, untoward, -WARD], *a.* Unhandy; lacking dexterity, ill adapted for use; embarrassed.

**awl** (awl) [A.-S. *æl*], *n.* A small tool used for making holes in leather.

**awn** (awn) [Icel. *ögn*, chaff], *n.* The beard of corn and grasses.

**awning** (aw'ning) [?], *n.* A covering of canvas or other material used as a protection from sun or rain.

**awry** (á-ri) [a-, on, WRY], *adv.* Obliquely, crookedly; amiss. *a.* Distorted; wrong.

**axe** (áks) [A.-S. *æx*], *n.* A sharp-edged iron instrument with a wooden handle, for hewing or chopping.

**axillar**, **axillary** (ák'sil-ár, -ár-il), [L. *axilla*, an armpit], *a.* Pertaining to the armpit.

**axiom** (ák-si-óm) [Gr. *axiōs*, I esteem], *n.* A self-evident proposition, assented to as soon as enunciated. **axiomat'ic**, *a.* Self-evident, containing an axiom or axioms; full of maxims.

**axis** (ák'sis) [L., the axle], *n.* (*pl.* axes). A real or imaginary straight line round which a body revolves or its parts are arranged; the second cervical vertebra, or the process on it by which it articulates with the skull.

**axle** (áksl) [Icel. *öxull*, L. *axis*], *n.* The bar on which a wheel revolves, or which revolves with the wheel; the axle-tree.

**axle-tree**, *n.* The bar connecting wheels, on the ends of which they revolve.

**ay, aye** (1) (I) [?], *adv., int.* Yes. *n.* An affirmative vote; (*pl.*) those who vote in the affirmative.

**ayah** (í'á) [Indian vernacular *āya*], *n.* A native Hindu nurse or lady's-maid.

**aye** (2) (ā) [M.E. *ay* (cogn. with Gr. *aei*)], *adv.* Always, ever, on all occasions.

**azalea** (á-zá'lé-á) [Gr. *azaleos*, dry], *n.* A genus of shrubby plants with showy flowers.

**azure** (ázh'ér, ázh'ūr) [Pers. *lāzhward*, lapis lazuli], *n.* The deep blue of the sky.

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**baa** (ba) [Imit.], *n.* The bleat of a sheep. *v.t.* To cry or bleat as a sheep.

**babble** (bābl) [from *ba ba*, the earliest attempts of a child to speak], *v.i.* To utter indistinct sounds; to prattle; to make inarticulate sounds (of streams, birds, etc.). *v.t.* To prate; to utter idly. *n.* Shallow, foolish talk; confused murmur, as of a brook. **babblers**, *n.*

**babe** (bāb) [prob. from obs. *baban*, imit. from childish speech (cp. BABBLE)], *n.* A baby.

**babel** (bā'bél) [Heb., confusion], *n.* Noisy confusion, tumult, disorder.

**baboo** (ba'boo) [Hind. *babu*], *n.* A term corresponding in Bengal to English *Mr.*; a native clerk who writes English.

**baboon** (bā-boon') [?], *n.* A large monkey with dog-like snout.

**baby** (bā'bi) [dim. of BABE], *n.* An infant; a child in arms; (*fig.*) a foolish, childish person. **babyhood**, *n.* **babyish**, *a.*

**baccalaureate** (bāk-á-law'ri-át) [med. L. *baccalaureus*], *n.* University degree of bachelor.

**baccara**, **baccarat** (bāk-á-ra) [F.], *n.* A game of cards.

**bacchanal** (bāk-á-nál) [L. (*Bacchus*, the god of wine)], *a.* Pertaining to Bacchus, characterized by drunken revelry. *n.* A drunken reveller. **bacchanalian**, *a.* **Bacchanal**, *n.* A drunken reveller.

**bachelor** (bách-él-ór) [O.F. *bachelier*], *n.* An unmarried man; one who has taken the university degree below master or doctor.

**bachelorhood**, **bachelorship**, *n.*

**bacillus** (bá-sil'ús) [late L., a little rod], *n.* (*pl.* bacilli). Microscopic rod-like bacteria, found in diseased tissue.

**back** (bák) [A.-S. *bæc*], *n.* The hinder part of the human body and the corresponding part in the lower animals; the hinder part of anything, the rear.

*adv.* In a direction to the rear. *v.t.* To furnish with a back; to be at the back of; to support, second, uphold; to bet in favour of; to mount; to countersign, endorse; to push or cause to move back. *v.i.* To retreat. **backbite**, *v.t.* and *i.*

To slander or speak ill of. **backbiter**, *n.*

**backbone**, *n.* The spine; a main support; strength of character, firmness.

**backer**, *n.* One who supports, by money or credit; one who bets on a horse or

an event. **background**, *n.* The ground or surface behind the chief objects of contemplation; the setting; (*fig.*) inferior position; obscurity. **backslide**, *v.i.* To fall into wrong-doing or false opinions after conversion; to relapse. **backslider**, *n.* **backstairs**, *n.pl.* Stairs at the back of a house; private stairs for use of servants, etc. *a.* Clandestine, underhand, scandalous. **backstays**, *n.pl.* Ropes or stays extending with a slant aft from the masts-heads to the sides of the ship.

**backgammon** (băk-găm'ôn) [BACK, GAME], *n.* A game for two, played on a table with draughtsmen and dice.

**backward**, -wards (băk'wărd, -z) [BACK-, -WARD], *adv.* Towards the back; behind; towards past time or a worse state or condition; in reverse order. **backward**, *a.* Directed to the back or rear; reversed, reluctant, unwilling; behind in progress.

**bacon** (bă'kôn) [O.H.G. *bacho*, buttock, ham], *n.* The back and sides of a pig, cured by salting and drying.

**bacterium** (băk-tēr'i-um) [Gr. *baktērion*, a little stick], *n.* (*pl.* *bacteria*). Microscopic fission fungi, rod-shaped and unicellular; found in decomposing infusions of organic bodies. **bacterial**, *a.* **bacteriology**, *n.* The scientific study of bacteria. **bacteriologist**, *n.*

**bad** (băd) [?], *a.* (comp. *worse*, superl. *worst*). Not good, worthless; evil, wicked. **baddish**, *a.* Rather bad. **badly**, *adv.* (comp. *worse*, superl. *worst*). In a bad manner; evilly; unskillfully; (*colloq.*) very much. **badness**, *n.*

**badge** (băj) [?], *n.* A distinctive sign or token worn.

**badger** (băj'ér) [?], *n.* A burrowing, nocturnal quadruped. *v.t.* To tease.

**badinage** (bădi'năzh) [F., from *badiner*, to jest], *n.* Light raillery; banter.

**badminton** (băd'min-tôn) [country seat of Duke of Beaufort], *n.* A game resembling lawn-tennis, played with shuttle-cocks.

**baffle** (băf) [perh. F. *bafouer*, to hoodwink], *v.t.* To frustrate, elude, thwart. **baffling**, *a.*

**bag** (băg) [?], *n.* A small sack or other flexible receptacle; a game-bag, the result of a day's sport. *v.t.* To put into a bag; (*slang*) to catch, take. *v.i.* To swell as a bag; hang loosely. **bagpipe**, *n.* A musical instrument consisting of a wind-bag and several reed-pipes into which the air is pressed.

**bagatelle** (băg-ă-tel') [It. *bagatella*, a trifle], *n.* A trifle, a trumpery amount; a game played on a nine-holed board, with nine balls and a cue.

**baggage** (băg'ăj) [O.F. *bagage*; It. *baga*, a wine-skin], *n.* Portable belongings esp. of an army or for use on a journey.

**bail** (băl) [O.F. *bail*, safe keeping], *n.* The release of a prisoner from custody on security; the security, or those who give it; guarantee; (*Cricket*, *pl.*) the crosspieces laid on the top of the wicket. *v.t.* To

procure the liberation of by giving sureties; to release on bail. To empty a boat of water. **bailee** (bă-lē'), *n.* One to whom goods are entrusted.

**bailey** (bă'li) [?], *n.* The outer court of a feudal castle.

**bailiff** (bă'lif) [BAIL], *n.* A sheriff's officer who executes writs and distrains; an agent or steward.

**bairn** (bărn) [A.-S.], *n.* A child.

**bait** (băt) [Icel. *bíta*, to bite], *v.t.* To furnish (a hook, trap, etc.) with real or sham food; to allure; to give food to a horse; to worry, harass. *v.i.* To stop on a journey for rest or refreshment. *n.* An attraction put on a hook, etc.

**baize** (băz) [F. *baies*, chestnut-coloured], *n.* A coarse woollen stuff like flannel.

**bake** (băk) [A.-S. *bacan*], *v.t.* To cook by dry heat, in an oven or on a heated surface; to harden by fire or the sun's rays. *v.i.* To cook food by baking; to undergo the process; to become dry and hard by heat. **baker**, *n.* One whose occupation is to bake. **bakery**, *n.* A baker's establishment.

**balance** (băl'ăns) [L. *bi*, two, *lanx*, a flat plate], *n.* A pair of scales, or any instrument for weighing; a regulator for clocks, etc.; equipoise, equality of weight or power; the amount necessary to make two unequal amounts equal; the difference between the debtor and creditor side of an account; an impartial state of mind. *v.t.* To weigh; compare by weighing; bring to an equipoise. *v.i.* To be in equipoise; to oscillate.

**balcony** (băl'kô-ni) [It. *balcone*], *n.* A platform projecting from a wall.

**bald** (bawld) [?], *a.* Without hair upon the crown of the head; bare; destitute of ornament or grace. **bald-faced**, *a.* Having the face marked with white.

**baldly**, *adv.* In a bald manner; shamelessly, inelegantly. **baldness**, *n.*

**balderdash** (bawld'ér-dăsh) [?], *n.* A confused speech or writing.

**baldric** (bawld'rîk) [M.E. *baudrik*], *n.* An ornamented belt.

**bale** (1) (băl) [A.-S. *bealo*], *n.* Evil, calamity; pain, misery. **baful**, *a.*

**bale** (2) (băl) [O.F. *bale*], *n.* A package of goods, wrapped and ready for transportation.

**balk**, **baulk** (bawk) [A.-S. *balca*, a ridge], *n.* A ridge of land left unploughed; a beam of timber; the part of a billiard table behind a transverse line; an obstacle, a hindrance, disappointment. *v.t.* To check, hinder; to disappoint, evade, frustrate. *v.i.* To turn aside.

**ball** (1) (bawld) [M.E. *balle*], *n.* A spherical body of any dimensions.

**ball** (2) (bawld) [F. *bal*], *n.* A social assembly for dancing.

**ballad** (băl'ăd) [O.F. *balade*], *n.* A popular song; a simple spirited poem telling a story.

**ballade** (bă-lăd') [F., see prec.], *n.* A poem consisting of three eight-lined stanzas,



rhyming a b a b b c b c, each having the same line as a refrain, and with an envoy of four lines.

**ballast** (băl'ást) [Scand. *bar*, bare, last, load], *n.* Heavy substances placed in the bottom of a ship to keep her steady; gravel or other material laid as foundation for a road; that which tends to give intellectual or moral stability.

**ballet** (băl'á) [F., dim. of *bal*, BALL (2)], *n.* A dramatic representation, consisting of dancing and pantomime.

**balloon** (bá-loon') [It. *ballone*, a large ball], *n.* A spherical or pear-shaped bag of light material, which when filled with heated air or hydrogen rises and floats, often with a car attached capable of containing several persons. **ballooning**, *n.* The practice of making balloon ascents; aeronautics. **balloonist**, *n.*

**ballot** (băl'ót) [It. *ballotta*], *n.* A ball used for voting; a paper used to give a secret vote; the system of secret voting. *v.i.* To vote secretly.

**balm** (bam) [L. *balsamum*], *n.* Balsam; fragrant gum of certain trees; anything which soothes; fragrance; several fragrant garden herbs. *v.t.* To anoint with balm; to soothe, assuage. **balmy**, *a.* **balminess**, *n.*

**balsam** (bawl'sám) [as prec.], *n.* A vegetable resin with a strong fragrant odour; a medicament made with oil or resin for anointing wounds or soothing pain; anything of healing or soothing qualities. **balsam'ic**, **bal'samous**, *a.* Mitigating, assuaging pain, soothing.

**baluster** (băl'ús-tér) [Gr. *balaustion*, flower of the pomegranate (from supposed resemblance to its calyx tube)], *n.* A small column forming part of a series called a balustrade; a banister; **balustrade**, *n.* A range of balusters supporting a coping or rail.

**bamboo** (bám-boo') [?], *n.* A giant tropical grass; the stem of such grass used as a stick, etc.

**bamboozle** (bám-boozi') [?], *v.t.* To mystify for purposes of fraud; to cheat.

**ban** (bán) [A.-S. *bannan*, to summon], *v.t.* To curse, anathematize; to interdict, proscribe. *n.* A public proclamation; an interdict; a formal anathematization or prohibition, proscription, outlawry; (*pl.*, now *spelt* BANNS) proclamation of intended marriage.

**banal** (bá'nál, bân'al) [F.], *a.* Commonplace, trite, petty. **banal'ity**, *n.* A commonplace; triviality.

**banana** (bá-ná'ná) [native name in Guinea], *n.* A tropical tree, or its fruit.

**band** (bánd) [O. Teut. *bindan*, to bind], *n.* That which binds, confines, or restrains; a collar or ruff; a bond, tie, uniting influence; an assemblage of men or animals; a company of musicians trained to play together. **bandbox**, *n.* A light box for holding collars, hats, millinery, etc. **band-master**, *n.* The leader of a band of musicians. **band-saw**, *n.* An

endless steel saw, running rapidly over wheels. **bandsman**, *n.* A member of a band of musicians. **band-stand**, *n.* An elevated platform for musicians.

**bandage** [as prec.], *n.* A strip used to bind up wounds, fractures, etc.; the operation of bandaging; (*Arch.*) a tie or bond. *v.t.* To bind up with a bandage.

**bandanna** (bán-dán'á) [Hind. *bāndhnā*, a mode of spot dyeing], *n.* A coloured silk handkerchief with white spots.

**bandeau** (bán'dō) [F.], *n.* (*pl.* -eaux). A narrow fillet for the head.

**bandicoot** (bán'di-koot) [Telugu], *n.* A large Indian rat (*Mus giganteus*); the Australian marsupial genus *Perameles*.

**bandit** (bán'dit) [It. *bandito*], *n.* (*pl.* **banditti**, **bandits**). An outlaw; a brigand.

**bandoleer**, -lier (bán-dó-lēr') [Sp. *bandolera*], *n.* A shoulder belt with loops to receive cartridges.

**bandy** (bán'di) [?], *v.t.* To beat, toss, or throw to and fro; to give and take. *n.* Hockey. *a.* Crooked, bent.

**bane** (bán) [A.-S. *bana*, a murderer], *n.* Poison; that which causes ruin; destruction, woe, **baneful**, *a.*

**bang** (báng) [Icel. *banga*, to beat], *v.t.* To beat with hard blows; to slam (a door), fire, beat (drum, cymbals) with a loud noise. *n.* A resounding blow, a thump; a sudden explosive noise.

**bangle** (bángl) [Hind. *bangri*, wrist-ring], *n.* A ring-bracelet.

**banish** (bán'ish) [O.F. *banir*, see BAN], *v.t.* To condemn to exile; to expel. **banishment**, *n.* Exile, expatriation.

**banister** (bán'is-tér) [corr. of BALUSTER], *n.* A shaft supporting a hand-rail; (*pl.*) the whole railing protecting the outer side of a staircase.

**banjo** (bán'jō) [Negro], *n.* A stringed musical instrument, played with the fingers. **banjoist**, *n.*

**bank** (1) (bánk) [M.E. *banke*, a bench], *n.* A mound with steeply sloping sides; a shelving elevation of sand, etc., in the sea or in a river; the margin of a river; a long flat-topped mass, as of snow, cloud, etc.; the ground at the top of a coal-mine. *v.t.* To confine within, or strengthen with, banks. *v.i.* (*Aeroplaning*) To incline inwards at a high angle in turning.

**bank** (2) (bánk) [F. *banque*, It. *banca*, a bench], *n.* An establishment which receives money on deposit from customers and invests it; (*Gaming*) the money which the proprietor of the table, or player who plays against the rest, has before him. *v.t.* To deposit in a bank.

**banker** (bank'ér) [BANK (2), -ER], *n.* A proprietor, partner, or manager of a bank; one who keeps the bank at a gaming-table; the dealer in certain card-games.

**bankrupt** (bánk'rúpt) [It. *banca rotta*, bank broken], *n.* One judicially declared an insolvent debtor. *a.* Insolvent; (*fig.*) without credit; at the end of one's resources. *v.t.* To render (a person) bank-

rupt; to reduce to beggary or discredit.  
**bankruptcy**, *n.*

**banner** (băn'ér) [O.F. *baniere*, standard, Goth. *bandwa*, sign, token], *n.* A standard used as a rallying-point in battle; an ensign bearing a device or emblem.

**bannerette** (băn'ér-ét) [O.F. *banerete*, dim. of *baniere*, BANNER], *n.* A small banner.

**bannock** (băn'ók) [Gael.], *n.* A flat round cake baked on an iron plate over the fire.

**banns** (bănz) [BAN (1)], *n. pl.* Proclamation in church of an intended marriage.

**banquet** (băng'kwét) [F. dim. of *banc*, bench], *n.* A ceremonial feast, followed by speeches. *v. i.* To entertain at a sumptuous feast. *v. i.* To feast luxuriously.

**banshee** (băn'shē) [Ir. *bean sídhe*, woman of the fairies], *n.* A supernatural being, supposed by Irish peasantry to wail round a house when one of the inmates is about to die.

**bantam** (băn'tám) [*Bantam* in Java], *n.* A small, very pugnacious, domestic fowl. **bantam-weight**, *n.* A boxer not exceeding 8st. 4lbs.

**banter** (băn'tér) [?], *v. t.* To ridicule good-humouredly; to chaff. *v. i.* To indulge in good-natured raillery. *n.* Chaff.

**banyan-tree**, *n.* The Indian fig-tree.

**baptism** (băp'tizm) [as next], *n.* The act of baptizing; admission into the Christian Church, etc. **baptismal** (-tiz'mál), *a.* Conferred at baptism.

**Baptist**, *n.* One who holds that baptism should be administered only to adults and by immersion. **bap'tistry**, *n.* The place where baptism is administered.

**baptize** (băp-tíz) [Gr. *baptizein* (*baptein*, to dip)], *v. t.* To sprinkle with or immerse in water as a sign of admission into the Christian Church; to christen.

**bar** (1) (bar) [O.F. *barre*], *n.* A piece of solid material, long in proportion to breadth; a transverse piece in a gate, window, grate, etc.; a connecting piece; a straight stripe; a broad band; an ingot; a hindrance or obstruction; a bank of silt at the mouth of a river or harbour; a barrier, esp. that at which prisoners stand during trial; the profession of a barrister; barristers collectively; the counter in an hotel or place of refreshment, across which liquors, etc., are sold; the room containing this; (*Mus.*) a vertical line across the stave dividing a composition into parts of equal duration; the portion contained between two such lines. *v. t.* To fasten with bars; to take exception to; to hinder, to prevent, exclude. **barmaid**, **barman**, *n.* A woman or man who serves at the bar of a hotel, etc.

**bar** (2) [Gr. *baros*, weight], *n.* The unit of atmospheric pressure; the weight of a column of mercury standing at 29.531 in. or 750.06 millimetres.

**barb** (1) (barb) [L. *barba*, beard], *n.* The appendages on the mouth of certain fishes; a recurved point, as in a fish-hook or arrow, or on barbed wire; a sting.

**barb** (2) [from the country], *n.* A fine breed of horse originally from Barbary.

**barbarian** (bar-bă'rián) [L. *barbaria*], *n.* A savage; one destitute of pity or humanity. *a.* Uncivilized, cruel, inhuman. **barbaric** (-băr'ik), *a.* Pertaining to barbarians. **bar'barism**, *n.* **bar'barity** (-băr'i-ti), *n.* Inhumanity, cruelty. **bar'barize**, *v. t.* To render barbarous.

**barbarous** (bar'bă-rūs) [Gr. *barbaros* (prob. imit. of unintelligible speech)], *a.* Foreign in speech, barbarian; hence, harsh-sounding; uncivilized, uncultured.

**barbecue** (bar'bé-kū) [Haitian, *barbacoa*], *n.* An animal roasted whole.

**barbel** (bar'bél) [L. *barba*, beard], *n.* A European freshwater fish.

**barber** (bar'bér) [L. *barbātōr*, from *barba*, beard], *n.* One who shaves and cuts beards and hair.

**barberry** (bar'bér-i), [late L. *barbaris*], *n.* A shrub bearing red acid berries.

**barbette** (bar-bet') [F., dim. of *barbe*, beard], *n.* A mound of earth, or a platform in a warship, on which guns are mounted.

**barbican** (bar'bi-kán) [O.F. *barbacan*], *n.* An outer fortification designed as a cover to the inner works.

**barcarole** (bar'ká-röl) [It. *barcaruola*, a boat song (*barca*, a boat)], *n.* A song sung by the Venetian gondoliers.

**bard** (bard) [Gael.], *n.* A Celtic minstrel who celebrated heroic achievements; a poet. **bardic**, *a.* **bardish**, *a.*

**bare** (băr) [A.-S. *bær*], *a.* Naked; destitute of natural covering, as fur, leaves, soil, etc.; with head uncovered as a mark of respect; unarmed; unsheathed; ill-furnished, empty; (*fig.*) mere, unsupported; unadorned. *v. t.* To strip, make bare. **barefaced**, *a.* Impudent, shameless. **barely**, *adv.* Nakedly; hardly, scarcely.

**bargain** (bar'gán) [O.F. *bargaine*, a chaffering], *n.* An agreement between parties concerning a sale; the thing sold; an advantageous purchase. *v. i.* To haggle; to make an agreement for purchase or sale.

**barge** (barj) [O.F. *barge*, BARK (3)], *n.* A flat-bottomed freight-boat used on canals or rivers; a large, ornamental state or pleasure boat. *v. i.* (*slang*) To lurch (into). **bargee** (bar-jé'), *n.* A member of a barge's crew.

**barilla** (bă-ril'ă) [Sp.], *n.* An impure soda obtained from the ash of certain plants.

**baritone** (băr'i-tōn) [Gr. *barus*, heavy, tones, tone], *n.* A male voice intermediate between bass and tenor; a singer having such a voice. *a.* Having this compass.

**bark** (1) (bark) [A.-S. *beorcan*], *v. t.* To utter a sharp cry, like a dog's. *n.* The sharp, explosive cry of dogs.

**bark** (2) (bark) [Scand.], *n.* The exterior covering of a tree. *v. t.* To strip the bark from a tree; to graze, abrade (ships, elbows, etc.).

**bark** (3), **barque** (bark) [F. *barque*, It. *barca*, L. *barca*, a small boat], *n.* A small sailing vessel; (**barque**) a three-masted



vessel, with fore and main masts square-rigged and mizen fore-and-aft rigged.

**barley** (bār'li) [A.-S. *bærlic*], *n.* The grain or the plant of the genus *Hordeum*, a hardy, awned cereal. **barley-corn**, *n.* A grain of barley; the third part of an inch.

**barm** (barm) [A.-S. *beorma*], *n.* The frothy scum which rises to the surface of malt liquor in fermentation; yeast.

**barn** (barn) [A.-S. *bern*], *n.* A covered building for the storage of grain, etc.

**barnacle** (bār'nākl) [O.F. *bernaque*], *n.* The barnacle-geese; a small crustacean attached by a stalk; (*fig.*) a constant attendant. **barnacle-geese**, *n.* A wild goose.

**barnacles** (bār'nāklz) [O.F. *bernac*, flat-nosed], *n. pl.* A twitch put on the nostrils of a horse while being shod; an instrument of torture; (*slang*) a pair of spectacles.

**barograph** (bār'ō-grāf) [Gr. *baros*, weight, -GRAPH], *n.* An aneroid barometer recording the variations of atmospheric pressure.

**barometer** (bā-rom'ē-tēr) [Gr. *baros*, weight, -METER], *n.* An instrument for measuring atmospheric pressure, indicating probable weather change and altitudes reached. **baromet'ric**, *a.*

**baron** (bār'ōn) [O.F. *barun*], *n.* A member of the lowest rank of nobility; a title of the judges of the Court of Exchequer.

**baroness** (bār'ō-nes), *n.* The wife of a baron. **baro'nial**, *a.* **bar'ony**, *n.* The lordship, rank, or dignity of a baron.

**baronet** (bār'ō-net) [dim. of BARON], *n.* An hereditary titled order of commoners ranking next below barons. **baronetcy**, *n.* The title or rank of a baronet.

**barouche** (bā-roosh') [L. *birotus*, two-wheeled], *n.* A four-wheeled carriage with a movable top.

**barrack** (bār'āk) [F. *baraque*], *n.* A building used to house troops (*usu. in pl.*); any large building resembling barracks.

**barrage** (bār'āj) [F., from *barre*, bar], *n.* The formation of an artificial dam to raise the water in a river; the bar or dam so formed; a storm of projectiles.

**barrator** (bār'ā-tor) [O.F. *barateur*, a fraudulent dealer], *n.* One who stirs up litigation or discord; **barratry**, *n.* Fraud or criminal negligence on the part of a master of a ship; the offence of vexatiously exciting or maintaining law-suits.

**barrel** (bār'él) [F. *baril*], *n.* A cylindrical wooden vessel bulging in the middle and with flat ends; the capacity or contents of such a vessel; the tube of a firearm; a revolving cylinder round which a chain or rope is wound.

**barren** (bār'ēn) [O.F. *baraine*], *a.* Incapable of producing, esp. offspring or fruit; (*fig.*) fruitless, unprofitable; uninventive, dull. **barrenly**, *adv.* **barrenness**, *n.*

**barricade** (bār'i-kād') [Sp. *barricada* (*barrica*, a barrel)], *n.* A makeshift rampart thrown up to obstruct an enemy; any obstruction. *v.t.* To block or defend with a barricade.

**barrier** (bār'i-ēr) [A.-F. *barrere*, L. *barra*,

*bar*], *n.* That which hinders approach; a fence, railing, limit, boundary.

**barrister** (bār'is-tēr) [F. *barre* and -STER (the *bar* was a division in the Inns of Court)], *n.* A lawyer practising as an advocate at the bar; a counsellor-at-law.

**barrow** (1) (bār'ō) [A.-S. *beorwe*, from *beran*, to carry], *n.* A small hand-cart with one wheel and two handles.

**barrow** (2) (bār'ō) [A.-S. *beorg*], *n.* A prehistoric grave-mound, a tumulus.

**barter** (bār'tēr) [O.F. *bareter*, to cheat], *v.t.* To exchange commodities. *v.i.* To traffic by exchanging one thing for another. *n.* Traffic by exchange. **barterer**, *n.*

**bartizan** (bar-ti-zān') [M.E. *bertisene*], *n.* A battlement on top of a castle; a small overhanging turret.

**basalt** (bās'awit) [L. *basaltis*], *n.* A dark-coloured, compact igneous rock often found in columnar form. **basaltic**, *a.*

**base** (1) (bās) [F. *bas*, late L. *bassus*, short], *a.* Low, occupying a low position; unworthy, despicable; inferior in quality; counterfeit; **base-born**, *a.* Born out of wedlock. **baseness**, *n.*

**base** (2) (bās) [F. *base*, L. and Gr. *basis* (*bainein*, to stand)], *n.* The lowest part on which a thing rests; fundamental principle, groundwork; a pedestal; a starting-post; that line or place from which a combatant draws reinforcements of men, ammunition, etc.; (*Chem.*) that with which an acid combines to form a salt; (*Gram.*) the original stem of a word; the datum or basis for any process of reckoning measurement or argument. *v.t.* To make a foundation for; to lay on a foundation; (*fig.*) to found, secure. **basal**, *a.* **baseless**, *a.* Without foundation; groundless. **basement**, *n.* The lowest inhabited story of a building, esp. when below the ground level.

**bashful** (bāsh'fūl) [ABASH], *a.* Shame-faced, shy; characterized by excessive modesty. **bashfully**, *adv.* **bashfulness**, *n.*

**basilica** (bā-sil'i-kā) [Gr. *basilikē*, royal house], *n.* A large oblong building with double colonnades and an apse; a church built on this plan. **basilican**, *a.*

**basilisk** (bās'i-lisk) [Gr. *basiliskos*, kingly], *n.* A fabulous reptile, said to be hatched by a serpent from a cock's egg, whose look and breath were reputed fatal.

**basin** (bāsn) [O.F. *basin*], *n.* A hollow (*usu. circular*) vessel for holding water; a bowl; a dock, a land-locked harbour; the tract of country drained by a river and its tributaries; a hollow.

**basis** (bā'sis) [L., BASE (2)], *n.* (*pl. bases*) The base, fundamental principle, groundwork.

**bask** (bask) [O. Scand. *bathask* to bathe oneself], *v.t.* To expose oneself to the sun; (*fig.*) to sun oneself in love, good fortune, etc.

**basket** (bas'két) [?], *n.* A receptacle of plaited osiers, twigs, etc. (*Arch.*) the vase of a Corinthian column with its carved foliage. **basket-work**, *n.* Wickerwork.

**bas-relief** (bas'rè-léf) [It. *basso-rilievo*], *n.* Low relief; sculpture in which the figures project only slightly.

**bass** (1) (bäs) [BAST], *n.* The inner fibre of the lime-tree or similar vegetable fibre.

**bass** (2) (bäs) [earlier *base* BASE (1)], *n.* The lowest part in harmonized musical compositions; the deepest male voice; one who sings the bass part.

**bass** (3), **basse** (bäs) [A.-S. *bars*], *n.* A sea-fish, common in European waters.

**basset** (bäs'et) [F. dim. of *basse*, low], *n.* A short-legged dog used to drive foxes and badgers from their earths.

**bassinet** (bäs-i-net') [F., dim. of *bassin*, BASIN], *n.* A hooded, oblong wicker basket used as a cradle; a perambulator.

**bassoon** (bä-soon') [F. *basson*], *n.* A wooden double-reed instrument, the bass to the clarinet and oboe.

**bast** (bäst) [A.-S. *bæst*], *n.* The inner bark of the lime; any similar fibrous bark; a rope, mat, etc., made from this [cp. BASS (1)].

**bastard** (bäs'tärd) [O.F. *bast*, pack-saddle], *n.* An illegitimate child; anything spurious; an old Spanish wine. *a.* Born out of wedlock; spurious, not genuine.

**baste** (1) (bäst) [?], *v.t.* To moisten (a roasting joint) with gravy, etc.; to beat with a stick, thrash, cudgel.

**baste** (2) (bäst) [O.F. *bastir*], *v.t.* To sew lightly, tack, fasten together with long stitches.

**bastinado** (bäs-ti-nä'dō) [Sp. (*baston*, a stick)], *n.* An Oriental punishment inflicted with a stick on the soles of the feet. *v.t.* To beat with a stick.

**bastion** (bäs'ti-ön) [F.], *n.* A projecting work at the angle or in the line of a fortification, having two faces and two flanks.

**bat** (1) (bät) [?], *n.* A wooden club with a cylindrical handle and broad blade used to strike the ball at cricket, etc. *v.i.* To take an innings as batsman. **batsman**, *n.* One who uses the bat at games.

**bat** (2) (bät) [M.E. *bakke*, from Icel. *blaka*, to flutter], *n.* A small nocturnal mouse-like mammal, having the digits extended to support a membrane by means of which it flies.

**bat** (3) (ba, bät, bat) [F. *bät*, a pack-saddle], *n.* (*only in combination*) A pack-saddle.

**bat-horse**, *n.* A sumpter-horse carrying officers' baggage. **batman**, *n.* The military servant of an officer.

**batch** (bäch) [A.-S. *bacan*, to bake], *n.* As much bread as is produced at one baking; sort, lot, set, crew.

**bate** (bät) [ABATE], *v.t.* To diminish; to humble; to moderate, restrain; deprive, remove. *v.i.* To fall away, decrease.

**bath** (1) (bath) [A.-S. *bæth*], *n.* A washing or immersing; the water or other fluid used for bathing; the vessel for containing this; a room or building for bathing in. *v.t.* To wash or put (*usu.* a child) in a bath.

**bath brick**, *n.* A preparation of calcareous earth (found near Bath, Somerset) used for cleaning metal. **Bath chap**, *n.* A small

pig's cheek cured. **bath-room**, *n.* An apartment containing a bath.

**bath** (2) (bäth) [Heb.], *n.* An ancient Hebrew liquid measure, about 6½ gallons.

**bathe** (bäh) [A.-S. *bathian*], *v.t.* To immerse in a bath. *v.i.* To take a bath. *n.* The act of taking a bath (esp. in the sea, a river, etc.). **bather**, *n.* -One who bathes, esp. in sea or river.

**bathos** (bä'thos) [Gr., depth], *n.* Ridiculous descent from the sublime to the commonplace; anticlimax. **bathet'ic**, *a.*

**bating** (bä'ting) [BATE], *prep.* Leaving out of the question; excepting.

**batiste** (bä-těst') [F.], *n.* A cambric; a fine fabric resembling this.

**baton** (bät'ön) [F. *bâton*], *n.* A staff; a truncheon as a badge or symbol of authority; the wand used by a conductor in beating time.

**Batrachia** (bä-trä'ki-ä) [Gr. *batrachos*, frog], *n.pl.* An order of reptiles including those breathing by gills, and of Amphibia which have gills and tail only in the larval stage. **batrachian**, *a.* Pertaining to the Batrachia; *n.* Any individual of the Batrachia.

**battalion** (bä-täl'yön) [F. *bataillon*, *batailler*, to battle], *n.* A main division of an army; the tactical and administrative unit of infantry, generally about 1000 strong on a war footing.

**batten** (1) (bätñ) [BATON], *n.* A piece of wood from 1 to 9 ins. wide and ½ to 2½ ins. thick; a scantling, ledge. *v.t.* To fasten or strengthen with battens. **batten down**: (*Naut.*) To close down the hatches.

**batten** (2) (bätñ) [cp. Dut. *baten*, to avail, to profit], *v.i.* To feed on gluttonously, grow fat; to thrive, prosper; to revel in.

**batter** (bät'ér) [O.F. *battre*, to beat], *v.t.* To strike repeatedly; to impair by beating or rough usage; to subject to crushing attack, esp. with artillery; to bombard. *n.* A mixture of several ingredients well beaten together; a soft pudding; liquid mud; a blow. **battering-ram**, *n.* An ancient military engine used for battering down walls.

**battery** (bät'ér-i) [F. *batterie*, BATTER], *n.* An assailing by blows; pieces of artillery for combined action, with their men, horses, and equipment; the fortified work, or the part of a ship, in which artillery is mounted; a ship's guns; an apparatus forming a source of electric energy.

**battle** (bätl) [O.F. *batayle*, L. *battuere*, to beat], *n.* A fight between opposing armies or forces; fighting, hostilities, war. *v.t.* To fight, to contend (with or against). **battle-cry**, *n.* A war-cry, a slogan. **battle-royal**, *n.* A free fight, a general row. **battle-ship**, *n.* A warship adapted by armament for line of battle as opposed to a cruiser.

**battledore** (bätl'dör) [?], *n.* A light racket used to strike a shuttlecock.

**battlement** (bätl'mént) [O.F.], *n.* A parapet with embrasures, on the top of a building, originally for defence.

**battue** (ba-too') [F., beaten], *n.* Driving



game from cover by beating the bushes; a shoot on this plan; (*fig.*) a beat up, wholesale slaughter.

**bauble** (hawbl) [O.F. *baubel*, a child's plaything], *n.* A jester's short stick having a head with ass's ears carved at the end of it; a thing of no value.

**bavin** (báv'in) [?], *n.* Brushwood, firewood.

**bawbee** (baw-bé') [?], *n.* An old Scots copper coin equivalent to about a half-penny.

**bawl** (bawl) [med. L. *bauldre*, to bark], *v.i.* To cry loudly, bellow. *n.* A loud, prolonged shout or cry.

**bay** (1) (bā) [F. *baie*], *n.* An arm of the sea extending into the land with a wide mouth; a recess or opening in a wall; a main compartment; an internal recess in a room formed by the outward projection of the walls; part of a ship between decks. **bay-window**, *n.* An angular window structure forming a recess in a room.

**bay** (2) (bā) [O.F. *abat*, barking; *aboi*, aboyer, to bark], *n.* Barking; the position of a hunted animal defending itself at close quarters. *v.i.* To bark hoarsely. *v.t.* To bark at; to bring to bay.

**bay** (3) (bā) [L. *bāca*, berry], *n.* The bay-tree or bay-laurel; (*pl.*) its leaves or twigs woven into a garland for a conqueror or poet; (*fig.*) fame, renown. **bay-tree**, *n.* The bay, *Laurus nobilis*.

**bay** (4) (bā) [F. *bai*, L. *badius*], *a.* Reddish-brown, approaching chestnut. *n.* A horse of that colour.

**bayonet** (bā'ô-nét) [prob. from *Bayonne*, France], *n.* A weapon attachable to the muzzle of a rifle, converting it into a kind of pike. *v.t.* To stab with a bayonet.

**bazaar** (bā-zar') [Pers. *bāzār*], *n.* An Oriental market-place, where goods are offered for sale; a sale of articles for benevolent purposes; a repository.

**be** (bē) [A.-S. *bēon*], *inf.*, *pres. subj.* and *imper. v.* To exist, to have a real state or existence; to become, to remain, continue (commonly used as a copula, asserting connexion between the subject and the predicate).

**be-** [A.-S.], *pref.* About, by; *e.g.* (1) *be-smear*, to smear all over, *bedaub*, to daub about, *before*, about the front of, *besiege*, to sit around; (2) making intransitive verbs transitive or reflexive; *e.g.* *bemoan*, *bethink*; (3) forming verbs from nouns or adjectives, as *befoo*, *benumb*; (4) having a privative force, as in *behead*, *bereave*; (5) compounded with nouns, signifying to call this or that, as *bedevil*, *belady*; (6) intensive, *e.g.* *becrowd*, *bedrug*; (7) making adjectives, *e.g.* *bejewelled*, *bewigged*.

**beach** (bēch) [?], *n.* A sandy or pebbly seashore; the strand on which the waves break. **beach-comber**, *n.* A long wave rolling in from the ocean; a settler in the Pacific Islands.

**beacon** (bē'kón) [A.-S. *bēacen*], *n.* A signal-fire on an eminence; a conspicuous hill; watch-tower; lighthouse.

**bead** (bēd) [A.-S. *biddan*, to pray], *n.* A small globular perforated body for threading on a string; a bead-like drop of a liquid, a bubble; the front sight of a gun; a narrow semi-circular moulding; (*pl.*) a necklace; a rosary. **beading**, *n.* Bead-moulding. **beady**, *a.* Small and bright like beads.

**beadle** (bēdl) [A.-S. *bydel*, a herald], *n.* A messenger or usher of a court; a petty officer of a church, parish, etc.

**beagle** (bēgl) [?], *n.* A small hunting dog.

**beak** (bēk) [F. *bec*], *n.* The bill of a bird; anything pointed like this; a promontory; a spout; (*slang*) a police magistrate. **beaked**, *a.*

**beaker** (bē'ker) [Icel. *bikarr*], *n.* A large wide-mouthed drinking-vessel.

**beam** (bēm) [A.-S.], *n.* A large, long, squared piece of timber, esp. a support for rafters or a deck; the part of a balance from which the scales are suspended; the pole of a carriage; the main trunk of a stag's horn; a ray or collection of rays of light; a bright look, a smile; the width of a boat. *v.t.* To radiate, to emit in rays. *v.i.* To send forth rays of light, to shine radiantly.

**bean** (bēn) [A.-S. *bēan*], *n.* The kidney-shaped seed in long pods of *Faba vulgaris* and allied plants; the other seeds resembling these. **bean-feast**, *n.* An annual outing held by workmen.

**bear** (1) (bār) [A.-S. *bera*], *n.* A mammal belonging to the genus *Ursus*; a rough unmannerly man; two northern constellations, the Great and Little Bear; (*Stock Ex.*) one who sells stock for future delivery in the belief that prices will fall. *v.i.* To speculate for a fall in stocks. *v.t.* To produce a fall in the price of (stock, etc.). **bear-garden**, *n.* A place in which bears were kept and baited; hence, a rude, turbulent assembly. **bearish**, *a.* Bear-like; rough, uncouth. **bearskin**, *n.* The skin of a bear; the tall fur cap worn by the Foot Guards.

**bear** (2) (bār) [A.-S. *beran*], *v.t.* (*past bore*, *p.p. borne*). To carry, bring; to sustain, support the weight of; to be responsible for, suffer, endure; to give birth to, produce, yield. *v.i.* To behave; to be patient; to imply, to have relation to; to incline, take a certain direction (as to the point of the compass) with respect to something else. **bearable**, *a.* **bearably**, *adv.* **bearer**, *n.* One who or that which bears, carries, or supports; one who assists to carry a corpse to the grave or to hold the pall; one who holds or presents a cheque; the holder of any rank or office. **bearing**, *n.* Endurance, toleration; mien, carriage, manner; connexion; a support for moving parts of any machine; a part of a machine that bears the friction; (*Her.*) a charge, a device; (*Naut.*) the direction in which an object lies from a vessel; (*pl.*) relative position. **bearing-rein**, *n.* A fixed rein for holding a horse's head up.

**beard** (bērd) [A.-S.], *n.* The hair on the lower part of a man's face; the barb of an arrow; the awn of grasses. *v.t.* To oppose with resolute effrontery; to set at defiance. **bearded**, *a.* **beardless**, *a.*

**beast** (bēst) [L. *bestia*], *n.* Any of the inferior animals as distinguished from man; a domestic animal, esp. oxen or cattle; (*fig.*) a brutal or objectionable person. **beastly**, *a.* **beastliness**, *n.*

**beat** (bēt) [A.-S. *bētan*], *v.t.* (*past beat*, *p.p.* *beaten*). To strike with repeated blows, to thrash; to strike, as bushes, in order to rouse game; to mix by beating; to dash against (of water, wind, etc.); to conquer, overcome; to tread, as a path. *v.i.* To pulsate, throb; to move rhythmically; (*Naut.*) to make way against the wind. *n.* A stroke or blow; a pulsation, throb; an assigned space traversed at intervals by patrols, police, etc.; hence, sphere, range; (*Mus.*) the rise or fall of the hand in regulating time. **beaten**, *a.* Subjected to repeated blows; defeated, vanquished; exhausted. **beater**, *n.* One who or that which beats; a man employed to rouse game. **beating**, *n.* The action of striking repeated blows; corporal chastigation; pulsation, throbbing; overthrow, defeat; (*Naut.*) sailing against the wind.

**beatify** (bē-āt'i-fī) [L. *beātus*, happy, *facere*, to make], *v.t.* To pronounce (of the Pope) that the deceased is in enjoyment of heavenly bliss, the first step towards canonization. **beatific** (bē-ā-tif'ik), *a.* **beatification** (bē-āt-i-fī-kā'shūn), *n.* The act of rendering blessed or of beatifying. **beatitude** (bē-āt'i-tūd), *n.* Supreme felicity; the special blessedness announced in the Sermon on the Mount.

**beau** (bō) [F. *beau*, fine, pretty], *n.* (*pl.* **beaux**, bōz) A fop, a dandy; a sweetheart. **beau-ideal** (bō-i-dē'al), *n.* The highest conceivable type of excellence.

**beauteous** (bū-tē-ūs) [see next] *a.* Endowed with beauty; beautiful. **beauteousness**, *n.* **beautiful**, *a.* Possessing the attributes that constitute beauty; palatable, delicious; *n.* One who or that which is beautiful; the abstract notion of the qualities constituting beauty. **beautify** (bū-ti-fī), *v.t.* To make beautiful.

**beauty** (bū'ti) [O.F. *biaute*], *n.* That quality which gives the eye intense pleasure; that characteristic which gratifies the intellect or the moral feeling; a beautiful woman, feature, or characteristic; embellishment, grace, charm.

**beaver** (1) (bē'vér) [A.-S. *beofer*], *n.* An amphibious rodent with broad tail, soft fur, and habits of building huts and dams; its fur, or a hat made of it.

**beaver** (2) (bē'vér) [O.F. *bavière*, bib], *n.* The lower part of the visor of a helmet.

**becalm** (bē-kam'), *v.t.* To render calm or still; to deprive (a ship) of wind.

**because** (bē-kōz'), *conj.* By cause or reason of, on account of, for; inasmuch as.

**beck** (1) (bek) [BECKON], *n.* A bow or curtsy; a nod, a gesture.

**beck** (2) (bek) [Icel. *bekkr*], *n.* A brook, rivulet; a mountain or moorland stream.

**beckon** (bek'ōn) [A.-S. *bēacnian*, a sign, BEACON], *v.i.* To make a signal by a gesture or nod. *v.t.* To summon or signal to by a motion of the hand, a nod, etc.

**become** (bē-kūm') [A.-S. *BE-*, *cuman*, to come], *v.i.* To change to; to come into existence; (*copulative*) to come to be. *v.t.* To be suitable to, to befit, to be proper to or for; to look well upon. **becoming**, *a.* Befitting, suitable; in harmony or keeping with; graceful in conduct.

**bed** (bed) [A.-S.], *n.* A thing to sleep upon; the resting-place of an animal, the flat surface on which anything rests, a plot of ground in a garden; the channel of a river or the sea-bottom; the foundation of a road or railway; the bottom layer or support on which a mechanical structure or machine is laid; a horizontal course in a wall; (*Geol.*) a stratum, a layer of rock; a layer of oysters. *v.t.* To put in bed; to plant in a bed or beds; to fix in a stratum or course; to place in a matrix of any kind, to embed. *v.i.* To go to bed.

**bed-clothes**, *n.pl.* **bedding**, *n.* Mattresses and bed-clothes; litter for domestic animals; a bottom layer or foundation.

**bedpost**, *n.* One of the upright supports of a bedstead. **bed-ridden**, *a.* Confined to bed through age or sickness. **bed-rock**, *n.* (*Geol.*) The rock underlying superficial formations; hence, bottom, foundation, fundamental principles. **bedroom**, *n.*

A sleeping apartment. **bedside**, *a.* Pertaining to the sick-chamber. **bed-sore**, *n.*

A sore produced by long lying in bed. **bedstead**, *n.* The framework on which a bed is placed. **bedtime**, *n.* The usual hour for going to bed.

**bedabble** (bē-dābl'), *v.t.* To sprinkle. **bedaub** (bē-dawb'), *v.t.* To daub over.

**bedeck** (bē-dek'), *v.t.* To adorn. **bedew** (bē-dū'), *v.t.* To moisten or sprinkle with dew-like drops.

**bedim** (bē-dim'), *v.t.* To obscure. **bedizen** (bē-dizn'), *v.t.* To deck out gaudily. **bedizenment**, *n.*

**Bedlam** (bed'lām) [from *Bethlehem*], *n.* The Bethlehem Hospital, a lunatic asylum; a scene of wild uproar. *a.* Of or belonging to a madhouse. **bedlamite**, *n.* A madman, a lunatic.

**Bedouin** (bed'u-in) [Arab. *badawīn*, wandering (*badw*, a desert)], *n.* A nomadic Arab, as distinguished from one living in a town. *a.* Pertaining to the wandering Arabs; nomad.

**bedraggle** (bē-dragl'), *v.t.* To soil by trailing in the mire.

**bee** (bē) [A.-S. *hōo*], *n.* A social insect, partially domesticated for the wax and honey it produces; (*fig.*) a busy, productive worker. **beehive**, *n.* A receptacle for housing bees. **bee-line**, *n.* The shortest route between two places. **bee-skep**, *n.*

A straw beehive. **beeswax**, *n.* The wax secreted by bees for their cells; *v.t.* To rub or polish with beeswax. **beeswing**, *n.*



The second crust, a fine filmy deposit in an old port wine; old port.

**beech** (bêch) [A.-S. *bêce*], *n.* A well-known forest tree with smooth bark, and yielding nuts or mast; its wood. **beech-mast**, *n.* The fruit of the beech-tree. **beechen**, *a.* **beef** (bêf) [O.F. *boef*, ox], *n.* The flesh of the ox used as food; an ox (*usu. in pl.*, *beeves*), esp. one fattened for the market. **beef-tea**, *n.* The nutritive juice extracted from beef by simmering. **Beafeater**, *n.* A Yeoman of the Guard, instituted in 1485; a warder of the Tower of London. **beefy**, *a.* Like beef; fleshy; stolid.

**beer** (bêr) [A.-S. *bêor*], *n.* A malt liquor prepared by brewing, ale and stout.

**beery**, *a.* Like beer; under the influence of beer; fuddled.

**beet** (bêt) [A.-S. *bête*], *n.* A plant used (red) as a salad, and (white) in sugar-making, cultivated for its esculent root.

**beetle** (1) (bêtl) [A.-S. *bîtela*, from *bîtan*, to bite], *n.* A coleopterous insect, the upper wings of which have been converted into hard wing-cases, the under ones being used for flight, if it is able to fly.

**beetle** (2) (bêtl) [A.-S. *bytēl*, O.Teut. *bautan*, to beat], *n.* A heavy wooden mallet for ramming and crushing operations. *v.i.* To jut out, to hang over. *a.* Projecting, overhanging, scowling. **beetle-brow**, *n.* A projecting brow. **beetling**, *a.* Jutting, overhanging, prominent.

**befall** (bê-fawl') [A.-S. *befeallan*], *v.t.* To happen to. *v.i.* To happen.

**befit** (bê-fit'), *v.t.* To be suitable to or for; to become; to be incumbent upon; **befitting**, *a.*

**befog** (bê-fog'), *v.t.* To confuse.

**befool** (bê-fool'), *v.t.* To make a fool of, to dupe.

**before** (bê-fôr') [A.-S. *beforan*], *prep.* In front of (in time, space, rank, or degree); under the cognizance, influence, or impulsion of; in preference to. *adv.* Ahead, in front; beforehand. *conj.* Earlier than; rather than. **beforehand**, *adv.* In anticipation, in advance, before the time.

**beforetime**, *adv.* Formerly.

**befoul** (bê-foul'), *v.t.* To render dirty.

**befriend** (bê-frend'), *v.t.* To favour, help.

**beg** (beg) [?], *v.t.* To ask for alms. *v.t.* To supplicate in charity; to ask earnestly, entreat. **beggar**, *n.* One who lives by obtaining alms; one in indigent circumstances; (*colloq.*) fellow; *v.t.* To reduce to want; to impoverish. **beggarly**, *a.*

**beggary**, *n.* The state or condition of an habitual beggar; extreme indigence.

**begem** (bê-jem'), *v.t.* To cover with gems.

**beget** (bê-get') [A.-S. *begitan*], *v.t.* To engender, generate, procreate. **begetter**, *n.* One who begets; an originator.

**begin** (bê-gin') [A.-S. *beginnan*], *v.i.* To come into existence, to start. *v.t.* To be the first to do, to do the first act of, to enter on, commence. **beginner**, *n.* One who originates or is the first to do anything; a young learner or practitioner.

**beginning**, *n.* The first cause, the origin; the first state or commencement.

**begone** (bê-gon'), *imper.v.* Get you gone, go away, depart.

**begonia** (bê-gô'ni-â) [Michael *Begon* (1638-1710)], *n.* A genus of ornamental plants.

**begrim** (bê-grim'), *v.t.* To soil.

**begrudge** (bê-grûj'), *v.t.* To grudge; to envy (a person) the possession of.

**beguile** (bê-gl'), *v.t.* To deceive, cheat, to deprive of by fraud; to charm away

tedium. **beguilement**, *n.* **beguiler**, *n.*

**beguiling**, *a.* Deceiving, charming.

**begum** (bê'gûm) [Hind.], *n.* A queen, princess, or lady of high rank in India.

**behalf** (bê-hâf') [A.-S. *be healfe*, by the side], *n.* Interest, lieu, stead.

**behave** (bê-hâv') [BE-, HAVE], *v.r.* To conduct, demean. *v.i.* To conduct oneself; (*colloq.*) to conduct oneself well, to display good manners; to act as regards.

**behaviour** (bê-hâ'vyér), *n.* Outward deportment, carriage; manners, demeanour; the way in which a thing acts.

**behead** (bê-hed'), *v.t.* To cut the head off.

**behemoth** (bê'hé-moth) [Heb., from Egypt. *p-ehe-mau*, water-ox], *n.* The animal described in Job xl. 15-24, probably the hippopotamus.

**behest** (bê-hest') [A.-S. *behæst*], *n.* A command; an injunction.

**behind** (bê-hînd') [A.-S. *behindan*], *prep.* At the back of; later than. *n.* The back part of a person or garment; the posteriors.

**behindhand**, *a.* Tardy.

**behold** (bê-hôld') [A.-S. *bihaldan*], *v.t.* To see, view; to consider. *v.i.* To look.

*int.* Lo! **beholden**, *a.* Indebted, under obligation of gratitude (with to).

**behoof** (bê-hoof') [A.-S. *behôf*], *n.* Advantage, use, profit, benefit.

**behoove** (bê-hôv') [A.-S. *bihôvian* (see BEHOOF)], *v.t.* To befit, to be due to.

*v.t.* To be needful to, incumbent.

**being** (bê'ing), *n.* The state of existing; lifetime; essence; a thing or person existing. *a.* Existing, present. *conj.* Seeing that, since.

**belabour** (bê-lâ'bôr), *v.t.* To cultivate with labour, labour at; to beat, to thrash.

**belated** (bê-lâ'ted), *a.* Benighted; too late, behind time.

**belaud** (bê-lawd'), *v.t.* To praise excessively.

**belay** (bê-lâ') [A.-S. *beleccan*, to lay, envelop], *v.t.* To fasten a running rope by winding it round a cleat or belaying-pin.

**belaying-pin**, *n.* (*Naut.*) A stout pin to which running ropes may be belayed.

**belch** (belch) [A.-S. *bealcen*], *v.i.* To eject wind by the mouth from the stomach. *n.* An eructation.

**belcher** (bel'chér) [Jim *Belcher*, pugilist (d. 1811)], *n.* A blue and white spotted neckerchief.

**beldam** (bel'dâm) [F. *belle*, expressing relationship, DAM, mother], *n.* An old woman; a hag, a witch.

**beleaguer** (bê-lê'gér) [Dut. *be-*, around, *leger*, a camp], *v.t.* To besiege, invest.

**belfry** (bel'fri) [O.F. *berfrei*, M.H.G. *bercfrit* (*berc*, protection, *fride*, peace), a protecting tower], *n.* A bell-tower; the chamber for the bells in a church-tower.

**Belial** (bē'li-āl) [Heb. *b'li-yaal*, worthlessness], *n.* Satan.

**belie** (bē-lī') [A.-S. *belōgan*], *v.t.* To tell lies about; to misrepresent.

**belief** (bē-lēf') [BE-, A.-S. *lēafa*], *n.* The mental operation of accepting as true; the thing so believed; opinion, persuasion.

**believe** (bē-lēv') [A.-S. *gelēfan*], *v.t.* To give credence to; have confidence in, or reliance on; to accept as true; be of opinion that. *v.i.* To think; to have, or exercise, faith. **believable**, *a.* Capable of being believed; credible. **believer**, *n.* One who believes; a Christian. **believing** *a.* Exercising belief or the virtue of faith.

**belike** (bē-līk'), *adv.* Possibly, perhaps.

**belittle** (bē-lītl'), *v.t.* To make little; to depreciate.

**bell** (bel) [A.-S.], *n.* A hollow metallic body emitting a clear musical sound when struck by a hammer; the cry of a buck at rutting time. *v.i.* To bellow (of stags); **bell-buoy**, *n.* A buoy to which a bell is attached, rung by the motion of the waves. **bell-founder**, **-founding**, **-foundry**, *n.* The caster, the casting, and the manufactory of bells. **bellman**, *n.* A public crier who attracts attention by ringing a bell. **bell-metal**, *n.* An alloy of copper and tin, usually with a little zinc, used for bells. **bell-pull**, *n.* A cord or handle by which a bell is rung. **bellwether**, *n.* The sheep that wears a bell and leads a flock; (*fig.*) a leader.

**belladonna** (bel-ā-don'ā) [It., a fine lady], *n.* Deadly nightshade.

**belle** (bel) [F., from *L. bellus*, fine, pretty], *n.* A beautiful woman; a reigning beauty.

**belles-lettres** (bel-letr') [F.], *n.pl.* Polite literature, the humanities. **belletrist**, *n.* A person devoted to belles-lettres.

**bellicose** (bel'i-kos) [L. *bellicosus* (*bellum*, war)], *a.* Warlike; inclined to fighting.

**belligerent** (bē-līj'ēr-ent) [L. *bellum*, war, *gerere*, to wage], *a.* Pertaining to the carrying on of war. *n.* A nation or individual engaged in war. **belligerence**, *n.* The state of being at war.

**bellow** (bel'ō) [A.-S. *bellan*], *v.i.* To emit a loud hollow sound (as a bull); to bawl. *n.* The roar of a bull, or a similar sound.

**bellows** (bel'ōz) [M.E. *belu* (*pl. belves*), a bag], *n.pl.* An apparatus for supplying a strong blast of air to a fire or wind instrument; the expandible portion of a camera.

**belly** (bel'i) [A.-S. *bælg*, a leather bag, *balgan*, to swell out], *n.* That part of the body containing the stomach and bowels; anything protuberant. *v.t.* To cause to swell out, to render protuberant. *v.i.* To swell or bulge out, to become protuberant.

**belong** (bē-long') [M.E. *bilongen*], *v.i.* To pertain; to be the property, attribute, duty, concern, or business of; to be connected with. **belonging**, *n.* One's property (*usu. in pl.*).

**beloved** (bē-lūvd', -lūv'əd), *a.* Loved greatly. *n.* One greatly loved.

**below** (bē-lō'), *prep.* Beneath; under in place; down stream from; inferior; unworthy of. *adv.* In or to an inferior position; on earth (as opp. to heaven); in hell (as opp. to earth); down stream.

**belt** (belt) [A.-S.], *n.* A strip of leather or other material, worn as a girdle; a broad strip or stripe; a flat endless strap passing round two wheels, and communicating motion. *v.t.* To encircle, fasten, invest, or thrash with a belt. **belted**, *a.* Wearing a belt, esp. as a mark of rank or distinction. **belting**, *n.* Material for belts; (*Mech.*) a belt or system of belts.

**bemire** (bē-mīr'), *v.t.* To soil with mire.

**bemoan** (bē-mōn') [A.-S. *bimēnan*], *v.t.* To moan over, deplore. *v.i.* To lament.

**bernese** (bē-mūz'), *v.t.* To make confused or dazed, as by drinking.

**bench** (bench) [A. S. *benc*, BANK], *n.* A long wooden seat; a seat where judges sit in court, hence judges or magistrates collectively; a tribunal; a carpenter's or other mechanic's work-table. **bencher**, *n.* One of the senior members of an Inn of Court.

**bend** (bend) [A.-S. *bendan*], *v.t.* To curve, deflect, direct to a certain point; (*fig.*) to subdue; (*Naut.*) to fasten, tie into a knot; aim (a weapon). *v.i.* To assume the form of a curve; to stoop; to submit. *n.* A curve, flexure; a turn in a road.

**beneath** (bē-nēth') [A.-S. *be-*, by, *neothan*, below], *prep.* Below, under; unworthy of. *adv.* In a lower place, below.

**benediction** (ben-ē-dik'shùn) [L. *benedictio*], *n.* A blessing.

**benefaction** (ben-ē-fāk'shùn) [L. *benefactio*], *n.* The conferring of a benefit; a benefit conferred.

**benefactor** (ben-ē-fāk'tór) [as prec.], *n.* One who gives another help or friendly service. **benefactress**, *n.*

**benefice** (ben'ē-fis) [L. *beneficium*], *n.* An ecclesiastical living.

**beneficent** (bē-nēf'i-sent) [as prec.], *a.* Kind, generous; characterized by benevolence. **beneficence**, *n.* **beneficial** (-fish'āl), *a.* Advantageous; serviceable, remedial. **beneficiary**, *n.* One who receives a benefit, favour.

**benefit** (ben'ē-fit) [L. *benefactum*], *n.* A favour, benefaction; profit, advantage. *v.t.* To do good or be of advantage or profit to. *v.i.* To derive advantage.

**benevolent** (bē-nev'ō-lent) [L. *bene volens*, well wishing], *a.* Kind, charitable, generous. **benevolently**, *adv.* **benevolence**, *n.* **benighted** (bē-nī'ted), *p.p.* Overtaken by night. *a.* Ignorant; uncivilized.

**benign** (bē-nīn') [L. *benignus*], *a.* Kind-hearted, gracious; favourable. **benignly**, *adv.* **benignant** (bē-nīg'nánt), *a.* Gracious, kind, benevolent. **benignity**, *n.*

**benison** (ben'i-zón) [O.F. *benison*], *n.* A blessing, a benediction.

**benumb** (bē-nūm') [A.-S. *benumen*, see NUMB], *v.t.* To render numb; to deaden.



**benzene** (ben'tēn) [as next], *n.* An aromatic hydrocarbon used for illuminating and for removing grease-spots.

**benzoin** (ben'zō-in) [Arab. *lubān jāwt*, Javanese frankincense], *n.* A resin used in medicine and in perfumery; a camphor obtained from bitter-almond oil. **benzoic** (ben-zō'ik), *a.* Pertaining to or derived from benzoin. **benzol**, **benzole**, *n.* Benzene. **benzoline**, *n.* Impure benzene.

**bepraise** (bé-prāz'), *v.t.* To praise extravagantly.

**bequeath** (bé-kwēth') [A.-S. *becwethan*], *v.t.* To leave by will; transmit to future generations. **bequest**, *n.* A legacy.

**bereave** (bé-rēv') [A.-S. *berēafian*], *v.t.* To deprive, rob, or spoil of anything. **bereavement**, *n.* The state of being bereaved; loss by death.

**bergamot** (bērg'a-mot) [*Bergamo*, Italy], *n.* An orange which yields a fragrant essential oil; the oil; a mint which yields a similar oil; a coarse kind of tapestry; a juicy kind of pear.

**beriberi** (ber'i-ber-i) [Cingalese *beri*, weakness], *n.* A disease prevalent in India and Japan, characterized by paralysis and dropsy.

**berlin** (bēr-lin') [capital of Prussia], *n.* A fine wool for knitting, embroidery, etc.

**berry** (ber'i) [A.-S. *berige*], *n.* A small fleshy fruit containing many seeds; one of the eggs of a lobster.

**berserk**, -er (bēr'serk, -ēr) [Icel. *berserkr*, prob. bear-coat], *n.* A Norse warrior possessed of preternatural strength and fury; a bravo. *a.* Filled with rage.

**berth** (bērth) [?], *n.* A place for a ship; a room, a situation, or a sleeping-place on board ship; a sleeping-place in a railway carriage; a situation of any kind. *v.t.* To moor; to furnish with a berth.

**beryl** (ber'il) [Gr. *berullos*], *n.* A gem like the emerald, but lighter in colour.

**beseech** (bé-sēch') [BE-, M.E. *sechen*, *seken*], *v.t.* To implore, entreat. **beseeking**, *a.*

**beseem** (bé-sēm'), *v.t.* To be fit, proper for, or becoming to.

**beset** (bé-set') [A.-S.], *v.t.* To surround, invest; to fall upon.

**beside** (bé-sīd') [A.-S. *be sidan*], *prep.* By the side of, in comparison with; hard by; wide of. **besides**, *prep.* In addition to. *adv.* Moreover, over and above; otherwise.

**besiege** (bé-sēj') [M.E. *disegen*], *v.t.* To invest; to crowd round; to assail importunately. **besieger**, *n.*

**besmear** (bé-smēr'), *v.t.* To daub with something viscous; (*fig.*) to soil, to defile.

**besmirch** (bé-smērč'), *v.t.* To soil, sully.

**besom** (bé-zóm) [A.-S. *besma*], *n.* A broom made of twigs.

**besotted**, *a.* Muddled, infatuated.

**bespeak** (bé-spēk') [A.-S. *besprecan*], *v.t.* To arrange for, order beforehand; to betoken. **bespoke**, *p.p.* Ordered beforehand.

**besprinkle** (bé-sprinkl'), *v.t.* To sprinkle or scatter over.

**best** (best) [A.-S., superl. of GOOD], *a.*

Of the highest excellence. *adv.* [superl. of WELL]. In the highest degree. *n.* The best thing; the utmost. *v.t.* To get the better of; to cheat, outwit.

**bestial** (bes'ti-ál) [L. *bestialis*], *a.* Pertaining to or resembling beasts; brutish, obscene. **bestiality**, *n.* **bestially**, *adv.*

**bestir** (bé-stēr'), *v.t.* To rouse into activity.

**bestow** (bé-stō), *v.t.* To lay up; to provide with quarters; to expend; to give as a present. **bestowal**, *n.* Disposal; gift.

**bestrew** (bé-stroo'), *v.t.* To strew over.

**bestride** (bé-strīd'), *v.t.* To sit upon with the legs astride.

**bet** (bet) [? ABET], *n.* A wager staked upon a contingent event. *v.t.* To stake upon a contingency. *v.t.* To lay a wager.

**betake** (bé-tāk'), *v.r.* To commit oneself to any course of action.

**betel-nut**, *n.* The nut of the areca palm.

**bethink** (bé-think'), *v.t.* To recollect. *v.i.* To consider, collect one's thoughts.

**betide** (bé-tīd') [M.E. *betiden*], *v.t.* To happen to. *v.i.* To happen.

**betimes** (bé-tīmz'), *adv.* In good time.

**betoken** (bé-tōkn') [M.E. *bitacnen*], *v.t.* To be a type of; to foreshow.

**betony** (bet'ō-ni) [O.F. *betonie*], *n.* A labiate plant with purple flowers.

**betray** (bé-trā') [M.E. *betraien*], *v.t.* To deliver up treacherously; to be false to; to lead astray. **betrayal**, *n.* **betrayers**, *n.* A traitor.

**betroth** (bé-trōth') [BE-, A.-S. *trēowth*, TRUTH], *v.t.* To contract in an engagement to marry. **betrothal**, *n.* The act of betrothing; the state of being betrothed; affiancement. **betrothed**, *n.* A person engaged to be married.

**better** (bet'ēr) [A.-S., comp. of GOOD], *a.* Superior, more excellent; greater in degree; improved in health. *adv.* [comp. of WELL]. In a more excellent or more desirable manner; more correctly; with greater profit. *n.pl.* Social superiors. *v.i.* To improve.

**between** (bé-twēn') [A.-S. *be*, *by*, *twēon*, *twain*], *prep.* In, along, or across a place, space, or interval of any kind; intermediate in relation to; related to both of; in shares among.

**betwixt** (bé-twīkst') [A.-S. *betweox*], *prep.* and *adv.* [archaic] Between.

**bevel** (bev'l) [F. *beveau*], *a.* Oblique, slanting. *n.* A tool for setting off angles; a slope from the right angle. *v.t.* To cut away to a slope. *v.i.* To slant.

**beverage** (bev'ēr-āj) [O.F. *bevraige*], *n.* Drink; liquor for drinking.

**bevy** (bev'i) [?], *n.* A flock of larks or quails; a herd of roes; a company.

**bewail** (bé-wāl'), *v.t.* To wail over, lament for. *v.t.* To express grief. **bewailing**, *n.* Loud lamentation.

**beware** (bé-wār') [M.E. *be war*, be cautious, A.-S. *war*, wary], *v.i.* To be wary, on one's guard; to take care.

**bewilder** (bé-wīl'dér) [BE-, *wilder*, a wildness], *v.t.* To perplex, confuse. **bewildering**, *a.* Causing one to lose his way,

physically or mentally. **bewilderment**, *n.* The state of being bewildered.

**bewitch** (bé-wich') [BE-, A.-S. *wiccian*, to practise witchcraft], *v.t.* To practise witchcraft; to charm, to fascinate.

**bey** (bā) [Turk. *bēg*], *n.* A Turkish governor.

**beyond** (bé-yond') [A.-S. *BE-*, *geond*, across], *prep.* On or towards the farther side of; past; exceeding in quantity, surpassing in quality or degree. *adv.* Farther away.

**bezel** (bez'él) [O.F. *biset*], *n.* A sloping edge; an oblique side of a cut gem; the groove by which a jewel is held.

**bezique** (bé-zēk') [F. *béstiue*], *n.* A game of cards.

**bhang** (bāng) [Hind.], *n.* A stupefying liquor made from hemp.

**bi-** [L., double], *pref.* Twice; doubly; every two, once in every two. **biang'ular**, *n.* Having two angles. **bicar'bonate**, *n.* A carbonate containing two equivalents of carbonic acid to one of a base. **bicus'id**, *a.* Having two points or cusps. *n.* One of the premolars. **bien'nial**, *a.* Happening every two years, lasting two years. *n.* A biennial plant.

**bias** (bi'ās) [F. *biais*, obliquity], *n.* A weight placed in a bowl to impart oblique motion; the motion; inclination, prejudice. *adv.* Obliquely, awry. *v.t.* To cause to incline to one side; to prejudice.

**bib** (bib) [L. *bibere*, to drink], *n.* A cloth worn under a child's chin. **bibber**, *n.* A tippler.

**Bible** (bibl) [Gr. *biblia*, writings], *n.* The Christian sacred writings. **biblical** (bib'li-kāl), *a.* **biblicist**, **biblist** (bib'list), *n.* One who takes the Bible as the only rule of faith; a biblical student.

**biblio-** [Gr. *biblion*, a book], *comb. form.* Pertaining to books. **bibliol'o-gy**, *n.* Scientific study of books; biblical study. **biblioma'nia**, *n.* A mania for collecting books. **bibliomaniac**, *n.*

**bibliography** (bib-li-og'rā-fi) [Gr., (BIBLIO-, -GRAPHY)], *n.* The methodical study of books, authorship, editions, etc.; a systematic list of books on any subject.

**bibliog'rapher**, *n.* **bibliograph'ical**, *a.*

**bibliophile** (bib'li-ō-fil) [BIBLIO-, -PHILE], *n.* A lover or fancier of books.

**bibulous** (bib'ū-lūs) [L. *bibulus* (*bibere*)], *a.* Given to tipping.

**bicentenary** (bi-sent'é-nār-i) [BI-, CEN-TENARY], *a.* Pertaining to two hundred years. *n.* The two hundredth anniversary.

**biceps** (bi'seps) [BI-, L. *caput*, head], *n.* The large muscle in front of the upper arm and of the thigh.

**bicker** (bik'er) [M.E. *bikere*], *v.i.* To dispute, wrangle; (*fig.*) to move rapidly to and fro. **bickering**, *n.* Altercation.

**bicycle** (bi'sikl) [BI-, CYCLE], *n.* A two-wheeled velocipede, with the wheels one behind the other, propelled by the rider. *v.i.* To ride on a bicycle. **bicyclist**, *n.*

**bid** (bid) [A.-S. *beodan*, to offer, and *biðdan*, to beg], *v.t.* To command; to invite;

to offer. *v.i.* To make an offer at an auction. *n.* An offer of a price. **bidder**, *n.* One who makes an offer at an auction.

**bidding**, *n.* Invitation, command.

**bide** (bid) [A.-S. *biðan* (cp. Dut. *beiden*, O.H.G. *bitan*)], *v.t.* To await. *v.i.* To abide, stay; to remain. **biding**, *n.* Stay, residence; abiding-place.

**bier** (bēr) [A.-S. *bēr* (*beran*, to bear)], *n.* A stand on which a corpse is placed, or on which the coffin is borne to the grave.

**bifurcate** (bi'fūr-kāt) [BI-, L. *furca*, a prong], *v.i.* To divide into two branches.

*a.* Divided thus. **bifurca'tion**, *n.* Division into two parts; the point of division; one of the branches.

**big** (big) [?], *a.* Large or great in bulk; grown up; pompous, pretentious. **big-ness**, *n.* The quality of being big.

**bigamy** (big'a-mi) [BI-, Gr. *gamos*, marriage], *n.* Marriage with a second person while a legal spouse is living. **bigamist**, *n.* **bigamous**, *a.*

**bight** (bit) [A.-S. *byht*], *n.* A bend; a small bay; the loop of a rope.

**bigot** (big'ót) [?], *n.* One unreasonably and intolerantly devoted to some creed, system, or party. **bigoted**, *a.* **bigotry**, *n.* The mental condition, etc., of a bigot.

**bijou** (bē'zhoo) [F.], *n.* (*pl.* *bijoux*) A jewel, a trinket; anything small and pretty.

**bilateral** (bi-lāt'ér-āl) [BI-, L. *laterālis*], *a.* Having or pertaining to two sides.

**bilberry** (bil'bér-i) [cp. Dan. *billebær*], *n.* The whortleberry, blaeberry.

**bilboes** (bil'bōz) [?], *n. pl.* A long iron fetter, with sliding shackles for the feet.

**bile** (bil) [L. *bilis*, bile, anger], *n.* A bitter yellowish fluid secreted by the liver; (*fig.*) anger, choler. **bil'iary**, *a.* Pertaining to the bile. **billous** (bil'yūs), *a.* Produced or affected by bile; peevish, ill-tempered. **billousness**, *n.*

**bilge** (bilj) [BULGE], *n.* The bulging part of a cask; (*Naut.*) the bottom of a ship's floor. *v.i.* (*Naut.*) To spring a leak; to bulge or swell. **bilge-water**, *n.* The foul water that collects in the bilge of a ship.

**bilingual** (bi-ling'gwāl) [BI-, L. *lingua*, tongue], *a.* In or pertaining to two languages.

**bilk** (bilk) [?], *v.t.* To cheat, defraud; to evade payment of, elude.

**bill** (1) (bil) [A.-S. *bile*], *n.* The horny beak of birds; a beak-like projection; a kind of halberd; a bill-hook. *v.i.* To lay the bills together (as doves). **bill-hook**, *n.* A heavy knife with hooked end, for chopping brushwood, etc.

**bill** (2) (bil) [A.-F. and M.E. *bille*, late L. *billā*, corr. of *bullā*, a sealed writing], *n.* A statement of account; promissory note; draft of a proposed Act of Parliament; an advertisement distributed or posted up. *v.t.* To announce by, or cover with bills or placards; to put into a programme.

**billet** (1) (bil'ét) [A.-F. *billette*, dim. of *prec.*], *n.* A ticket requiring a householder



to furnish food and lodgings for a soldier; the quarters so assigned; a situation, appointment. *v.t.* To quarter (soldiers). **billet** (2) (bil'èt) [F. *billette*, dim. of *bille*, a log of wood], *n.* A small log for firing; a wedge or ingot of gold or silver.

**billiards** (bil'yàrdz) [F. *billard*, a little stick], *n.pl.* A game in which three balls are driven about on a special table with a cue. **billiard-cue**, *n.* A tapering stick used to drive the balls.

**billingsgate** (bil'ingz-gät) [the London fish-market], *n.* Scurrilous abuse, foul language.

**billion** (bil'i-ón, bil'yón) [BI-, *million*], *n.* A million millions, (in France and America) a thousand millions.

**billow** (bil'ô) [Icel. *bylgja*], *n.* A great swelling sea-wave. *v.t.* To surge; to rise in billows. **billowy**, *a.*

**bimetallic** (bi-mè-tál'ik) [BI-, METALLIC], *a.* Pertaining to bimetalism. **bimet'al-ism**, *n.* The employment of two metals (gold and silver) in currency at a fixed ratio, and as standard coin.

**bin** (bin) [A.-S. *binn*], *n.* A receptacle for corn, bread, wine, etc.

**binary** (bi'ná-ri) [L. *binárius*], *a.* Consisting of a pair or pairs; double, dual.

**bind** (bind) [A.-S. *bindan*], *v.t.* To tie or fasten; to confine; to cover, secure, or strengthen, by means of a band; to tie up; to cause to cohere; to make costive; to oblige, engage. *v.i.* To cohere; grow stiff and hard; to be obligatory. **binder**, *n.* **binding**, *a.* Obligatory. *n.* The act of binding; the act or art of book-binding; a book-cover, braid or other edging. **bindweed**, *n.* A climbing plant, esp. *Convolvulus*.

**binacle** (bin'ákl) [formerly *bittacle*, L. *habitaculum*, a dwelling-place], *n.* The case in which the ship's compass is kept. **binocle** (bin'ókli) [L. *binā*, two each, *oculi*, eyes], *n.* A telescope with tubes for both eyes. **binocular**, *a.* Suited for use by both eyes. *n.* A binocle; binocular microscope.

**binomial** (bi-nô'mi-ál) [L. BI-, *nomen*, a name], *n.* An expression consisting of two terms united by the signs + or -.

**bio-** [Gr. *bios*, life], *comb. form.* Pertaining to life or living beings. **biogen'esis**, [GENESIS], *n.* The doctrine that life originates only from life; the science of the origin of life.

**biograph** (bi'ô-gráf) [BIO-, -GRAPH], *n.* A series of photographs picturing objects in movement.

**biography** (bi-ô-grá-fí) [BIO-, -GRAPHY], *n.* The history of a person; literature dealing with personal history; **biographer**, *n.* A writer of biography. **biograph'ic**, -*al*, *a.* Pertaining to biography.

**biology** (bi-ol'ô-jí) [BIO-, -LOGY], *n.* The science of life in all its phases. **biolog'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to biology. **biol'ogist**, *n.*

**biopiasm** (bi'ô-plázm) [Gr. BIO-, *plasma*, a thing moulded], *n.* Protoplasm; the

germinal matter whence all organic matter is developed.

**biped** (bí'ped) [L. BI-, *pes pedis*, foot], *n.* An animal having only two feet.

**biplane** (bí'plán) [BI-, PLANE], *n.* An aeroplane with two planes, one above the other.

**birch** (bêrch) [A.-S. *birce*], *n.* A northern forest tree, with slender limbs and thin, tough bark; its wood; a birch-rod. *v.t.* To chastise with a birch-rod; to flog.

**birching**, *n.* A flogging.

**bird** (bêrd) [A.-S. *brīd*], *n.* Any feathered vertebrate animal. **bird-lime**, *n.* A

viscous substance used to snare birds. *v.t.* To smear or catch with bird-lime. **bird's-eye**, *a.* Resembling a bird's eye; seen from above, as by a bird. *n.* A tobacco.

**biretta** (bi-rè'tá) [It. *berretta*], *n.* A square cap worn by Roman Catholic clerics.

**birth** (bêrth) [M.E. *byrthe*, O.Teut. *beran*, to bear], *n.* The act of bringing forth, bearing offspring, or being born; that which is brought forth; parentage, extraction. **birthday**, *n.* The day on which one was born, or its anniversary. **birth-mark**, *n.* A blemish formed on the body at or before birth. **birthplace**, *n.* The place at which one was born. **birth-rate**, *n.* The percentage of births to the population. **birthright**, *n.* Rights belonging to an eldest son or to a person as a human being.

**biscuit** (bis'kit) [O.F. *bescoit*, L. *bis coctus*, twice cooked], *n.* Thin flour-cake baked until it is highly dried; pottery baked in an oven before glazing.

**bisect** (bi-sekt') [BI-, L. *sectum*, cut], *v.t.* To divide into two equal parts. *v.i.* To fork. **bisection**, *n.*

**bishop** (bish'ôp) [A.-S. *biscop*, L. *episcopus*, an overlooker], *n.* An ecclesiastical dignitary presiding over a diocese; a piece in chess. **bishopric** [A.-S. *bisceoprice* (rice, dominion)], *n.* The diocese, jurisdiction, or office of a bishop.

**bismuth** (biz'múth) [G.], *n.* A reddish-white metallic element used in medicine, etc.

**bison** (bí'són) [O.Teut. *wisand*], *n.* The wild ox; the American buffalo.

**bisque** (bisk) [BISCUIT], *n.* Unglazed white porcelain used for statuettes; a stroke allowed to the weaker player at tennis, etc.

**bissextile** (bis-sek'stil) [L.], *a.* Pertaining to leap-year. *n.* Leap-year.

**bistre** (bis'tér) [F.], *n.* A brown pigment.

**bit** (bit) [A.-S. *biite*], *n.* A bite, the act of biting; a small portion, morsel, fragment; the iron part of the bridle inserted in the mouth of a horse; the movable boring-piece in a drill.

**bitch** (bich) [A.-S. *bicce*], *n.* The female of the dog and of allied species.

**bite** (bit) [A.-S. *bītan*], *v.t.* To seize, cut, crush anything with the teeth; to affect with severe cold, cause to smart; to wound with reproach or sarcasm; to hold fast, as a screw. *n.* The act of biting; wound

made by the teeth; a mouthful. **biting**, *a.* Sharp, acrid, pungent; stinging, sarcastic.

**bitt** (bit) [ʔ], *n.* A post fixed in pairs in the deck of a ship for fastening cables. **bitter** (bit'er) [A.-S. *biter*], *a.* Sharp or biting to the taste; acrid, harsh; piercingly cold; distressing. **bitterly**, *adv.* **bitterness**, *n.* **bitter-sweet**, *a.* Sweet or pleasant with a bitter after-taste.

**bittern** (bit'ern) [M.E. *bitore*], *n.* A wading bird smaller than a heron and of the same family.

**bitumen** (bi-tū'mén) [L.], *n.* Mineral pitch, asphalt; a highly inflammable hydrocarbon, as naphtha, petroleum, etc. **bituminous**, *a.*

**bivalve** (bi'vālv) [BI-, VALVE], *a.* Having two shells which open and shut. *n.* A mollusc whose shell is in two connected portions. **bivalvular**, *a.*

**bivouac** (bi'vū-āk) [F.], *n.* A temporary encampment in the field without tents, etc. *v.t.* To camp in the open.

**bizarre** (bi-zar') [F.], *a.* Odd, whimsical; of discordant style; irregular. **bizar'erie**, *n.* Grotesqueness, eccentricity.

**blab** (blāb) [ʔ], *v.t.* To tell indiscreetly; to betray. *v.i.* To talk indiscreetly, tell secrets, tattle.

**black** (blāk) [A.-S. *blac*], *a.* Intensely dark (the opposite of white); destitute of light; gloomy, dirty; atrociously wicked; disastrous. *n.* The darkest colour; a negro; mourning garments; a minute particle of soot. *v.t.* To blacken; to blacklead. **blackamoor**, *n.* A negro.

**blackball**, *n.* Vote of rejection in a ballot. *v.t.* To vote against, exclude. **black-beetle**, *n.* The cockroach. **blackberry**, *n.* The common bramble; its fruit. **blackbird**, *n.* A British song-bird, *Turdus merula*. **blackboard**, *n.* A board used by teachers to write and draw on.

**black cap**, *n.* A British bird, with the top of the head black, esp. the black-cap warbler, *Curruca atricapilla*.

**black-cock**, *n.* The male of the black grouse. **blacken**, *v.t.* To make black, to darken; to sully, to defame.

**blackguard** (blā'gard), *n.* A low, worthless fellow; a rough. *a.* Scurrilous, abusive. *v.t.* To revile in scurrilous language. **blackguardism**, *n.* **blacking**, *n.* A composition for giving a shining black polish to boots, harness, etc.

**blacklead** (blāk-led'), *n.* Plumbago or graphite, used for pencils and metal-polish.

**black-letter**, *n.* The old English or Gothic character. **black-list**, *n.* A list of persons who have incurred censure or punishment. **blackmail**, *n.* A payment extorted by intimidation. *v.t.* To levy blackmail on. **blackness**, *n.* **black sheep**, *n.* A bad character, a vicious person.

**blacksmith**, *n.* A smith who works in iron. **blackthorn**, *n.* The sloe; a stick or cudgel of its wood. **blacky**, *n.* A negro.

**bladder** (blād'er) [A.-S. *blædre*], *n.* A

sac in the body which receives the urine; any similar membranous bag.

**blade** (blād) [A.-S. *blæd*], *n.* A leaf, esp. the expanded part; any broad, flattened part, as of a bat, oar, etc.; the cutting part of a knife, sword, etc.; a sword; a dashing, reckless fellow.

**blaeberry** (blā'bér-i) [Icel. *blā*, dark blue], *n.* The bilberry or whortleberry.

**blame** (blām) [O.F. *blasmer*], *v.t.* To censure, reproach; to hold responsible. *n.* The expression of censure; responsibility. **blameable**, *a.* Deserving blame; culpable. **blameless**, *a.* **blameworthy**, *a.* Deserving blame.

**blanch** (blanch) [F.], *v.t.* To whiten, bleach, make pale. *v.i.* To lose colour; to become white.

**blancmange** (blā-monzh) [F.], *n.* A dish of corn-flour, etc., boiled to a jelly with milk, and flavoured.

**bland** (blānd) [L. *blandus*, agreeable], *a.* Mild, gentle. **blandly**, *adv.*

**blandish** (blān'dish) [L. *blandiri*, to flatter], *v.t.* To coax, cajole. **blandishment**, *n.*

**blank** (blānk) [F. *blanc*, white], *a.* Empty; not written or printed on; confused, nonplussed; downright; (of verse) unrhymed. *n.* A vacant space, a void; a lottery ticket that draws no prize. **blankly**, *adv.*

**blanket** (blāng'ket) [O.F. *blankete*], *n.* A heavy, loosely-woven woollen stuff, used for bed-coverings, horse-wrappers, etc. *v.t.* To cover with or as with a blanket; to take the wind out of the sails of (a yacht) by passing to windward.

**blare** (blār) [imit.], *v.i.* To bellow; to sound as a trumpet. *n.* Trumpet sound; roar.

**blarney** (blar'ni) [place-name], *n.* Flattering speech; cajolery. *v.t.* To wheedle, cajole.

**blasé** (blā'zā) [F.], *a.* Dulled in emotion; worn out; used-up.

**blaspheme** (blās-fēm') [Gr. *blasphemos*, evil-speaking], *v.t.* To utter profane language against (God or anything sacred); to abuse. *v.i.* To utter blasphemy, to rail. **blas'phemous**, *a.* **blas'phemy**, *n.*

**blast** (blast) [A.-S. *blæst*], *n.* A violent gust of wind; the sound of a trumpet; pernicious or destructive influence; a blowing by an explosive. *v.t.* To blow or breathe on so as to wither; to blight, to ruin; to blow up with an explosive; to curse. **blasted**, *a.* Blighted, con-founded, cursed.

**blatant** (blā'tānt) [ʔ], *a.* Bellowing like a beast; clamorous. **blatancy**, *n.*

**blaze** (1) (blāz) [A.-S. *blæse*], *n.* A bright flame; a glow of bright colour; an outburst of splendour or of passion. *v.i.* To burn with a bright flame; to shine.

**blaze** (2) (blāz) [Icel. *blesi*], *n.* A white mark on the face of a horse or ox, or made on a tree by chipping off bark. *v.t.* To mark (a tree).

**blaze** (3) (blāz) [Icel. *blāsa*, to blow], *v.t.* To proclaim; to blazon.



**blazer** (blā'zér) [BLAZE (1)], *n.* A flannel jacket of bright colour.

**blazon** (blā'zón) [F. *blason*, a coat of arms], *n.* A coat of arms. *v.t.* To describe heraldically; to publish vauntingly.

**bleach** (blēch) [A.-S. *blæcan*], *v.t.* To make white or lighter. *v.i.* To grow white; to become pale or colourless. **bleacher**, *n.*

**bleak** (blēk) [A.-S. *blāc*], *a.* Bare of vegetation; cold, desolate, cheerless.

**blear** (blēr) [?], *a.* Dim with rheum; dull, indistinct. *v.t.* To make (the eyes) dim; to blur with tears.

**bleat** (blēt) [A.-S. *blætan*], *v.i.* To cry like a sheep. *v.t.* To say feebly and foolishly. *n.* The cry of a sheep, etc.

**bleed** (blēd) [A.-S. *blēdan*], *v.i.* To emit or run with blood (sap, resin, etc.); to feel acute mental pain. *v.t.* To draw blood from; to extort money from;

**bleeding**, *n.* Hæmorrhage; letting blood. *a.* Running with blood.

**blemish** (blem'ish) [O.F. *blesmir*] *v.t.* To tarnish, sully. *n.* A defect.

**blench** (blench) [A.-S. *blencan*], *v.i.* To shrink back, turn aside, flinch.

**blend** (blend) [A.-S. *blandan*] *v.t.* To mix, to mingle. *v.i.* To become mingled; to pass imperceptibly into each other. *n.* A mixture of various qualities (of teas, wines, tobacco, etc.).

**bless** (1) (bles) [A.-S. *blætsian*], *v.t.* To consecrate, invoke God's favour on; to render happy or wish happiness to.

**blessed**, **blest**, *a.* Consecrated; worthy of veneration. *n.* (*collect.*) The saints in heaven. **blessedness**, *n.*  **blessing**, *n.*

**blether** (bleth'ér) [Icel. *blathr*, nonsense], *v.i.* To talk nonsense. *n.* Voluble nonsense.

**blight** (blit) [?], *n.* A disease caused in plants by fungoid parasites, smut, aphides, etc.; any obscure malignant influence. *v.t.* To affect with blight; to exert a baleful influence on. **blighter**, *n.* A scamp, blackguard; an obnoxious person.

**Blighty** (blit'i) [Hind. *Vilayati*, provincial, European], *n.* Britain, home.

**blind** (blind) [A.-S.], *a.* Unseeing; sightless; admitting no light, having no outlet; destitute of understanding or foresight. *n.* Blind persons collectively; a window-screen; a pretence, a pretext. *v.t.* To deprive of sight; to make dim. **blind-fold**, *v.t.* To cover the eyes, esp. with a bandage; *a.* Having the eyes bandaged. **blindly**, *adv.* **blindness**, *n.*

**blink** (blink) [A.-S. *blencan*], *v.i.* To open and shut the eyes; to look unsteadily; to wink. *v.t.* To shut the eyes to; to shirk. *n.* A glimmer, twinkle; a glance. **blinkers**, *n.* Leather screens to prevent a horse from seeing sideways.

**bliss** (blis) [A.-S. *blis*], *n.* Happiness of the highest kind; the perfect joy of heaven.

**blister** (blis'tér) [M.E.], *n.* A pustule on the skin containing a watery fluid; a similar swelling on metal, paint, etc.; a thing applied to raise a blister. *v.i.* To rise in blisters. *v.t.* To raise blisters on,

**blithe** (blith) [A.-S. *blithe*], *a.* Gay, merry, sprightly. **blithely**, *adv.*

**blizzard** (bliz'árd) [?], *n.* A furious storm of snow and wind.

**bloat** (blôt) [M.E. *bloat*, *blote*, see next], *v.t.* To cause to swell; to make conceited. *v.i.* To swell; to grow turgid. **bloated**, *a.* Swollen, puffy; puffed up with pride.

**bloater** (blô'tér) [M.E. *blote*, soft, soaked], *n.* A herring partly cured by steeping in dry salt and smoking.

**blob** (blob) [?], *n.* A globular drop; a spot of colour.

**block** (blok) [F. *bloc*, G. *block*], *n.* A solid mass of wood, stone or any material; the piece of wood on which criminals were beheaded; a compact group of houses; a mould on which a thing is shaped; a pulley, or system of pulleys; an obstruction or its effects. *v.t.* To enclose; to stop up, obstruct; to impede progress; to shape a hat on the block; (*Cricket*) to stop a ball without attempting to hit it. **blockhead**, *n.* A stupid, dull person. **block-house**, *n.* A detached fort with loopholes for musketry. **blockish**, *a.* Stupid, dull; rough. **block-letters**, *n.pl.* Wood type of large size used in printing.

**blockade** (blok-ád') [BLOCK, -ADE], *n.* The investment of a place so as to compel surrender by starvation or prevent communication with the outside. *v.t.* To subject to a blockade; to block up, to obstruct. **blockade-runner**, *n.* A vessel that attempts to run into a blockaded port.

**blond**, **blonde** (blond) [F.], *a.* Having light hair and a fair complexion. *n.* One who has this.

**blood** (blūd) [A.-S. *blōd*], *n.* The red fluid circulating through the bodies of vertebrates; analogous fluid in invertebrates; lineage, descent; slaughter; the guilt of murder. **blood-horse**, *n.* A horse of good breed or pedigree. **bloodhound**, *n.* A hound remarkable for keenness of scent; (*fig.*) a detective, spy. **bloodless**, *a.* Without blood; spiritless. **blood-money**, *n.* Money paid for information leading to conviction on a capital charge.

**blood-poisoning**, *n.* A diseased condition set up by septic matter in the blood. **blood-relation**, *n.* A relation by descent, not merely by marriage. **bloodshed**, *n.* The act of shedding blood; murder; slaughter in war. **bloodshot**, *a.* Suffused with blood (of the eye). **blood-stone**, *n.* A variety of quartz with blood-like spots of jasper. **bloodthirsty**, *a.* Eager to shed blood. **bloodthirstiness**, *n.* **blood-vessel**, *n.* An artery or vein in which blood circulates. **bloody**, *a.*

**bloom** (bloom) [Icel. *blóm*, a blossom], *n.* A blossom, flower; the delicate dust on plums, grapes, etc.; flush, glow, perfection. *v.i.* To come into flower; to be at the highest point of perfection or beauty. **blooming**, *a.* Flourishing; bright, lustrous. **bloomy**, *a.* Full of blooms, flowery. **bloomer** (bloo'mér) [Mrs. Bloomer (1850)],

*n.* Short skirt, and loose trousers gathered round the ankles for women.

**blossom** (blos'òm) [A.-S. *blōstma*], *n.* A flower; the mass of flowers on a fruit-tree. *v.i.* To put forth flowers; to bloom.

**blot** (blot) [?], *n.* A stain of ink or other discolouring matter; a cancellation; a blemish, disfigurement, defect; a fault. *v.t.* To spot or stain with ink, etc.; to obliterate; to dry with blotting-paper; to disfigure, sully. *v.i.* To make blots, become blotted. **blotter**, *n.* A pad or book for absorbing superfluous ink from paper after writing; a blotting-pad.

**blotch** (bloch) [BLOT], *n.* A pustule, boil; a clumsy daub; **blotched**, **blotchy**, *a.*

**blouse** (blouz) [F.], *n.* A loose upper garment belted at the waist.

**blow** (1) (blō) [A.-S. *blōwan*], *v.i.* To make a current of air, or send one from the mouth; to pant; to sound (a trumpet, etc.); to eject water and air (as cetaceans). *v.t.* To drive a current of air upon; to impel by wind; to inflate with air; to put out of breath; to sound a wind instrument; to taint by depositing eggs upon (as flies); to shatter by explosives. *n.* A blowing; a breath of fresh air; an egg (of a flesh-fly). **blow-fly**, *n.* The meat-fly. **blow-hole**, *n.* An air-hole; (*pl.*) the spiracles of a cetacean. **blower**, *n.* **blowy**, *a.*

**blow** (2) (blō) [A.-S. *blōwan*], *v.i.* To blossom. *n.* The state of blossoming; bloom.

**blow** (3) (blō) [?], *n.* A stroke with the fist or a weapon; a severe shock; a sudden calamity.

**blowze** (blouz) [BLUSH], *n.* A red-faced, bloated woman. **blowzy**, *a.*

**blubber** (blüb'ér) [prob. imit.], *n.* The fat underlying the skin in whales, etc.; weeping. *v.i.* To weep in a noisy manner.

**Blucher** (bloo'kér) [Prussian Field-Marshal (d. 1819)], *n.* A strong half-boot.

**bludgeon** (blūj'ón) [?], *n.* A short, thick stick, sometimes loaded.

**blue** (bloo) [O.F. *bleu*], *a.* Of the colour of the cloudless sky or deep sea; dressed in or coloured blue; (*fig.*) miserable, low-spirited; learned, pedantic (of women). *n.* One of the primary colours; a man who plays for his University in sport. *v.t.* To make blue; to treat with laundry's blue. **blueness**, *n.* **bluey**, **bluish**, *a.* **bluishness**, *n.* **blue bell**, *n.* The harebell of Scotland; the wild hyacinth of England. **blue-book**, *n.* An official report of Parliament or the Privy Council; **blue-bottle**, *n.* The meat-fly or blow-fly. **bluejacket**, *n.* A sailor in the British Navy. **bluestocking**, *n.* A woman affecting learning or literary tastes.

**bluff** (1) (blūf) [?], *a.* Having a broad, flattened front; blunt, outspoken. *n.* A cliff or headland with a broad, precipitous front. **bluffness**, *n.*

**bluff** (2) (blūf) [?], *n.* An excuse, a blind; bluffing at cards; empty talk. *v.t.* To hoodwink; to make one's adversary believe

one's hand, or position, etc., is stronger than it is.

**blunder** (blün'dér) [?], *v.2.* To err grossly or stupidly; to flounder, stumble. *v.t.* To mismanage. *n.* A gross mistake, a stupid error. **blunderer**, *n.*

**blunderbuss** (blün'dér-büs) [Dut. *donderbus*, thunder-gun], *n.* A short, large bored gun.

**blunt** (blünt) [?], *a.* Dull, obtuse; without edge or point; abrupt, unpolished. *v.t.* To make less sharp; to deaden, dull. *v.i.* To become blunt. **bluntness**, *n.*

**blur** (blér) [?], *n.* A smear, blot, misty effect. *v.t.* To smear; to stain, render indistinct.

**blurt** (blért) [imit.], *v.i.* To utter abruptly.

**blush** (blūsh) [A.-S. *āblisian*], *v.i.* To become red in the face; to be ashamed; to bloom. *n.* The reddening of the face.

**bluster** (blūs'tér) [onomat.], *v.i.* To make a loud boisterous noise like the wind; to swagger, boast. *n.* Boisterous, blowing, inflated talk, swaggering. **blusterer**, *n.*

**boa** (bō'á) [L.], *n.* A large serpent; a long fur or feather tippet worn by ladies.

**boar** (bōr) [A.-S. *bār*], *n.* The uncastrated male of the swine. **boarish**, *a.* Swinish, brutal; cruel.

**board** (bōrd) [A.-S. *bord*, plank, table], *n.* A long piece of timber, moderately broad and thick; a flat slab of wood; a table; a frame on which chess, draughts, etc., are played; layers of paper, etc., pasted together; a table, esp. for meals; food served at table; one's keep, or money in lieu of keep; a council, or its members; (*pl.*) the stage. *v.t.* To furnish or cover with boards; to provide with daily meals (and usu. with lodgings); to go on a ship, embark. *v.i.* To have one's meals (and usu. lodging) at another's house. **boarder**, *n.* One who lives in the house of another; one who boards an enemy's ship. **boarding-house**, *n.* A house in which board may be had. **boarding-school**, *n.*

**boast** (bōst) [?], *n.* Vainglorious assertion, a brag; an occasion of pride. *v.i.* To brag, to praise oneself, speak ostentatiously. *v.t.* To extol, to speak of with pride; **boaster**, *n.* **boastful**, *a.*

**boat** (bōt) [A.-S. *bāt*], *n.* A small vessel, generally undecked; applied also to large vessels, passenger steamers, etc. *v.t.* To transport in a boat. *v.i.* To take boat, to row in a boat. **boat-hook**, *n.* A pole with an iron point and hook, used to push or pull a boat. **boat-house**, *n.* A house by the water in which boats are kept. **boatman**, *n.* A man who lets out, rows, or sails a boat for money. **boatswain**, *n.* **bos'n** (bōsn), *n.* A ship's officer who has charge of the rigging, cables, stores, etc.

**bob** (bob) [?], *n.* A weight at the end of a cord, pendulum, etc.; a bunch of hair, short curl; the docked tail of a horse; a shake, jog; a set of changes in bell-ringing. *v.t.* To have a short jerking motion; to dance, curtsy.

**bobbin** (bob'in) [F. *bobine*], *n.* A wooden



pin on which thread for making lace, etc., is wound; a reel, spool. **bobbinet**, *n.* Machine-made cotton net.

**bock** (bok) [G.], *n.* A large beer-glass.

**bode** (bōd) [A.-S. *boda*, a messenger], *v.i.* To foretell, presage, forebode. *v.i.* To portend (well or ill). **boding**, *a.*

**bodice** (bod'is) ["pair of *bodies*"], *n.* A corset; a vest worn over the corset.

**bodkin** (bod'kin) [?], *n.* A tool for piercing holes; a needle for leading a tape through a hem.

**body** (bod'i) [A.-S. *bodig*], *n.* The material frame of animals; the trunk; the upper part of a dress; the main or central part; a collective mass of persons, things, doctrines, etc.; matter, substance, as opposed to spirit; a person, society, corporation, military force; strength, substantial quality. *v.i.* To clothe with a body; to embody.

**body-guard**, *n.* A guard for the person of a sovereign or dignitary; retinue, following. **bodiless**, *a.* **bodily**, *a.* Pertaining to the body or physical nature; corporeal. *adv.* Corporeally united with matter, wholly, entirely.

**boer** (boor) [Dut., farmer], *n.* A South African of Dutch birth or extraction.

**bog** (bog) [Ir. *bogach*], *n.* A marsh, morass; wet, spongy soil. **boggy**, *a.* **bog-oak**, *n.* Oak found preserved in bogs. **bog-trotter**, *n.* An Irishman.

**boggle** (bogl) [?], *v.i.* To start with fright; to hesitate, make difficulties; to bungle.

**bogie** (bō'gi) [?], *n.* A long, low truck on four small wheels; a plate-layer's trolley.

**bogus** (bō'gūs) [?], *a.* Sham, spurious.

**boğy** (bō'gi) [?], *n.* A spectre, bugbear.

**bohea** (bō-hē) [*Bu-i* hills, in China], *n.* A kind of black tea.

**Bohemian** (1) (bō-hē'mi-ān) [*Bohemia*. AN], *a.* Pertaining to Bohemia, its people, or language; characteristic of gipsies or of social bohemians. *n.* A native or inhabitant of Bohemia; a gipsy; one who leads a free, irregular life, despising social conventionalities. **bohemianism**, *n.* The habits or conduct of a social bohemian.

**boil** (1) (boil) [O.F. *boillir*, L. *bullā*, a bubble], *v.i.* To bubble by the action of heat; to reach the temperature at which liquids become gas; to be cooked boiling; (*fig.*) to be agitated with passion. **boiler**, *n.* One who boils; a vessel in which a thing is boiled, or in which water is converted into steam; a tank for heating water; a vessel for boiling clothes, a copper. **boiling**, *a.*

**boil** (2) (boil) [A.-S. *bȳl*], *n.* A hard, inflamed, suppurating tumour.

**boisterous** (bois'tēr-ūs) [?], *a.* Stormy, noisy; tumultuous, rudely violent.

**boisterously**, *adv.* **boisterousness**, *n.*

**bold** (bōld) [A.-S. *beald*], *a.* Daring, confident, fearless; striking; audacious, forward; steep, prominent. **bold-faced**, *a.* Impudent, shameless. **boldly**, *adv.* Impudently; with effrontery. **boldness**, *n.* Courage, enterprise; effrontery.

**bole** [Icel. *boir*], *n.* The trunk of a tree.

**bolero** (bō-lār'ō) [Sp.], *n.* A lively Spanish dance, or its music.

**bollard** (bol'ard) [BOLE], *n.* A large post on a dock for securing cables.

**Bolshevist** (bol'shé-vist) or **Boishevik** [Rus. *bolshe*, comp. adj. of *bolshoi*, big large], *n.* A member of the Russian revolutionary party that seized power in 1917.

**bolster** (bōl'ster) [A.-S.], *n.* A long under-pillow; a pad or cushion. *v.t.* To support with a bolster; to aid, abet. **bolstering**, *n.* Prop, support.

**bolt** (1) (bōlt) [A.-S.], *n.* A short thick arrow; a discharge of lightning; a bar for fastening a door; a screw-headed metal pin for holding objects together; that portion of a lock which forms the fastening; a sudden flight; a measure of woven fabric (usu. 30 yards). *v.t.* To shut or fasten by means of a bolt; to swallow without chewing. *v.i.* To start suddenly forward or aside; to run away, desert. **bolter**, *n.* One that bolts or runs; a horse given to bolting.

**bolt** (2), **boult** (bōlt) [O.F. *bulter*], *n.* A sieve for separating bran from flour.

*v.t.* To pass through a bolt; to examine. **bolting-cloth**, *n.* A fine cloth used in sifting meal.

**bolus** (bō'lūs) [Gr. *bōlos*, a clod, lump], *n.* A large pill; anything unpalatable.

**bomb** (bom) [Gr. *bombos*, a humming noise], *n.* A hollow explosive hurled from a gun or by hand. *v.t.* To attack with bombs. **bombard** (bombard'), *v.t.* To attack with shot and shell; to assail with arguments or invective. *n.* The earliest form of cannon. **bombardier** (bom-bār-dēr'), *n.* A non-commissioned artillery officer ranking as corporal. **bombardment**, *n.* The act of bombarding.

**bombasine** (bom-bá-zēn') [F. *bombasin*, Gr. *bombuz*, silk], *n.* A twilled fabric of silk and worsted.

**bombast** (bōm'bāst) [O.F. *bumbace*], *n.* Inflated speech, high-sounding words. **bombastic**, *a.*

**bona fide** (bō'ná'fīdē) [L.], *adv.* In good faith. *a.* Genuine.

**bon-bon** (bon'bon) [F.], *n.* A sweetmeat.

**bond** (1) (bond) [var. of BAND], *n.* That which binds or confines, restrains or cements, impedes or enslaves; a binding agreement; a mode of disposing bricks in a wall; (*Law*) a binding agreement, esp. a deed by which one person binds himself to pay a certain sum to another; a debenture. (*pl.*) chains, imprisonment, captivity. *v.t.* To put into a bonded warehouse; to mortgage; to bind or connect (as bricks). **bonded**, *a.* Bound by a bond; put in bond.

**bondage** (bon'dáj) [BOND, -AGE]. *n.* Slavery, captivity; subjection, restraint.

**bone** (bōn) [A.-S. *bān*], *n.* The hard parts of the skeleton and the substance of which it consists; articles made of bone; (*pl.*) mortal remains; dice; castanets. *a.*

Of or pertaining to bone; made of bone.  
**bony**, *a.*

**bonfire** (bon'fir) [BONE, FIRE], *n.* A large fire in the open at public rejoicings, etc.; a fire for burning rubbish.

**bonhomie** (bou'ô-mê') [F. *bon*, good, *homme*, man], *n.* Good-nature, geniality.

**bon mot** (bon-mô) [F.], *n.* A witticism.

**bonne** (bon) [F.], *n.* A French nursemaid.

**bonnet** (bon'et) [O.F. *bonet*, stuff of which caps were made], *n.* A head-covering without a brim; a protective covering to a machine, motor engine, etc.

**bonny** (bon'i) [?], *a.* Beautiful, healthy-looking. **bonnily**, *adv.*

**bonus** (bôn'us) [L. good], *n.* Something over and above what is due; a premium; an extra dividend.

**bonze** (bonz) [Jap. *bonzô*], *n.* A Buddhist priest in Japan, China, etc.

**boo** (boo) [onomat.], *int.* and *n.* An expression of contempt.

**booby** (boo'bi) [Sp. *bobo*, a blockhead], *n.* A stupid fellow, a dunce; a gannet.

**book** (buk) [A.-S. *bōc*], *n.* A collection of sheets printed, written on, or blank, bound in a volume; a division of a literary composition; (*Turf*) bets on a race or at a meeting taken collectively. *v.t.* To enter or register in a book; to obtain by payment in advance (a seat at a theatre, etc.).

**book-account**, *n.* A register of debit or credit in a book. **booked**, *a.* Registered; entered in a book; (*slang*) caught, engaged.

**book-debt**, *n.* A debt entered in an account book.

**book-ing**, *n.* Registry in a book. **booking-office**, *n.* An office where railway or other tickets are issued, goods booked to be forwarded, etc.

**bookish**, *a.* Learned, studious; acquainted with books only.

**book-keeper**, *n.* One who keeps accounts in a merchant's office, etc.

**book-maker**, *n.* A professional betting-man.

**book-plate**, *n.* A device pasted in a book to show the ownership.

**book-worm**, *n.* A worm which eats holes in books; (*fig.*) one always poring over books.

**boom** (1) (boom) [imit.], *n.* A deep, resonant sound, as of artillery, etc.; (*fig.*) a sudden demand for a thing; a rapid burst of commercial activity and prosperity. *v.t.* To make a loud, deep, resonant sound; to rush with violence, as a ship in full sail; (*fig.*) to become very popular, prosperous or active. *v.t.* To utter with a booming sound; (*fig.*) to force on public attention or into great activity, etc.

**boom** (2) (boom) [Dut. *boom*, a tree], *n.* A long spar to extend the foot of a sail; a line of spars forming an obstruction.

**boomerang** (boo'mé-räng) [Austral.], *n.* A native Australian missile weapon, so constructed that, thrown forward, it returns to the rear of the thrower.

**boon** (1) (boon) [Icel. *bōn*], *n.* A petition; a favour, gift; a blessing.

**boon** (2) [F. *bon*, good], *a.* Jolly, convivial.

**boor** (boor) [Dut. *BOER*], *n.* A rustic; a

rude, ill-bred, fellow. **boorish**, *a.* boorishness, *n.*

**boot** (1) (boot) [O.F. *bote*], *n.* A leather covering for the foot reaching above the ankle; an instrument of torture applied to the leg and foot; a receptacle under driver's or guard's seat in a coach, etc.

*v.t.* To put boots on. **booted**, *a.* Having boots on; (*slang*) kicked out.

**boot-jack**, *n.* A board with a crotch to retain the heel while the boot is being pulled off.

**boot-last, -tree**, *n.* A block inserted into a boot to stretch it or keep it in shape.

**boots**, *n.* A male servant at an hotel.

**boot** (2) (boot) [A.-S. *bōt* (*bētan*, to help)], *n.* Profit, advantage. **to boot**: Into the bargain. *v.i.* To avail, to be of use.

**bootless**, *a.* Profitless, unavailing.

**booth** (booth) [M.Dan. *bōth*], *n.* A stall, tent, or other temporary erection; a temporary structure for voting in at elections.

**booty** (boo'ti) [M.Dut. *būte*, booty], *n.* Spoil taken in war; plunder.

**booze** (booz) [M.E. *bousen*, to drink deeply], *n.* Drink; a drinking bout. *v.i.* To drink to excess. **boozy**, *a.*

**borage** (bür'áj) [O.F. *borrace*], *n.* A hairy, blue-flowered plant.

**borax** (bôr'aks) [Arab. *būrdq*], *n.* A native salt used as a solder, and as a detergent. **borac'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to, or derived from, borax.

**border** (bôr'dér) [O.F. *bordure*], *n.* Edge, margin; frontier; an ornamental edging. *v.t.* To put a border or form a boundary to. *v.i.* To lie on the border; to be contiguous. **borderer**, *n.* **borderland**, *n.*

**bore** (1) (bôr) [A.-S. *borian*], *v.t.* To perforate or make a hole through; to weary with twaddle or dullness. *v.i.* To make a hole; to push a horse, boat, or other competitor out of the course. *n.* A hole made by boring; the diameter of a tube; a tiresome person, a wearisome twaddler.

**borer**, *n.* One who or that which bores.

**bore** (2) (bôr) [prob. Icel. *bāra*, a billow], *n.* A tidal wave of great height and velocity.

**boredom** (bôr'dôm) [BORE (1)], *n.* The behaviour of bores; the condition of being wearied by a bore; bores collectively.

**boreas** (bôr'ê-ās) [Gr.], *n.* The north wind. **boreal**, *a.* Pertaining to the north; northern; sub-arctic.

**born** (börn) [p.p. of BEAR (2)], *p.p.* and *a.* Brought into the world; brought forth, produced.

**borough** (bür'ô) [A.-S. *burh*], *n.* A town with a municipal corporation, or which sends a representative to Parliament.

**borrow** (bor'ô) [A.-S. *borgian*], *v.t.* To obtain as a loan; to adopt, assume.

**borzol** (bôr'zol) [Rus.], *n.* A Russian wolfhound.

**bosh** (bosh) [Turk.], *n.* Empty talk, folly.

**bosky** (bos'ki), *a.* Bushy, woody.

**bosom** (buz'um) [A.-S. *bōsm*], *n.* The



- breast (esp. of a woman); the seat of emotions, repository of secrets. *a.* Much beloved; confidential.
- boss** (1) (bos) [O.F. *boce*], *n.* A protuberance; an ornamental knob; a miss, bad shot. *v.t.* To miss, bungle. *v.i.* To make a miss. **boss-eyed**, *a.* Afflicted with a squint; having but one eye, or with one eye damaged.
- boss** (2) [Dut. *baas*, master], *n.* A foreman, manager; a political dictator. *v.t.* To manage, direct, control.
- boston** (bos'ton) [Boston, U.S.A.], *n.* A game resembling whist; a dance.
- bot, bott** (bot) [?], *n.* A parasitic worm; (*pl.*) a disease caused by these in horses, cattle, and sheep.
- botanic** (bō-tăn'ik), -al [Gr. *botanikos*, pertaining to plants], *a.* Pertaining to botany. **botanist**, *n.* **bot'any**, *n.* The science which treats of plants.
- botch** (1) (boch) [?], *n.* A clumsy patch; a bungle. *v.t.* To mend or put together clumsily. **botcher**, *n.* A bungler.
- botch** (2) [O.F. *boce*, BOSS (1)], *n.* An ulcerous swelling. **botchy**, *a.*
- both** (bōth) [Icel. *báthir*], *a.* and *pron.* The one and the other, the two. *adv.* As well the one as the other; equally in two cases.
- bother** (both'ér) [?], *v.t.* To tease, vex, to annoy. *v.i.* To make a fuss, worry oneself; to take trouble. *n.* Worry, disturbance, fuss. **bothera'tion**, *n.*
- bothy, bothie** (both'i) [?], *n.* A hut.
- bottle** (botl) [O.F. *boteile*], *n.* A vessel with a narrow neck for holding liquids (usu. of glass); its contents. *v.t.* To put into bottles; to restrain, repress. **bottle-green**, *n.* Dark green. **bottle-holder**, *n.* A second at a prize-fight. **bottle-washer**, *n.* A general factotum.
- bottom** (bot'om) [A.-S. *botm*], *n.* The lowest part of anything; the bed of a body of water; the furthest point of a recess, gulf, etc.; a ship as receptacle for cargo. *v.t.* To put a bottom to; to sound, fathom. **bottomless**, *a.* **bottommost**, *a.* **bottomry**, *n.* Borrowing money on the security of a ship.
- botulism** (bot'ū-lizm) [L. *botulus*, sausage], *n.* Poisoning by a ptomaine found in decomposed meat, esp. sausages.
- boudoir** (boo'dwar) [F., from *bouder*, to sulk], *n.* A lady's private apartment.
- bough** (bou) [A.-S. *bōg*, shoulder], *n.* A large arm or branch of a tree.
- bouilli** (boo-yē') [F., boiled], *n.* Stewed meat. **bouillon** (boo'yon), *n.* Broth.
- boulder** (bōl'dér) [M.E. *bulderston*], *n.* A large rounded block of stone.
- boulevard** (boo'l'var) [F.], *n.* A broad street planted with trees.
- bounce** (bouns) [?], *n.* A recoil, leap, spring; swagger, self-assertion. *v.i.* To bound like a ball; to spring suddenly forth; to come or go unceremoniously; to talk big. **bouncer**, *n.*
- bound** (1) (bound) [F. *bondir*], *n.* A leap, spring, rebound. *v.i.* To leap, to spring; to bounce. **bounder**, *n.* (Slang) An ill-bred, vulgar, pushful man.
- bound** (2) [O.F. *bonde*], *n.* A limit, a boundary. *v.t.* To set bounds to; to confine. **boundless**, *a.* Without bounds.
- boundary**, *n.* A mark indicating limit; the limit thus marked.
- bound** (3) [*past and p.p.*, BIND], *a.* Under obligation; certain (*with inf.*); (*Books*) in a cover. **bounden**, *a.* Bound; obliged.
- bound** (4) [M.E. *boun*], *a.* Starting, destined.
- bounty** (boun'ti) [O.F. *bonté*], *n.* Gracious liberality; a premium for recruits, or to encourage commerce or industry. **bounteous**, *a.* Full of bounty; liberal. **bountiful**, *a.* Liberal, munificent; plentiful.
- bouquet** (bu-kā') [F.], *n.* A nosegay, bunch of flowers; perfume of wine.
- bourgeois** (boor'zhwa) [F.], *n.* A citizen; one of the mercantile or shop-keeping class. *a.* Middle-class or industrial as distinguished from working-class; (*fig.*) commonplace, unintellectual. **bourgeoisie** (-zē'), *n.* The mercantile or shop-keeping class.
- bourne, bourn** (burn) [F. *borne*], *n.* A bound, limit, goal.
- bout** (bout) [?], *n.* A round, a set-to; a spell of work, drunkenness, etc.
- bovine** (bō'vin) [L. *bovinus*], *a.* Of or resembling oxen; sluggish; dull, stupid.
- bow** (1) (bō) [A.-S. *boga*], *n.* A weapon for discharging arrows; a rainbow; a curve; an ornamental knot; the appliance with which instruments of the violin family are played. *v.t.* To play with the bow on the violin, etc. **bow-legged**, *a.* Having the legs curved outwards. **bow-shot**, *n.* The distance to which an arrow can be shot. **bowstring**, *n.* The string by which a bow is stretched. *v.t.* To strangle with a bowstring.
- bow** (2) (bou) [A.-S. *būgan*], *v.i.* To bend forward as a sign of assent, salutation, etc.; to bend under a yoke. *v.t.* To cause to bend; to incline; to crush. *n.* An inclination of the head, as a salute.
- bow** (3) (bon) [cogn. with BOUGH], *n.* The rounded fore-end of a ship or boat; the rower nearest this. **bowline** (bō'lin), *n.* A rope fastened to a sail to make it stand close to the wind. **bowsprit**, *n.* A spar running out from the bows of a vessel.
- bowlerize** (boud'lér-iz) [Thomas Boudler who expurgated Shakespeare], *v.t.* To expurgate (a book). **bowleriza'tion**, *n.*
- bowel** (bou'él) [O.F. *boel*], *n.* One of the intestines; (*pl.*) the entrails, intestines; the seat of tender emotions; compassion.
- bower** (bou'ér) [A.-S. *būr*, a chamber], *n.* A boudoir; an arbour; [BOW (3)] a small anchor carried at the bow.
- bowie-knife** (bō'i-nif) [Col. Bowie (d. 1836)], *n.* A long knife with double-edged blade.
- bowl** (1) (bōl) [A.-S. *bolla*], *n.* A hollow, rounded vessel for holding liquids.
- bowl** (2) (bōl, bou) [F. *boule*, L. *bullā*, a bubble], *n.* A solid, slightly biased ball

used to play with; (*pl.*) a game with bowls. *v.i.* To play at bowls; to roll a bowl along the ground; to deliver the ball at cricket. *v.t.* To cause to roll or run along the ground; to deliver (as a ball at cricket); to strike the wicket and put a man out.

**bowler** (bō'lér) [BOWL (1) and (2)], *n.* A low-crowned stiff felt hat; one who plays at bowls; the player who delivers the ball at cricket.

**bow-window** [BOW (1)], *n.* A bay-window. **box** (1) (boks) [A.-S.], *n.* A genus of evergreen shrubs; box-wood; a receptacle adapted for holding solids, not liquids; its contents; a compartment in a theatre, tavern, etc., or for animals in a stable; the driver's seat on a coach. *v.t.* To enclose in or furnish with a box. **box-cloth**, *n.* A tough, closely-woven cloth. **box-office**, *n.* An office in a theatre, etc., for booking seats.

**box** (2) [?], *n.* A blow with the open hand on the side of the head. *v.t.* To strike with the open hand. *v.i.* To fight with fists or gloves. **boxer**, *n.*

**boy** (boi) [?], *n.* A male child; a native labourer. **boyhood**, *n.* The state of being a boy; the time when one is a boy. **boyish**, *a.*

**boycott** (boi'kót) [Capt. *Boycott*], *v.t.* To combine to ostracize (a person); to refuse to have dealings with. *n.* The action of boycotting.

**brace** (brás) [O.F. *brace*, Gr. *brachiōn*, the arm], *n.* That which clasps, tightens, supports; a couple, a pair; a tool used by carpenters for boring; a rope attached to a yard for trimming the sail; (*pl.*) straps to support the trousers. *v.t.* To gird or bind; to tighten or strengthen, to fill with energy or firmness. **bracing**, *a.* Imparting tone or strength.

**bracelet** (brás'lét) [F.], *n.* An ornamental ring or band for the wrist or arm.

**brachial** (brá'ki-ál) [L. *brachiālis*], *a.* Belonging to or resembling an arm.

**brachio-** [Gr. *brachiōn*, an arm], *comb. form.* Having arms or arm-like processes.

**brachy-** [Gr. *brachus*, short], *comb. form.* Short. **brachycephalic** (brák-i-sé-fál'ík) [Gr. *kephalē*, head], *a.* Short-headed.

**bracken** (brák'en) [Swed. *bräken*], *n.* The brake-fern, *Pteris aquilina*.

**bracket** (brák'ët) [L. *braccæ*, breeches], *n.* A support fixed to a wall; a mark enclosing a word or words.

**brackish** (brák'ish) [Dut. *brak*], *a.* Partly fresh, partly salt; saline.

**brad** (bräd) [M.E. *brod*], *n.* A thin, flattish nail. **bradawl**, *n.* A small boring-tool.

**brae** (brä) [Icel. *brä*], *n.* A slope, hill.

**brag** (brág) [?], *n.* A boast; a game of cards. *v.t.* To boast. **braggadocio** (bräg-ä-dō'shi-ō), *n.* An empty boaster; empty boasting. **braggart**, *n.* A boastful fellow. *a.* Given to bragging.

**braid** (bräd) [A.-S. *brægd*, trick, deceit], *n.* A narrow woven band; a woven fabric

for trimming, etc. *v.t.* To intertwine, plait; to trim or bind with braid.

**brail** (bräl) [O.F.], *n.* A rope used to furl sails and tent-bottoms.

**braille** (bräl) [Louis *Braille* (1809-52)], *n.* A system of writing for the blind.

**brain** (brän) [A.-S. *brægen*], *n.* The convoluted mass of nervous substance contained in the skull; the seat of thought, etc., centre of sensation; intellectual power. *v.t.* To dash out the brains of. **brainless**, *a.* **brainy**, *a.* Acute, clever.

**braise** (bráz) [F. *braise*, hot charcoal], *v.t.* To cook in a tightly-closed pan.

**brake** (1) (bräk) [BRACKEN], *n.* Bracken.

**brake** (2) (bräk) [O.Dut. *bracke*, a flax-brake], *n.* A large wagonette.

**brake** (3) (bräk) [?], *n.* An appliance to check motion of a wheel; a brake-van. *v.t.* To retard by means of a brake. **brake-van**, *n.* A railway carriage containing a brake.

**brake** (4) (bräk) [perh. M.L.G. *brake*, tree-stumps], *n.* A mass of brushwood, a thicket. **braky**, *a.* Full of brake; rough.

**bramble** (brämb'l) [A.-S. *brembe*], *n.* The blackberry, or allied thorny shrub.

**bran** (brän) [O.F.], *n.* The husks of ground corn.

**branch** (branch) [F. *branche*], *n.* A limit of a tree, esp. from a bough; any analogous offshoot or subdivision. *v.t.* To shoot out into branches; to diverge, divide, to ramify. *v.t.* To divide into branches.

**branchia** (bräng'ki-á) [Gr.], *n.pl.* The gills of fishes and some amphibia.

**brand** (bránd) [A.-S.], *n.* A piece of burning wood; a mark made with a hot iron, an instrument for burning a mark; a trade-mark, a particular kind of manufactured article; a sword; a stigma; class, quality. *v.t.* To mark with a brand; to imprint on the memory; to stigmatize. **brand-new**, *a.* As if just from the furnace, quite new.

**brandish** (brän'dish) [F. *brandir*], *v.t.* To wave or flourish about. *n.* A flourish.

**brandy** (brän'di) [Dut. *brande-wijn*, burnt or distilled wine], *n.* A spirit distilled from wine.

**branks** (bränks) [Sc.], *n.* A kind of gag. **brass** (bras) [A.-S. *bræs*], *n.* A yellow alloy of copper and zinc; anything made of this; effrontery, impudence. *a.* Made of brass. *v.t.* To coat with brass. **brassy**, *a.* Resembling brass; impudent, shameless; pretentious. *n.* A wooden golf club faced with brass.

**brassard** (bräs'árd) [F.], *n.* A badge for the arm.

**brat** (brät) [?], *n.* A child (in a slighting sense).

**brattice** (brät'is) [M.E. *bretasce*], *n.* A partition for ventilation in a mine.

**bravado** (brá-va'dō) [Sp.], *n.* (*pl.* -oes) An insolent menace; ostentatious defiance.

**brave** (bräv) [F.], *a.* Daring, courageous; noble; gay; excellent. *n.* A warrior. *v.t.* To defy, challenge; to meet with



courage. *v.i.* To swagger, show off.  
**bravery**, *n.* Courage; display, finery.  
**bravo** (brá'vó) [It.], *n.* (*pl.* -oes) A hired assassin, a desperado; a cry of approval, a cheer. *int.* Capital! well done!  
**bravura** (brá-voo'rá) [It.], *n.* Brilliance of execution.  
**brawl** (brawl) [?], *v.i.* To quarrel noisily, create a disturbance; to babble (as running water). *n.* A noisy quarrel, disturbance, tumult. **brawler**, *n.* **brawling**, *a.*  
**brawn** (brawn) [O.F. *braon*, flesh for roasting], *n.* Muscle; the flesh of a boar; pig's head collared or potted. **brawny**, *a.* Muscular, strong, hardy. **brawniness**, *n.*  
**bray** (1) (brá) [O.F. *breier*], *v.t.* To pound small; to beat fine.  
**bray** (2) (brá) [O.F. *braire*], *v.i.* To make a discordant noise like an ass. *n.* The cry of the ass; a harsh, grating sound.  
**braze** (bráz) [O.F. *braser*], *v.t.* To solder with an alloy of brass and zinc; to cover or ornament with brass.  
**brazen** (brá'zén) [A.-S. *bræsen*], *a.* Made of or resembling brass; shameless, impudent. *v.t.* To face impudently; to harden, make shameless. **brazen-faced**, *a.* Impudent, shameless. **brazenly**, *adv.*  
**brazier** (1), *n.* A worker in brass.  
**brazier** (2) (brá'zi-ér) [F. *braise*, live coals], *n.* A large pan to hold lighted charcoal.  
**breach** (bréch) [A.-S. *brice*], *n.* The act of breaking; a gap; violation of a law; alienation, quarrel. *v.t.* To make a gap in.  
**bread** (bred) [A.-S.], *n.* Food made of flour or meal kneaded into dough, generally with yeast, and baked. **bread-crumbs**, *n.* A fragment of the soft part of bread. **bread-fruit**, *n.* The farinaceous fruit of a South Sea tree, *Artocarpus incisa*.  
**breadth** (bredth) [A.-S. *brædu*], *n.* Measure from side to side; liberality, tolerance.  
**break** (brák) [A.-S. *brecan*], *v.t.* (*past broke*, earlier *brake*, *p.p.* *broken*, *broke*) To part by violence; to rend apart, rupture, disperse; to subdue, tame; to ruin financially; to cashier, reduce to the ranks; to disable, exhaust the strength or resources of; to interrupt, intercept, lessen the force of; to transgress, violate. *v.i.* To separate into portions; to burst forth; to decline in health; to change direction, as a ball at cricket; to make the first stroke at billiards; to alter (as a boy's voice). *n.* The act of breaking; an opening, gap; interruption; the twist of a ball at cricket; (*Billiards*) a number of points scored continuously. **break-down**, *n.* Downfall, collapse; failure resulting in stoppage.  
**breakfast** (brek'fást), *n.* The first meal in the day. *v.i.* To take breakfast; *v.t.* To provide with or entertain at breakfast. **break-neck**, *a.* Endangering the neck, hazardous. **breakwater**, *n.* A pier, wall, mole, etc., to protect shipping.  
**breakable**, *a.* Capable of being broken.  
**breakage**, *n.* The act of breaking; damage from breaking; the thing broken.  
**breaker**, *n.* One who or that which

breaks; a heavy wave breaking against rocks, or in passing over shallows.  
**bream** (brêm) [O.F. *bresme*], *n.* A freshwater fish.  
**breast** (brest) [A.-S. *brēost*], *n.* The fore-part of the body; one of the organs for the secretion of milk in women; the upper fore-part of a coat, etc.; the affections. *v.t.* To apply or oppose the breast to; to stem, oppose. **breast-bone**, *n.* The sternum, to which certain ribs are attached.  
**breast-summer**, **bressummer** (bres'üm-ér), *n.* A beam supporting the front of a building.  
**breath** (breth) [A.-S. *bræth*], *n.* The air drawn in and expelled by the lungs; the act of breathing; a single respiration; a very slight breeze; an exhalation; a rumour, whisper. **breathless**, *a.*  
**breathe** (bréth) [prec.], *v.i.* To inhale or exhale air; to live; to take breath; to move or sound like breath. *v.t.* To inhale or exhale (as air); to utter with vehemence (with *out*); to express; to allow breathing space to; to blow into. **breathing**, *a.* Living; life-like. *n.* Respiration; a respite; an aspirate.  
**breech** (bréch) [A.-S. *brēc*], *n.* (*pl.* breeches, brich'éz). The hinder part of anything; the portion of a gun behind the bore; (*pl.*) an outer garment worn by men from the loins to the knees. *v.t.* To clothe with breeches. **breech-loader**, *n.* A firearm loaded at the breech.  
**breed** (bréd) [A.-S. *brēdan*], *v.t.* To give birth to; to raise (cattle, etc.); to yield, produce; to engender, to educate, to bring up. *v.i.* To be pregnant; to produce offspring; to come into being. *n.* A line of descendants from the same stock; family, race. **breeder**, *n.* One who breeds cattle, etc. **breeding**, *n.* Deportment, good manners.  
**breeze** (bréz) [Sp. *brisa*, the N.E. wind], *n.* A light wind; a disturbance, a row. **breezy**, *a.* Exposed to breezes, windy; lively, brisk, jovial. **breeziness**, *n.*  
**breve** (brév) [BRIEF], *n.* A sign (˘) used to mark a short vowel; (*Mus.*) a note equal to two semibreves.  
**brevet** (bré-vet') [F., dim. of *bref*, a letter], *n.* An official document conferring certain privileges; (*Mil.*) a warrant conferring rank on an officer without pay. *a.* Honorary, nominal.  
**brevari** (bré'vi-á-ri) [L. *breviārium*], *n.* (*R.-C. Ch.*) A book containing the prayers for the canonical hours.  
**brevier** (bré-vēr') [BREVARY], *n.* A small size of type.  
**brevity** (brév'i-ti) [L. *brevitas-tātem*], *n.* Briefness, shortness; conciseness.  
**brew** (broo) [A.-S. *brēowan*], *v.t.* To make (beer, ale, etc.); (*fig.*) to contrive, to bring about. *v.i.* To make beer, etc., by boiling, fermenting, etc.; to be in preparation. *n.* The action, process or product of brewing; the quantity brewed.  
**brewer**, *n.* One who brews malt liquors.  
**brewery**, **brew-house**, *n.*

**bribe** (brib) [O.F.], *n.* A gift offered to one to influence his judgment or conduct; an inducement. *v.t.* To influence action or opinion thus. *v.i.* To practise bribery. **bribery**, *n.* The act of giving or receiving bribes.

**bric-à-brac** (brik'á-brāk) [F., by hook or by crook], *n.* Fancy ware, curiosities.

**brick** (brik) [F. *brique*, a fragment], *n.* A block of moulded and baked clay used in building; a brick-shaped loaf; (*slang*) a good fellow. *v.t.* To construct with bricks; to imitate brickwork in plaster. **brickbat**, *n.* A broken piece of brick. **bricklayer**, *n.* One who sets bricks.

**bridal** (brī'dāl) [A.-S. *brýð-ealo*, wedding-feast], *n.* The nuptial ceremony or festival; a marriage.

**bride** (brīd) [A.-S. *brýð*], *n.* A woman newly married or on the point of being married. **bridegroom** (A.-S. *guma*, man], *n.* A man about to be married, or recently married. **bridesmaid**, *n.* An unmarried woman who attends on the bride at her wedding.

**bridge** (1) (brij) [A.-S. *brycg*], *n.* A structure over a river, road, etc., to carry a road or path across; the upper bony part of the nose; the bar over which the strings are stretched in a violin, etc. *v.t.* To span or cross with a bridge.

**bridge** (2) [?], *n.* A card game resembling whist. **auction-bridge**, *n.* A development of bridge.

**bridle** (brīd) [A.-S. *brīdel*], *n.* A head-stall and bit for a horse; a curb, check, restraint. *v.t.* To put a bridle on; to control with a bridle; to hold in, check. *v.i.* To hold up the head in pride, scorn, or resentment (with *up*). **bridle-hand**, *n.* The left hand, which holds the reins.

**bridle-path**, *n.* A horse-track.

**brief** (brēf) [O.F. *bref*], *a.* Short in duration; concise; curt. *n.* A papal letter; a summary given to counsel in charge of a case. *v.t.* To instruct or retain (a barrister) by brief. **briefless**, *a.* Having no briefs; without clients.

**brier** (brī'ér) [A.-S. *brēr*, F. *bruyère*, heath], *n.* A thorny or prickly shrub, esp. of a wild rose; the white or tree heath, *Erica arborea*; a tobacco-pipe made from its root.

**brig** (brig) [BRIGANTINE], *n.* A square-rigged vessel with two masts.

**brigade** (bri-gād') [It. *brigata*, a troop], *n.* A large subdivision of an army.

**brigadier** (brig-á-dēr'), *n.* An officer in command of a brigade.

**brigand** (brig'ánd) [F.], *n.* A robber, bandit, outlaw.

**brigantine** (brig'án-tēn) [It. *brigantino*, a pirate-ship], *n.* A two-masted vessel brig-rigged on the foremast and schooner-rigged on the mainmast.

**bright** (brīt) [A.-S. *beorht*], *a.* Emitting or reflecting abundance of light; shining; cheerful, sanguine, clever. *adv.* Brightly. **brighten** *v.t.* To make bright. *v.i.*

To become bright; (*weather*) to clear up. **brightly**, *adv.* **brightness**, *n.*

**brill** (bril) [?], *n.* A sea-fish.

**brilliant** (bril'yánt) [F. *brillant*, shining], *a.* Shining, sparkling; distinguished; clever and successful. *n.* A diamond of the finest cut; the smallest type. **brilliance**, **brilliance**, *n.* **brilliantly**, *adv.*

**brim** (brim) [?], *n.* The upper edge of a vessel, body of water, etc.; the rim of a hat.

**brimstone** (brim'stón) [M.E. *bren*, to burn, *STONE*], *n.* Sulphur.

**brindled** (brindld) [?], *a.* Tawny, streaked with bars of darker hue.

**brine** (brin) [A.-S. *brýne*], *n.* Water strongly impregnated with salt. **briny**, *a.*

**bring** (bring) [A.-S. *bringan*], *v.t.* To cause to come with oneself; to carry, conduct, prevail upon, influence, persuade. **brink** (brink) [Scand.], *n.* The edge of a precipice, pit, etc.; the margin of water.

**brquette** (bri-ket') [F.], *n.* A block of compressed coaldust.

**brisk** (brisk) [?], *a.* Lively, animated; stimulating, bracing. **briskly**, *adv.*

**brisket** (bris'ket) [?], *n.* That part of the breast next to the ribs; a joint of meat.

**bristle** (brisl) [A.-S. *byrs*], *n.* A short, stiff, coarse hair, particularly of swine; a stiff hair on plants. *v.i.* To stand erect (as hair); to show defiance, etc.; to be thickly beset (with difficulties, dangers, etc.). **bristly**, *a.*

**Britain** (brit'án) [Celtic *Britto*, *Brython*, name of the people], *n.* England, Wales, and Scotland. **Britannia** (bri-tán'yá), *n.* Britain personified. **Britannia metal**, *n.* A white alloy of tin, copper, and antimony. **British**, *a.* **Briton** (brit'ón), *n.* A native of Britain.

**brittle** (britl) [A.-S. *brēotan*, to break], *a.* Liable to be broken, fragile.

**broach** (brōch) [F. *broche*, a spit], *n.* A roasting-spit; a mason's chisel, a boring-bit. *v.t.* To pierce (as a cask), so as to allow liquor to flow; to make public.

**broad** (brawd) [A.-S. *brād*], *a.* Wide, extended across; extensive; of wide range; tolerant, liberal; rustic, coarse; free in style or effect. *n.* A freshwater lake, formed by the broadening of a river. *adv.* In breadth; broadly, widely. **broadcast**, *a.* Scattered by the hand (as seed); (*fig.*) widely disseminated. *n.* Broadcast sowing. *adv.* By scattering widely.

*v.t.* To disseminate widely, esp. by wireless. **broaden**, *v.i.* To become broader, to spread. *v.t.* To make broader. **broadness**, *n.* Coarseness, indelicacy. **broad-sheet**, *n.* A large sheet printed on one side only. **broadside**, *n.* The side of a ship above the water; a volley from all the guns on one side of a ship of war; a broadsheet. **broadsword**, *n.* A cutting sword with a broad blade.

**brocade** (brō-kad') [Sp. *brocado*], *n.* Silken stuff with raised figures.

**broccoli** (brók'ò-li) [It. *broccolo*, a sprout], *n.* A variety of cauliflower.



**brochure** (bró-shoor') [F.], *n.* A pamphlet.

**brock** (brok) [A.-S. *broc*], *n.* A badger.  
**brogue** (brög) [Ir. *brög*, shoe], *n.* A rough shoe of untanned leather; dialectal pronunciation, esp. Irish.

**broil** (1) (broil) [It. *broiglio*, confusion], *n.* A tumult, disturbance, contention.

**broil** (2) (broil) [?], *v.t.* To cook on a gridiron. *v.i.* To be very hot; to be subjected to heat.

**broken** (brö'kén) [*p.p.*, BREAK], *a.* In pieces; crushed, humbled; violated; interrupted, ejaculatory; bankrupt, ruined. **broken-down**, *a.* Decayed; worn-out; ruined.

**broker** (brö'kér) [M.E. and A.-F. *brocur*], *n.* An agent, factor, middleman; one licensed to appraise and sell distrained goods. **brokerage**, *n.*

**bromine** (brö'min, -mín), [Gr. *brōmos*, a stench], *n.* A non-metallic element with a strong, irritating odour. **bromide**, *n.* A combination of bromine with a metal or a radical.

**bronchi, bronchia** (brong'ki, -ki-á) [L., from Gr. *brunchos*, *bronchia*], *n.pl.* The main divisions of the windpipe. **bronchial**, *a.* **bronchi'tis**, *n.* Inflammation of the bronchia.

**bronze** (bronz) [L. *Brundusinium*, made at Brindisi], *n.* A brown alloy of copper and tin, with a little zinc or lead; a brown colour; a work of art in bronze. *v.t.* To give a bronze-like appearance to; to brown. *v.i.* To become brown or tanned.

**brooch** (bröch) [BROACH], *n.* An ornamental clasp with a pin, for fastening.

**brood** (brood) [A.-S. *brōd*], *n.* Birds hatched at one time; offspring; lineage; (*contemp.*) a swarm, crowd. *v.i.* To sit on eggs; to hang close over (as clouds); to meditate moodily. **broody**, *a.*

**brook** (1) (bruk) [A.-S. *brōc*], *n.* A small stream.

**brook** (2) (bruk) [A.-S. *brūcan*], *v.t.* To endure, support, put up with.

**broom** (broom) [A.-S. *brōm*], *n.* A shrub with yellow flowers; a besom for sweeping, orig. made of broom. *v.t.* To sweep with a broom. **broomstick**, *n.*

**broth** (broth) [A.-S.], *n.* The liquor in which meat, etc., has been boiled.

**brother** (brüth'er) [A.-S. *brōthor*], *n.* (*pl.* **brothers, brethren**). A son of the same parents; one of the same community, city, church, order, profession, etc.; a fellow-man. **brother-in-law**, *n.* The brother of one's husband or wife, one's sister's husband. **brotherhood**, *n.* The relationship of a brother; an association for mutual service. **brotherly**, *a.* Coming to a brother; fraternal. *adv.* Fraternaly.

**brougham** (broom) [Lord Brougham, 1778-1868], *n.* A four-wheeled, one-horsed carriage.

**brow** (brou) [A.-S. *brā*], *n.* The ridge over the eye; the forehead; the edge or

top of a hill. **brow-beat**, *v.t.* To bear down arrogantly; to bully.

**brown** (broun) [A.-S.], *a.* Of a dusky colour tinged with red; dusky, dark. *n.* A colour produced by a mixture of red, black, and yellow. **brown study**, *n.* Reverie, day-dream.

**brownie** (brou'ni) [BROWN], *n.* A benevolent domestic spirit.

**browse** (brouz) [F.], *v.t.* To nibble; (*fig.*) to read in a desultory way.

**Bruin** (broo'in) [Dut., brown], *n.* A bear.

**bruise** (brooz) [A.-S. *brýsan*], *v.t.* To injure, discolour, by a blow from something blunt and heavy without breaking skin or bone; to pound, grind up. *n.* An injury caused thus; a contusion. **bruiser**, *n.* A prize-fighter.

**bruit** (broot) [F., noise], *n.* Noise, tumult, report. *v.t.* To rumour, noise abroad.

**brunette** (broo-net') [F.], *n.* A darkish woman. *a.* Brown-haired.

**brunt** (brünt) [?], *n.* The shock or stress of an attack, danger, or crisis.

**brush** (brüş) [O.F. *brosse*], *n.* (*Am. and Austral.*) Brushwood; an instrument for sweeping or scrubbing, white-washing, painting, smoothing the hair, etc.; a bushy tail, as of a fox; a skirmish. *v.t.* To sweep or scrub with a brush; to remove by brushing; to touch lightly, as in passing. *v.i.* To move with a sweeping motion; to pass lightly over. **brushwood**, *n.* A thicket, underwood; lop-pings. **brushy**, *a.* Rough, shaggy.

**brusque** (brűsk) [F.], *a.* Rough, uncere-monious. **brusqueness**, *n.*

**brute** (broot) [L. *brütus*, stupid], *n.* An irrational animal; a beast; a brutal person; the animal nature in man. **brutal**, *a.* Resembling a brute; savage, unrefined, sensual. **brutal'ity**, *n.* **bru'talize**, *v.t.* To render brutal. **brutish**, *a.* Like a brute; bestial.

**bryony** (brí'ó-ni) [L.], *n.* A climbing plant.

**bubble** (bübl) [imit.], *n.* A vesicle of liquid filled with air or other gas; a cavity in ice, glass, etc.; a cheat, fraud, swindling project. *v.i.* To rise in bubbles; to make a noise like bubbling water.

**buccaneer** (bük-á-nēr') [F. *boucanier*], *n.* A pirate, filibuster. *v.i.* To act the part of a buccaneer.

**buck** (bük) [A.-S. *bucc*], *n.* The male of the fallow-deer, goat, etc.; a gay, dashing young fellow. *v.i.* To buck-jump. **buck-hound**, *n.* A small variety of the staghound. **buck-jumper**, *n.* A horse given to jumping with the feet drawn together and the back arched.

**bucket** (bük'ét) [?], *n.* A vessel with a handle for drawing or carrying liquids; as much as a bucket will hold.

**buckle** (bükl) [O.F. *bocle*], *n.* A link of metal for fastening straps, etc.; a twist; the state of being twisted. *v.t.* To fasten with a buckle; to bend, twist; to prepare (oneself) resolutely. *v.i.* To be put out of shape.

**buckler** (bŭk'lér) [O.F. *bucler*], *n.* A small round shield.

**buckram** (bŭk'rám) [O.F. *boucaran*], *n.* Strong, coarse linen cloth, stiffened with gum. *a.* Made of buckram; starched, stiff, precise.

**buckwheat** (bŭk'hwét) [*beechwheat*, from shape of seeds], *n.* A cereal plant.

**bucolic** (bŭ-kol'ík) [Gr. *boukolos*, herdsman], *a.* Pastoral, rustic.

**bud** (bŭd) [?], *n.* The germ of a branch, flower or leaf; something undeveloped. *v.i.* To put forth buds; begin to grow.

**Buddha** (bud'á) [Sansk. *buddha*, enlightened], *n.* Gautama, the founder of Buddhism. **Buddhism**, *n.* The religious system founded in India in the 5th cent. *B.C.* **Buddhist**, *n.* A follower of Buddha. *a.* Connected with Buddhism.

**budge** (bŭj) [F. *bouger*, to stir], *v.i.* To move from one's place. *v.t.* To cause (something heavy) to move.

**budget** (bŭj'et) [F. *bougette*], *n.* A small leather bag or its contents; a bundle, collection of news; an estimate of receipts and expenditure. *v.i.* To prepare an estimate (for).

**buff** (bŭf) [F. *buffle*, buffalo], *n.* Soft leather prepared from buffalo hide or other skin; the colour of this, light yellow; the bare skin.

**buffalo** (bŭf'á-lŏ) [Gr. *boubalos*], *n.* A wild ox; the American bison.

**buffer** (bŭf'ér) [O.F. *bufte*, a blow], *n.* An apparatus for counteracting the effect of a concussion; a fellow.

**buffet** (1) (bŭf'et) [O.F. *bufet*], *n.* A blow, a cuff; a disaster, misfortune. *v.t.* To strike with the hand; to contend with.

**buffet** (2) (bŭf'et) [F.], *n.* A cupboard or sideboard; (bŭf'á) a refreshment bar.

**buffoon** (bŭf-oon') [F. *bouffon*], *n.* One who indulges in low jests. **buffoonery**, *n.*

**bug** (bŭg) [?], *n.* A blood-sucking, evil-smelling insect.

**bugbear** (bŭg'bär) [W. *bwg*, a ghost], *n.* A hobgoblin; an imaginary object of terror.

**buggy** (bŭg'í) [?], *n.* A light, four-wheeled single-seated vehicle.

**bugle** (bŭgl) [O.F. *bugle*, a wild ox], *n.* A hunting-horn, orig. of horn; a small trumpet for military signals; a slender glass bead. **bugler**, *n.*

**buhl** (bool) [André *Buhl* (d. 1732)], *n.* Inlay work of brass, tortoiseshell, etc.

**build** (bild) [A.-S. *bold*, a house], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* *built*). To construct, make by putting together parts and materials; to establish. *v.i.* To erect a building; make a nest. *n.* Mode of construction; shape, figure. **builder**, *n.* **building**, *n.*

**bulb** (bŭlb) [Gr. *bolbos*, onion], *n.* A subterranean bud sending roots below and leaves above; a spherical swelling. **bulbous** (bŭl'bús), *a.* Bulb-shaped.

**bulbul** (bul'bŭl) [Pers.], *n.* An Eastern bird of the thrush family; a singer, a poet.

**bulge** (bŭlj) [O.F. *boulgue*], *n.* The protu-

berant part of a cask; a swelling. *v.i.* To swell irregularly, be protuberant.

**bulk** (bŭlk) [Icel. *bŭlki*, a heap], *n.* Magnitude of three dimensions; the main mass. *v.i.* To appear relatively big; to amount. **bulk**, *a.* Large.

**bulkhead** (bŭlk'hed) [?], *n.* An upright partition dividing a ship into compartments.

**bull** (1) (bul) [A.-S. *bule*, *bellan*, to bellow], *n.* The uncastrated male of cattle, applied also to the male of the elephant, whale, etc.; (*Stock Exchange*) one who speculates for a rise (cp. *BEAR*); a bull's-eye. *v.t.* To speculate for or produce a rise in (stocks, etc.). **bulldog**, *n.* A powerful breed of dog. **bullfinch**, *n.* An English song-bird with handsome plumage. **bull's-eye**, *n.* The centre of a target; a sweetmeat; a lantern with a hemispherical lens.

**bull** (2) (bul) [L. *bullā*, a seal], *n.* A leaden seal appended to a Papal edict; the edict.

**bull** (3) (bul) [?], *n.* A ludicrous contradiction in terms.

**bullet** (bul'et) [F. *boulette*], *n.* A ball or cone of lead used in small fire-arms.

**bulletin** (bul'et-in) [It. *bulletino*], *n.* An official report.

**bullion** (bul'yón) [F.], *n.* Uncoined gold and silver.

**bullock** (bul'ók) [A.-S. *bulluc*], *n.* A castrated ox.

**bully** (bul'í) [?], *n.* A blustering fellow; a cowardly tyrant, swashbuckler, hired ruffian. *v.t.* To treat in a tyrannical manner.

**bulrush** (bul'rŭsh) [?], *n.* A tall rush with a brown head, growing in water.

**bulwark** (bul'wark) [Dut. *bolwerk*], *n.* A rampart or fortification; shelter, protection; the sides of a ship which rise above the upper deck.

**bumble-bee** (bumb'l'be) [imit., *BEE*], *n.* A large bee.

**bump** (bŭmp) [onomat.], *n.* A dull, heavy blow; a swelling; a touch in a bumping-race. *v.t.* To cause to strike forcibly or hurt by striking against something; to hit (against). *v.i.* To strike heavily; to collide. **bumper**, *n.* A glass filled to the brim. **bumpy**, *a.* Full of lumps; uneven.

**bumpkin** (bŭmp'kin) [?], *n.* A country lout; a clumsy, thickheaded fellow.

**bumptious** (bŭmp'shŭs) [*BUMP*], *a.* Self-assertive.

**bun** (bŭn) [?], *n.* A small sweet cake; a ball of hair at the back of the head.

**bunch** (bŭnch) [?], *n.* A cluster, tuft, lot, collection. *v.t.* To tie up or form into a bunch. *v.i.* To grow into a cluster.

**buncombe** (bŭng'kŭm) [*Buncombe*, N. Carolina], *n.* Political clap-trap.

**bundle** (bŭndl) [O.Teut. *bindan*, to BIND], *n.* Things bound together; a package, parcel; a group of characteristics.

**bung** (bŭng) [L. *puncta*, an orifice], *n.* A large cork stopper for a bung-hole.



*v.t.* To stop with a bung. **bung-hole**, *n.* The hole through which a cask is filled.

**bungalow** (bŭng'gá-lŏ) [Hind. *bāṅglā*, of Bengal], *n.* A lightly-built one-storied house.

**bungle** (bŭngl) [?], *v.t.* To botch; to manage clumsily. *v.i.* To act clumsily or awkwardly. *n.* Botching; mismanagement. **bungler**, *n.* **bungling**, *a.*

**union** (bŭn'yón) [?], *n.* A swelling on the joint of the great toe.

**bunk** (bŭnk) [?], *n.* A recess serving for a bed; a sleeping-berth.

**bunker** (bŭng'kér) [?], *n.* (*Naut.*) a coal-bin; an obstruction on a golf-course.

**bunny** (bŭn'i) [?], *n.* A childish name for a rabbit.

**bunting** (bŭn'ting) [?], *n.* A group of birds allied to the larks; stuff of which flags are made; a flag.

**buoy** (boi) [O.F. *boie*], *n.* An anchored float indicating shoals, etc.; a float to sustain a person in the water. *v.t.* To mark with a buoy. **buoyancy**, *n.* Ability to float; power of resisting or recovering from depression; lightheartedness. **buoyant**, *a.*

**bur**, **burr** (bér) [M.E.], *n.* The prickly envelope of the burdock; the husk of the chestnut.

**burden**, **burthen** (bér'dén, -thén) [A.-S. *byrthen*], *n.* Something borne or carried; a load; the gist of a composition; tonnage; a refrain. *v.t.* To load; to oppress, encumber. **burdensome**, *a.* Hard to bear; grievous.

**burdock** (bér'dok) [BURR], *n.* A coarse plant with prickly flower-heads.

**bureau** (bŭ-rŏ') [F.], *n.* (*pl.* -eaux). A writing-table with drawers; an office, Government department.

**bureaucracy** (bŭ-rok'rásí) [as *prec.*, -CRACY], *n.* Government by officials; centralization of government; officialism. **bureaucratic**, *a.*

**burgee** (bér-jé) [?], *n.* A swallow-tailed flag.

**burgess** (bér-jés) [BOURGEOIS], *n.* A citizen possessing full municipal rights.

**burgher** (bér-gér), *n.* A citizen, burgess.

**burglar** (bér-g'lar) [Ang.-Lat. *burglātor*], *n.* One who breaks into a house to steal.

**burglarios** (-lār'i-ŭs), *a.* **burglary**, *n.* **burgle**, *v.* To commit burglary.

**burgomaster** (bér-gŏ-mas-tér) [Dut.], *n.* A chief magistrate in Holland or Flanders.

**burial** (ber'i-ál) [A.-S. *byrgels*, a tomb], *n.* The act of burying; a funeral.

**burin** (bŭr'in) [F.], *n.* The cutting-tool for engraving on copper.

**burke** (bérk) [pers. name], *v.t.* To smother, hush up.

**burlesque** (bŭr-lesk') [F.], *a.* Mock-serious or mock-heroic. *n.* Mockery, grotesque imitation. *v.t.* To travesty.

**burly** (bér'li) [M.E. *burliche*], *a.* Stout, lusty, corpulent. **burliness**, *n.*

**burn** (1) (bérn) [A.-S. *bærnan*], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* **burnt**, **burned**). To consume, or injure by fire; to treat with heat; to

corrode, eat into, cauterize. *v.t.* To be on fire; to shine, glow, to rage, be inflamed.

*n.* The effect of burning; a burnt place.

**burner**, *n.* That part of a lamp, etc., from which the flame issues. **burning**, *a.*

**burn** (2) [A.-S. *burna*], *n.* A brook.

**burnish** (bér'nish) [O.F. *bruni-*, to brown], *v.t.* To polish, esp. by rubbing. *n.* Gloss, lacquer. **burnisher**, *n.*

**burr** (bér) [?], *n.* A bur; the rough edge left on metal after punching, etc. *v.t.* To pronounce with a rough sounding of the *r*.

**burrow** (bŭr'ŏ) [?], *n.* A hole made by rabbits, foxes, etc., for a dwelling-place. *v.t.* To excavate a burrow.

**bursar** (bŭr'sár) [L. *bursa*, purse], *n.* A treasurer of a college; one who holds a bursary. **bursary**, *n.* An exhibition in a Scottish University.

**burst** (bérst) [A.-S. *berstan*], *v.t.* To break or rend asunder with suddenness and violence. *v.i.* To be broken suddenly from within; to rush forth with force. *n.* A sudden and violent breaking forth.

**bury** (ber'i) [A.-S. *byrgan*], *v.t.* To inter, to consign to the grave or to obscurity.

**busby** (bŭz'bi) [?], *n.* The tall cap worn by Hussars, Artillerymen, and the Royal Engineers.

**bush** (bush) [Icel. *buskr*], *n.* A thick shrub; a thicket; uncleared land. **bushman**, *n.* Aborigines living in Cape Colony; one who lives in the Australian bush. **bushranger**, *n.* One who has taken to the bush as a highwayman.

**bushy**, *a.* Abounding with bushes.

**bushel** (bushl) [O.F. *boisself*], *n.* A dry measure of capacity (8 gals.).

**business** (biz'nés) [A.-S. *bisigness*], *n.* Trade, profession; duty, concern; bargaining; a particular matter demanding attention; a commercial establishment.

**busk** (bŭsk) [M.F. *busque*], *n.* A stiffening bone or plate in a corset.

**buskin** (bŭs'kin) [O.F. *bousequin*], *n.* A boot reaching nearly to the knee worn by actors in Athenian tragedy.

**bust** (bŭst) [F. *buste*], *n.* The head, shoulders, and breast of a person sculptured; the upper front part of the body.

**bustard** (bŭs'tárd) [L. *avis tarda*, slow bird], *n.* A large bird allied to the plovers and the cranes.

**bustle** (bŭsl) [?], *n.* Activity with noise and excitement; stir, fuss; a pad worn by women below the dress at the back. *v.t.* To make a show of activity. *v.t.* To hurry, to cause to work hard.

**busy** (biz'i) [A.-S. *bysig*], *a.* Fully occupied; closely engaged, diligent; officious, meddlesome. *v.r.* To occupy oneself.

**busybody**, *n.* An officious meddler.

**but** (bŭt) [A.-S. *bŭtan*], *prep.* Except, barring. *conj.* Yet still; except that; nevertheless, however. *adv.* Only.

**butcher** (buch'ér) [O.F. *bochier*], *n.* One who slaughters and sells the flesh of domestic animals for food. *v.t.* To put

to death in a wanton or sanguinary fashion. **butchery**, *n.*

**butler** (büt'ler) [O.F. *bouteillier*], *n.* A servant in charge of the wine, etc.

**butt** (1) (büt) [?], *n.* The blinder or blunter end of a tool, weapon, etc.; the square end of a piece of timber.

**butt** (2) [O.F. *boute*, a cask], *n.* A large cask; 126 galls. of wine, or 108 galls. of beer.

**butt** (3) [F. *but*, a goal], *n.* A target; the mound behind targets, the shelter for the marker; (*pl.*) a shooting-range; an object for ridicule, etc.

**butt** (4) [O.F. *boter*, to push], *v.t.* To strike, thrust, or push with the head.

**butter** (büt'er) [A.-S. *butare*], *n.* The fatty portion of milk solidified by churning. *v.t.* To spread with butter; (*fig.*) to flatter grossly. **buttercup**, *n.* The yellow-flowered ranunculus. **butterfly**, *n.* An insect with erect wings and knobbed antennæ; a giddy or fickle person.

**buttery** (büt'er-i) [O.F. *bouteillerie*, butlery], *n.* A room in which liquor and provisions are kept.

**buttock** (büt'ók) [BUTT (1), -OCK], *n.* One of the protuberant parts of the rump.

**button** (büt'on) [O.F. *boton*], *n.* A disk used for fastening or ornamenting the dress; a small bud; a small fastener, catch, etc.; a knob actuating electrical apparatus. *v.t.* To fasten, furnish, or secure with buttons. **buttonhole**, *n.* A slit to admit a button; a small bouquet for the button-hole of a coat.

**buttress** (büt'rés) [?], *n.* A structure built against a wall to strengthen it.

**buxom** (bük'sóm) [A.-S. *būgan*, to bend], *a.* Plump and comely.

**buy** (bí) [A.-S. *bycgan*], *v.t.* To purchase; to procure by means of money; to gain by bribery. **buyer**, *n.*

**buzz** (büz) [onomat.], *n.* A hum like that of a bee; a confused noise; bustle; rumour. *v.t.* To make a noise like humming or whirling. *v.t.* To spread abroad secretly. **buzz-saw**, *n.* A circular saw.

**buzzard** (büz'árd) [O.F. *busard*], *n.* A kind of falcon.

**by** (bí) [A.-S.], *prep.* Near, at, beside, via; through (as author, cause); during, not later than; concerning. *adv.* Near at hand; in reserve; past. *a.* Side, secondary; private, secret. **by-election**, *n.* An election caused by the death or resignation of a member. **bygone**, *a.* Past. *n.* A past event; (*pl.*) the past; past injuries.

**by-lane**, *n.* A lane lying off the main road. **by-law**, *n.* A statute made by a local authority; rules adopted by a society.

**by-pass**, *n.* A pipe passing round a tap or valve. **bypath**, *n.* A private or unfrequented path. **by-play**, *n.* Action carried on aside, while the main action is proceeding.

**by-product**, *n.* A secondary product. **by-road**, *n.* A road little frequented. **bystander**, *n.* An onlooker, eye-witness. **by-street**, *n.* An out-of-the-way or unfrequented street. **byword**,

*n.* A common saying; an object of general contempt.

**bye** (bí) [BY], *n.* (*Cricket*) A run scored when the ball passes the batsman; (*Golf*) holes left over and played as a new game; a goal at lacrosse; an odd man after pairs have been drawn. [For compounds see BY.]

**byre** (bír) [A.-S., a hut], *n.* A cow-house.

**Byzantine** (bi-zán'tin) [L. *Byzantinus*], *a.* Pertaining to Byzantium (Constantinople).

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**cab** (káb) [short for F. *cabriolet*], *n.* A public vehicle drawn by one horse; the covered part of a locomotive.

**cabal** (ká-bál') [CABBALA], *n.* A small body of persons closely united for some secret purpose; a clique. *v.t.* To intrigue secretly.

**cabbage** (káb'áj) [F. *caboche*, great head], *n.* The plain-leaved, hearted varieties of *Brassica oleracea*.

**cabbala** (káb'á-lá) [Heb. *qabbālāh*, tradition], *n.* An exposition of the Pentateuch; mystic or esoteric doctrine. **cabbalism**, *n.* Occult doctrine. **cabbalist**, *n.* **cabbalistic**, *a.* Mysterious, occult.

**cabin** (káb'in) [F. *cabane*], *n.* A hut, temporary shelter; a room or compartment in a ship. *v.t.* To coop in.

**cabinet** (káb'i-nét) [dim. of CABIN], *n.* A small room; a piece of furniture in which to keep curiosities, etc.; a council, council chamber; a committee of the principal members of the British Government.

**cable** (kábl) [L. *captum*], *n.* A strong rope; the rope or chain to which an anchor is fastened; a line for submarine telegraphs. *v.t.* To send (a message) by cable. **cablegram**, *n.* A message by submarine cable.

**caboose** (ká-boos') [?], *n.* The cook's galley.

**cache** (kásh) [F., *caché*, to hide], *n.* A hole in the ground in which provisions, ammunition, etc., are hidden.

**cachinnation** (kák-in-á'shún) [L. *cachinnāre*], *n.* Loud or immoderate laughter.

**cackle** (kákl) [M.E. *kakelen*], *n.* The sound made by a hen; idle chatter. *v.t.* To make a noise like a hen after laying an egg; to chatter in a silly manner.

**caco-** [Gr. *kako-*, evil, bad], *comb. form.* (*Path.*) Bad, malformed, evil to the senses. **cacœthes** (kák-ō-ē'thēz) [Gr. *kakœthes*, evil habit], *n.* A bad habit; irresistible propensity.

**cacophony** (ká-kof'ó-ni) [Gr. *kakophōnos*, harsh-sounding], *n.* A rough, discordant style. **cacophonous**, *a.* Harsh-sounding, discordant.

**cactus** (kák'tús) [Gr. *kaktos*], *n.* A succulent spiny plant.

**cad** (kád) [short for CADET], *n.* A low, vulgar, ill-mannered fellow. **caddish**, *a.*

**cadaverous** (ká-dáv'er-ús) [L. *cadáver*, a corpse], *a.* Corpse-like; deathly pale.



**caddie** (kăd'i) [CADET], *n.* (Sc.) A lad or man attending on a golfer.

**caddis** (kăd'is) [?], *n.* The larva of the may-fly, etc.

**caddy** (kăd'i) [Malay *kāṭi*, a weight of 1½ lb.], *n.* A small box in which tea is kept.

**cade** (kăd) [Gr. *kados*, a pail, cask], *n.* A barrel of 600 herrings or 1000 sprats.

**cadence** (kă'dens) [L. *cadere*, to fall], *n.* The sinking of the voice at the end of a sentence; modulation, intonation; rhythm. *v.t.* To put into rhythmical measure.

**cadet** (kă-det') [Prov. *capdet*], *n.* A younger son, younger branch of a family; a pupil in a military or naval academy.

**cadge** (kăj) [?], *v.t.* To get by begging.

**cadger**, *n.* One who cadges; a huckster, hawk, or beggar.

**cadi** (kă'di) [Arab. *qādī*], *n.* A judge in Oriental countries.

**caduceus** (kă-dū'sé-ūs) [L.], *n.* The winged staff of Mercury.

**cæsura** (sē-zū'rā) [L., *cæsere*, to cut], *n.* A pause about the middle of a line of poetry.

**café** (kăf'ā) [F., coffee], *n.* A coffee-house; restaurant. **caffeine** (kăf'ē-in), *n.* A vegetable alkaloid derived from the coffee and tea plants.

**cage** (kăj) [L. *cavus*, hollow], *n.* An enclosure wholly or partly of wire, wicker-work, or iron bars, etc.; a prison; the lift used in mines. *v.t.* To confine.

**cairn** (kărn) [Gael.], *n.* A pyramidal heap of stones, as a grave-mound, landmark, etc.

**cairngorm** (kărn-gŏrm) [Gael.], *n.* A brownish rock crystal from the Cairngorm mountains, Scotland.

**caisson** (kăs'ŏn, kă-soon') [F.], *n.* An ammunition-chest; a water-tight chamber used in laying foundations under water or for raising sunken vessels.

**caitiff** (kă'tif) [L. *captivus*, CAPTIVE], *n.* A despicable, cowardly fellow. *a.* Cowardly, base.

**cajole** (kă-jŏl') [F.], *v.t.* To beguile by flattery; to wheedle, coax. **cajolement**, **cajolery**, *n.*

**cake** (kăk) [Icel. *kaka*], *n.* A composition of flour, butter, sugar, etc., baked; a flat mass of food or any solidified or compressed substance. *v.t.* To make into a cake. *v.i.* To assume a cake-like form.

**calabash** (kă'lā-băsh) [Sp. *calabaza*], *n.* A gourd or pumpkin; its dried shell.

**calamity** (kă-lām'i-ti) [L. *calamitas*], *n.* Extreme misfortune, disaster. **calamitous**, *a.* Causing or characterized by great distress or unhappiness.

**calc-** [G. *kalk*, L. *calx* -*cis*], *comb. form.* (Geol.) Lime. **calc-spar**, *n.* Calcareous spar.

**calcareous** (kăl-kăr'i-ūs) [L.], *a.* Of the nature of lime or limestone.

**calceolaria** (kăl-sé-ŏ-lăr'i-ā) [L. *calceolus*, dim. of *calceus*, a shoe], *n.* Slipperwort, a plant with slipper-like flowers.

**calcine** (kăl'sin) [L. *calcināre*], *v.t.* To reduce to quick-lime or powder by heat;

to desiccate by heat; to burn to ashes. *v.i.* To undergo calcination. **calcina'tion**, *n.*

**calcium**, *n.* The metallic base of lime.

**calculate** (kăl'kū-lăt) [L. *calculāre*], *v.t.* To reckon up, estimate; to ascertain by mathematical process; to adjust, to arrange. *v.i.* To reckon, form an estimate; to rely (upon). **calculated**, *a.* Pre-arranged; cold-blooded; well adapted (to). **calculable**, *a.* That may be calculated. **calcula'tion**, *n.* The act of reckoning or computing; the result of this; estimate, inference. **calculator**, *n.* A person or mechanical contrivance that calculates; tables for use in calculating.

**calculus** (kăl'kū-lūs) [L., a pebble], *n.* (pl. -li) A stony, morbid concretion formed in various organs of the body; (Math.) a method of calculation.

**Caledonian** (kăl-ē-dŏ-ni-ān) [L. *Calēdonia*, N. Britain], *a.* (poet.) Pertaining to Scotland. *n.* A Scotsman.

**calefactory** (kăli-fak'tŏri) [L. *calēre*, to be warm, *facere*, to make], *a.* Producing or communicating heat.

**calendar** (kăl'ēn-dăr) [L. *calendārium*, an account-book], *n.* A register of the months, weeks, and days of the year; an almanac; a chronological catalogue of documents with digests of the contents.

**calender** (kăl'ēn-dēr) [L. *cylindrus*, roller], *n.* A rolling-machine for making cloth or paper glossy. *v.t.* To glaze by passing between rollers.

**calends** (kăl'ēndz) [L.], *n.* The first day of any month in the old Roman calendar.

**calf** (1) (kaf) [A.-S. *cealf*], *n.* (pl. *calves*) The young of the cow, and of some large animals, as of the elephant, whale, etc.; leather from calfskin.

**calf** (2) (kaf) [Icel. *kálfi*], *n.* (pl. *calves*) The thick fleshy part of the leg behind.

**calibre** (kăl'i-bēr) [F. *calibre*], *n.* The internal diameter of the bore of a gun.

**calico** (kăl'i-kŏ) [Calicut, Malabar], *n.* White or unbleached cotton cloth.

**caliph** (kă'lif) [Arab. *khālifah*, successor], *n.* The chief ruler in Mohammedan countries, the successor of Mohammed.

**caliphate** (kăl'i-fāt), *n.* The office, dignity, or dominion of a caliph.

**calkin** (kăl'kin) [L. *calcāneum*, heel], *n.* A projection on a horseshoe to prevent slipping.

**call** (kawl) [Icel. *kalla*], *v.t.* To name, to designate, describe as; to summon, to cite, invoke; to rouse from sleep. *v.i.* To cry aloud, shout; to pay a short visit.

*n.* A loud cry; a supplication; the cry of an animal or bird; a short visit; an invitation, summons, a signal on a bugle, etc.; justification, occasion. **call-boy**, *n.* A boy who calls actors for the stage.

**calling**, *n.* Habitual occupation; a vocation; a solemn summons to duty, etc.

**calligraphy** (kă-lig'rā-fi) [Gr. *kallos*, beauty, -GRAPHY], *n.* The art of beautiful handwriting.

**callipers** (kăl'i-pērz) [*calibre*-compasses],

*n.pl.* Compasses for measuring convex bodies or calibres.

**callisthenics** (kāl-is-then'iks) [Gr. *kallos*, beauty, *sthenos*, strength], *n.pl.* Gymnastics (esp. for girls) productive of strength and grace.

**callous** (kāl'hs) [L. *callōsus*, hard], *a.* Hardened, indurated; unfeeling. **callos'ity**, *n.*

**callow** (kāl'ō) [A.-S. *calu*, bald], *a.* Unfledged, downy; inexperienced.

**calm** (kam) [F. *calme*], *a.* Quiet, serene; tranquil. *n.* The state of being calm; absence of wind. *v.t.* To still, to soothe. *v.i.* To become calm. **calmative**, *a.*

Tending to calm. *n.* (*Med.*) A sedative. **calmly**, *adv.* **calmness**, *n.*

**calomel** (kāl'ō-mel) [F.], *n.* Mercurous chloride, an active purgative.

**caloric** (kā-lor'ik) [L. *calor*, heat], *n.* The supposed cause of heat; heat. **calorie** (kāl'ō-ri) [F.], *n.* The unit of heat (*i.e.* the amount that will raise the temperature of 1 kilogramme of water 1° C.). **calorific**, *a.* Producing heat; thermal.

**calumet** (kāl'ū-met) [Norm. F., from L. *calamellus*, a little reed], *n.* The tobacco-pipe of N. American Indians.

**calumniate** (kā-lūm'ni-āt) [L. *calumniātus*, falsely accused], *v.t.* To slander; to charge falsely. *v.i.* To utter calumnies.

**calumnia'tion**, *n.* The act of calumniating. **calumniator**, *n.* **calumnious**, *a.*

**calumny** (kāl'ūm-ni) [as prec.], *n.* A malicious misrepresentation; slander.

**calve** (kav) [A.-S. *cealfian*], *v.i.* To bring forth a calf.

**Calvinism** (kāl'vin-izm), *n.* The tenets of John Calvin (1509-64), esp. on predestination and election. **Calvinist**, *n.* **Calvinis'tic**, *a.*

**calyx** (kā'lyks) [Gr. *kalux*, cup], *n.* (*pl.* calyces) The whorl of leaves or sepals forming the outer integument of a flower.

**cam** (kām) [var. of COMB], *n.* A device on a wheel, etc., conveying eccentric or alternating motion.

**camber** (kām'bér) [F. *cambre*], *n.* The condition of being slightly convex above; a piece of timber so bent.

**Cambrian** (kām'bri-ān) [L. *Cambria*, Wales], *a.* Pertaining to Wales.

**cambric** (kām'brik) [*Cambray*], *n.* A very fine white linen.

**camel** (kām'él) [Heb. *gāmāl*], *n.* A large, hornless, humpbacked ruminant used in Africa and the East as a beast of burden.

**camellia** (kā-mē'li-ā) [G. J. *Kamel*, Eastern traveller], *n.* A genus of evergreen shrubs with beautiful flowers.

**camelopard** (kām'el-ō-pard) [Gr. *kamēlo-pardis*, CAMEL, PARD], *n.* The giraffe.

**cameo** (kām'ē-ō) [It. *cammeo*], *n.* A precious stone (or shell) with two layers of colours, carved in relief.

**camera** (kām'ér-ā) [L., vault, chamber], *n.* A private chamber, esp. of a judge; a dark box used in photography.

**camisole** (kām'i-sōl) [F.], *n.* A loose under-bodice worn by women.

**camomile** (kām'ō-mil) [Gr. *chamaimēlon*, earth-apple], *n.* A bitter aromatic creeping plant.

**camouflage** (ka-moo-flazh') [F., *camoufler*, to disguise], *n.* Disguise, esp. concealment of guns, camps, vehicles, etc., by means of deceptive painting, coverings, etc.

**camp** (kāmp) [L. *campus*, a field], *n.* The place where an army is lodged in tents; a station for training troops; temporary quarters of travellers, etc.; a body of adherents. **camp-follower**, *n.* A civilian who follows an army; a hanger-on. **camp-stool**, *n.* A folding stool.

**campaign** (kām-pān') [L. *campania*, a plain], *n.* The operations of an army in the field; analogous operations; a course of political propaganda. *v.i.* To serve on a campaign. **campaigner**, *n.*

**campanile** (kām'pā-nē'li) [It., see next], *n.* A bell-tower, esp. a detached one.

**campanology** (kām-pā-nol'ō-ji) [L. *campāna*, a bell], *n.* The principles of bell-ringing, founding, etc.

**campanula** (kām-pān'ū-lā) [dim. of L. *campāna*, bell], *n.* A genus of plants with bell-shaped flowers.

**camphor** (kām'fōr) [F. *camphre*], *n.* A whitish, translucent, volatile, crystalline gum with a peculiar odour, obtained from certain trees.

**campion** (kām'pi-ōn) [?], *n.* English flowering plants of the genus *Lychnis*.

**can** (1) (kăn) [A.-S. *canne*], *n.* A metal vessel for holding liquid, and for preserving meat, fruit, fish, etc.

**can** (2) [A.-S. *cunnan*, to know], *aux. v.* (*negative cannot, past could*, A.-S. *cūthe*, M.E. *coude*) To be able to; to be allowed to; to be possible to.

**canal** (kā-nāl') [L. *canālis*], *n.* An artificial watercourse; (*Physiol.*) a duct.

**canard** (kā-nard') [F.], *n.* A hoax, false report.

**Canary** (kā-nār'i) [the islands off the west coast of Africa], *n.* A light sweet wine made there; a well-known cage-bird. *a.* Bright yellow.

**cancel** (kăn'sel) [L. *cancellāre*, *cancelli*, cross-bars], *v.t.* To obliterate, annul, revoke, neutralize. **cancellat'ion**, *n.*

**cancer** (kăn'sér) [L. *cancer*, a crab], *n.* The 4th of the 12 signs of the zodiac; a malignant spreading growth; (*fig.*) a vice of a spreading kind. **cancered**, **cancerous**, *a.*

**candelabrum** (kăn-dē-lā'brūm) [CANDLE], *n.* An ornamental branched candlestick.

**candid** (kăn'did) [L. *candidus*, white], *a.* Frank, sincere, open.

**candidate** (kăn'di-dāt) [L. *candidātus*, white-robed], *n.* One who seeks or is proposed for some office or appointment.

**candle** (kändl) [A.-S. *candel* (L. *candēre*, to glow)], *n.* A cylindrical body of tallow, wax, etc., with a wick, used as an illuminant. **candlestick**, *n.* A utensil for holding a candle.

**candour** (kăn'dōr) [L. *candor*, whiteness],



*n.* Candidness, openness; freedom from bias.

**candy** (kǎn'di) [Arab. and Pers. *qand*, sugar], *n.* Crystallized sugar. *v.t.* To preserve or coat with sugar; to crystallize. *v.i.* To become candied. **candied**, *a.* **candytuft** (kǎn'di-tuft) [*Candia*], *n.* A common herbaceous plant.

**cane** (kǎn) [L. *canna*], *n.* A slender, hollow, jointed stem of the bamboo or other reed; the stem of a raspberry and other plants. *v.t.* To beat with a cane.

**canine** (kǎn'in) [L. *canis*, dog], *a.* Pertaining to dogs; dog-like. *n.* One of the pointed teeth in each jaw between the incisors and the molars.

**canister** (kǎn'is-tér) [Gr. *kanastron*, a basket], *n.* A metal case for holding tea, coffee, etc.

**canker** (kǎng'kér) [CANCER], *n.* A corroding ulcer; a fungous excrescence in a horse's foot; a fungus injuring fruit trees; anything which corrupts. *v.t.* To infect or rot with canker; to eat into like a canker. *v.i.* To become cankered, infected, or corrupt. **cankered**, *a.*

**cannel** (kǎn'el) [var. of CANDLE], *n.* A hard bituminous coal, burning with a bright flame.

**cannibal** (kǎn'i-bál) [Sp.], *n.* A human being or animal that feeds on its own kind. *a.* Pertaining to cannibalism; ravenous, bloodthirsty. **cannibalism**, *n.* Feeding on one's own kind. **cannibalis'tic**, *a.*

**cannon** (1) (kǎn'ón) [F.], *n.* A heavy mounted gun. **cannon-ball**, *n.* A solid shot fired from a cannon. **cannonade**, *n.* A continued attack with artillery. *v.t.* To batter with cannon. **cannoneer**, *n.* A gunner, an artilleryman.

**cannon** (2) [Sp. *carambola*], *n.* (*Billiards*) A stroke by which two balls are hit successively. *v.t.* To make a cannon; come into violent contact with.

**canny** (kǎn'i) [CAN (2)], *a.* Knowing, artful; cautious. **to be canny**: To go gently; not to work too well.

**canoe** (ká-noo') [Haytian], *n.* A light boat propelled by paddles.

**canon** (kǎn'ón) [A.-S., Gr. *kanón*], *n.* A rule, general law or principle; a decree of the Church; the ring suspending a bell; a list of the books of Scriptures received as inspired; a resident member of a cathedral chapter. **canon law**, *n.* Ecclesiastical law. **canonical** (ká-non'ikál), *a.* Pertaining to canon law; included in the canon of Scripture; authoritative; belonging or pertaining to a cathedral chapter. **Canonicals**, *n.pl.* The full robes of an officiating priest. **canonic'ity**, *n.* **canonize**, *v.t.* To enrol in the list of saints. **canoniza'tion**, *n.* **canonry**, *n.* The dignity, position, or benefice of a canon.

**canopy** (kǎn'ó-pi) [F. *canapé*], *n.* A rich covering suspended over an altar, throne, bed, etc. *v.t.* To cover with or as with a canopy.

**cant** (1) (kǎnt) [L. *cantāre*, to sing], *n.*

The jargon of beggars, gipsies, etc.; slang; phraseology peculiar to any sect or party; hypocritical talk. *v.i.* To speak whiningly or insincerely; to talk cant. **canting**, *a.* Whining, hypocritical. **cant** (2) [med. L. *cantus*, corner], *n.* A slant. *v.t.* To tilt; to give a bevel to. *v.i.* To slant over.

**cantankerous** (kǎn-tǎng'kér-ús), *a.* Disagreeable, quarrelsome, crotchety.

**cantata** (kǎn-tá'tá) [It.], *n.* A poem set to music, with solos and choruses.

**canteen** (kǎn-tēn') [F. *cantine*], *n.* A place in which drink, provisions, etc., are sold to soldiers; a vessel used by soldiers for carrying water; a chest for cutlery.

**canter** (kǎn'tér) [short for Canterbury], *n.* An easy gallop. *v.t.* To ride at a canter.

**canticle** (kǎn'tikl) [L. *canticulum*], *n.* A chant, esp. a portion of Scripture appointed to be said or sung in churches; (*pl.*) the Song of Solomon.

**cantilever** (kǎn'ti-lē-vér) [?], *n.* A projecting beam for supporting a balcony, etc.

**cantle** (kǎntl) [CANT (2)], *n.* A fragment; the projection at the rear of a saddle.

**canto** (kǎn'tō) [It.], *n.* (*pl.* -os) A principal division of a poem.

**canton** (kǎn-tón) [O.F., a corner], *n.* A division of a country, esp. of Switzerland; (*Her.*) a small division in the corner of a shield. *v.t.* To divide into parts; (*kán-toon*) to billet, provide with quarters.

**cantonment** (kǎn-toon'mént), *n.* A quarter assigned for lodging to troops; a permanent military station.

**canvas** (kǎn'vās) [O.North.F. *canevas*, Gr. *kannabis*, hemp], *n.* Coarse cloth made of hemp or flax, used for sails, tents, paintings, etc.; sails; a picture.

**canvass** (kǎn'vās) [orig. to sift through canvas], *n.* Scrutiny; the act of soliciting votes. *v.t.* To examine thoroughly; to solicit votes, orders, etc. **canvasser**, *n.*

**canyon** (kǎn'yón) [Sp. *cañon*, a tube], *n.* A deep ravine with precipitous sides.

**caoutchouc** (kou'chook) [Carib *cahuchu*], *n.* India-rubber.

**cap** (kǎp) [A.-S. *cæppe*], *n.* A brimless head-covering; a covering resembling this in form or function; the top part of anything; a percussion cap. *v.t.* To cover with a cap; to put a cap on; to confer a degree upon; to be on the top of; to complete. *v.i.* To take one's cap off (to). **cap-stone**, *n.* The top stone; a coping.

**capable** (ká'pábl) [L. *capābilis*], *a.* Competent, able, skilful. **capably**, *adv.* **capabil'ity**, *n.*

**capacious** (ká-pā'shūs) [L. *capax* -ācis], *a.* Wide, extensive; comprehensive. **capaciously**, *adv.* **capaciousness**, *n.*

**capacitate** (ká-pās'i-tāt) [as prec.], *v.t.* To qualify; to render competent. **capac'ity**, *n.* Power of receiving; room, cubic extent; capability; scope.

**cap-à-pie** (kǎp'a-pē) [O.F.], *adv.* From head to foot (armed or accoutred).

**cape** (1) [F.], *n.* A covering for the shoulders.

**cape** (2) (kăp) [F. *cap*, L. *caput*, head], *n.* A headland projecting into the sea.

**caper** (1) (kă'pér) [short for *capriole*], *n.* A frolicsome leap; eccentric behaviour.

**caper** (2) [Gr. *kapparis*], *n.* A prickly shrub; (*pl.*) its flower-buds, used for pickling.

**capercailzie** (kăp-ér-kă'lyi) [Gael.], *n.* The wood-grouse.

**capillary** (kă-pil'ă-ri) [L. *capillus*, hair], *a.* Resembling a hair in tenuity; having a minute bore. *n.* A minute blood-vessel. **capillar'ity**, *n.*

**capital** (kăp'î-tăl) [L. *capitālis*, relating to the head (*caput*, head)], *a.* Chief, most important; first-rate; punishable by death; initial, of larger size and distinguishing shape (of letters). *n.* A capital letter; a head city, metropolis; a principal or fund employed in earning interest or profits; the head of a pillar.

**capit'alism**, *n.* The economic system of employing capital to produce wealth.

**capit'alist**, *n.* One who employs capital.

**capit'alize**, *v.t.* To convert into or use as capital. **capitaliza'tion**, *n.* **capitally**, *adv.* In a capital manner; involving life.

**capitation** (kăp-i-tă'shùn) [F., from L. *caput*, head], *n.* A tax, fee, or grant per head.

**capitulate** (kă-pit'û-lăt) [med. L. *capitulare*, to divide into chapters, to propose terms], *v.i.* To surrender on stipulated terms. **capitula'tion**, *n.*

**capon** (kă'pôn) [A.-S.], *n.* A castrated cock.

**caprice** (kă-prēs') [F.], *n.* A sudden impulsive change of opinion or humour; a whim. **capricious** (-prish'ûs), *a.*

**capricorn** (kăp'ri-körn) [L. *caper*, goat, *cornu*, a horn], *n.* The zodiacal constellation of the Goat; the 10th sign of the zodiac.

**capsicum** (kăp'si-kûn) [?], *n.* A plant yielding chillies and cayenne pepper.

**capsize** (kăp-siz') [?], *v.t.* To upset, to overturn. *n.* An overturn.

**capstan** (kăp'stân) [Prov. and F. *cabestan*], *n.* A vertical drum worked by horizontal levers, to wind up cables, etc.

**capsule** (kăp'sûl) [L. *capsula*, a small case], *n.* A dry seed-vessel that opens when ripe; a wrapper of gelatine for medicine. **capsular**, *a.*

**captain** (kăp'tân) [O.F. *captain*, chief], *n.* A leader; the commander of a company, troop, man-of-war, or merchant ship; the head of a team. *v.t.* To act as captain to. **captaincy**, *n.*

**caption** (kăp'shùn) [L. *captio*], *n.* Arrest; the descriptive preamble of a legal document; the heading of a newspaper article.

**captious** (kăp'shûs) [L. *captiosus*], *a.* Quibbling, carping. **captiousness**, *n.*

**captive** (kăp'ti-văt) [L. *captivatus*, made captive], *v.t.* To fascinate, charm. **capti-va'tion**, *n.* The act of fascinating.

**captive** (kăp'tiv) [L. *captivus*, taken], *n.* One taken prisoner, or fascinated. *a.* Held in bondage; pertaining to captivity; fascinated. **captiv'ity**, *n.* **captor**, *n.* **capture**, *n.* The act of seizing; the person or thing so taken. *v.t.* To seize as a prize.

**capuchin** (kăp'u-shin) [It. *cappuccino*, a little cowl], *n.* A Franciscan; a hooded cloak, worn by women.

**car** (kar) [O.F. *carre*], *n.* A wheeled vehicle; a railway or balloon carriage; a motor-car, tram-car.

**carafe** (kă-raf') [Arab. *gharafa*, to draw water], *n.* A glass water-bottle.

**caramel** (kăr'ă-mel) [Sp. *caramello*], *n.* A sweetmeat.

**carapace** (kăr'ă-pās) [Sp. *carapacho*], *n.* The upper shell of the tortoise, etc.

**carat** (kăr'ăt) [Arab. *qirāt*], *n.* A weight (about  $3\frac{1}{8}$  grains) used for diamonds; a proportional measure of one 24th part, used to describe the fineness of gold.

**caravan** (kăr'ă-văn) [Pers. *karvân*], *n.* A company travelling together for security; a wagon or carriage for living in.

**caravanserai** (kăr'ă-văn'sér-i) [Pers.], *n.* An Oriental inn with a large courtyard for caravans.

**caraway** (kăr'ă-wā) [Arab. *karawayā*], *n.* An European umbelliferous plant whose seeds are used for flavouring.

**carb-, carbo-, comb. forms.** (Chem.) Of, with, containing, or pertaining to carbon; e.g. carbide (kar'bîd), *n.* A compound of carbon with a metal.

**carbine** (kar'bîn) [F.], *n.* A short rifle used by cavalry. **carbineer'**, **carabinier'**, *n.* A soldier armed with this.

**carbolic** (kar-bo'l'ik) [CARB-, -OL], *a.* Derived from coal or coal-tar. *n.* An antiseptic and disinfectant acid.

**carbon** (kar'bôn) [L. *carbo -ōnem*, a coal], *n.* A non-metallic element found in nearly all organic substances, and uncombined in diamond, graphite, and charcoal.

**carbona'ceous**, *a.* Pertaining to or containing coal or charcoal.

**car'bonate**, *n.* A salt of carbonic acid. *v.t.* (kar'bô-năt) to impregnate or aerate with carbonic acid.

**carbon'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to or obtained from carbon.

**carbonif'erous**, *a.* Producing coal.

**car'bonize**, *v.t.* To convert into carbon. **carboniza'tion**, *n.*

**carboy** (kar'boi) [Pers. *qarābah*], *n.* A large bottle protected with wickerwork.

**carbuncle** (kar'bûnk'l) [L. *carbunculus*, a small coal, a gem], *n.* A precious stone of a fiery red colour; a hard, painful boil.

**carburetted**, *a.* Combined with carbon. **carburettor**, *n.* An apparatus designed to vaporise a liquid and to mix it with air, in proportions to ensure ignition and combustion.

**carcass** (kar'kās) [A.-F. *carcass*], *n.* A dead body, esp. the trunk of a slaughtered beast.

**card** (1) (kard) [F. *carte*, L. *charta*], *n.* A piece of pasteboard, esp. one marked with pips and pictures, used in games, or a visiting-card giving one's name and



address; (*pl.*) a game with cards; card-playing; (*slang*) a character, an eccentric.  
**card** (2) [F. *cardé*, a teazel], *n.* A toothed instrument for coming wool, etc. *v.i.* To comb with a card; to raise a nap.

**cardamom** (kar'dá-móm) [Gr. *kardamon*, cress], *n.* A spice.

**cardiac** (kar'di-ák) [Gr. *kardia*, the heart], *a.* Pertaining to the heart; heart-shaped.

**cardigan** (kar'di-gán) [7th Earl of Cardigan], *n.* A sleeved and knitted over-waistcoat.

**cardinal** (kar'di-nál) [L. *cardo -inis*, a hinge], *a.* Fundamental, chief, principal; deep scarlet. *n.* A high dignitary of the Roman Church; a short cloak for women.

**cardinalate**, **cardinalship**, *n.* The office or dignity of a cardinal. **cardinal numbers**, *n.pl.* The simple numbers 1, 2, 3, etc., as distinguished from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. **cardinal points**, *n.pl.* North, south, east, and west.

**care** (kär) [A.-S. *caru*], *n.* Solitude, anxiety, concern; a cause of these; caution, heed; oversight; object of solicitude. *v.i.* To be solicitous or concerned about; to provide (for), attend (upon); to be willing or inclined (to). **care-taker**, *n.* One in charge of an unlet house, etc.

**careen** (ká-rén') [L. *carina*, a keel], *v.i.* (*Naut.*) To turn (a ship) on one side for cleaning, etc.

**career** (ká-rér') [F. *carrière*], *n.* A running; course through life; progress and development; business, profession, etc. *v.i.* To move in a swift, headlong course.

**careful** (kär'fúl) [CARE, -FUL], *a.* Cautious, circumspect; painstaking. **carefulness**, *n.*

**careless** (kär'lés) [CARE, -LESS], *a.* Heedless, thoughtless, inattentive; free from care. **carelessly**, *adv.* **carelessness**, *n.*

**caress** (ká-res') [F. *caresse*], *n.* An act of endearment. *v.i.* To fondle, stroke affectionately. **caressing**, *a.* **caressingly**, *adv.*

**caret** (kär'é) [L., is wanting], *n.* A mark (A) showing that something has been left out.

**cargo** (kar'gō) [Sp., a load], *n.* The freight of a ship; a ship-load.

**caricature** (kär-i-ká-tür') [It.], *n.* Ludicrously exaggerated representation; a burlesque, parody. *v.i.* To represent in this way; to burlesque. **caricatur'ist**, *n.*

**caries** (kär'i-éz) [L.], *n.* Decay of the bones or teeth.

**carillon** (ká-ril'yón) [F.], *n.* A chime of bells; an air played on them.

**carmelite** (kar'mé-lit) [Mount Carmel], *n.* One of an order of mendicant friars (the White Friars).

**carminative** (kar'min-á-tiv) [L.], *a.* Expelling flatulence. *n.* A medicine that does this.

**carmine** (kar'min) [Arab. *qirmazi*, CRIMSON], *n.* A bright red pigment obtained from cochineal.

**carnage** (kar'náj) [L. *caro carnis*, flesh], *n.* Butchery, slaughter, esp. of men.

**carnal** (kar'nál) [as prec.], *a.* Fleshly,

sensual; unregenerate (opp. to spiritual). **carnalism**, *n.* **carnal'ity**, *n.*

**carnation** (kár-ná'shún) [F., from L. *carnatio*], *n.* A light rose pink; the cultivated clove-pink. *a.* Of this colour.

**carnival** (kar'ni-vál) [It. *carnevale*, L. *carnem*, flesh, *levare*, to remove], *n.* The season immediately before Lent; revelry.

**carnivora** (kár-niv'ó-rá) [L., as CARNAGE, -VOROUS], *n.pl.* A large order of mammals subsisting on flesh. **carnivorous**, *a.*

**carol** (kär'ól) [O.F. *carole*], *n.* A joyous hymn, esp. in honour of the Nativity.

*v.i.* To sing carols; to warble.

**carotid** (ká-rót'id) [G. *karótides*], *a.* Related to the arteries (one on each side of the neck) supplying blood to the head.

**carouse** (ká-rour') [G.], *n.* A drinking bout. *v.i.* To drink freely. **carousal**, *n.*

**carp** (1) (karp) [Icel. *karpa*, to boast], *v.i.* To talk querulously; find fault.

**carp** (2) [O.F. *carpe*], *n.* A freshwater fish.

**carpenter** (kar'pén-tér) [O.North.F. *carpentier*], *n.* One who prepares and fixes the woodwork, makes wooden articles, etc.

**carpentry**, *n.* The work of a carpenter.

**carpet** (kar'pét) [O.F. *carpite*], *n.* A thick fabric for covering floors and stairs. *v.i.* To cover with a carpet; (*colloq.*) to reprimand.

**carriage** (kär'áj) [O.North.F. *cariage*], *n.* Carrying, transporting, esp. of merchandise; the cost or manner of carrying;

bearing, behaviour; management; a wheeled vehicle, or that which carries.

**carrier** (kär'i-ér) [CARRY, -ER], *n.* One who or that which carries; applied to various parts of machines or instruments which act as transmitters or bearers.

**carrion** (kär'i-ón) [M.E. and O.F. *caroigne*], *n.* Putrefying flesh; garbage. *a.* Feeding on carrion; putrid; loathsome.

**carrot** (kär'ót) [F. *carotte*], *n.* A plant with an edible tapering root. **carroty**, *a.* Of the colour of a carrot; red-haired.

**carry** (kär'i) [O.North.F. *carier*], *v.i.* To bear, to transport with oneself; to transfer, bring, effect, accomplish; to imply; to take by assault. *v.i.* To act as bearer; to propel.

**cart** (kart) [Icel. *kartr*], *n.* A vehicle for heavy goods, etc.; a light, two-wheeled vehicle. *v.i.* To convey in a cart.

**cartage** (kar'táj), *n.* The act of carting, or the price paid. **carter**, *n.*

**carte** (kart) [F. *carte*, CARD], *a.* A bill of fare. **carte-blanc**, *n.* (*fig.*) Unlimited power to act.

**cartilage** (kar'ti-láj) [L. *cartilāgo*], *n.* Gristle, an elastic, pearly-white animal tissue. **cartilag'inous**, *a.*

**cartography** (kär-tog'rā-fi) [F. *carte*], *n.* Map- and chart-making. **cartog'rapher**, *n.*

**cartoon** (kär-toon') [F., CARTE], *n.* A design for tapestry, mosaic, etc.; a topical sketch. **cartoonist**, *n.*

**cartridge** (kar'trij) [corr. of *cartouche*], *n.* A case of pasteboard, metal, etc., holding the charge for a gun. **cartridge-paper**,

**n.** A stout, rough-surfaced paper for drawing, strong envelopes, etc.

**carve** (karv) [A.-S. *ceorfan*], *v.t.* (*p.p.* -ed or -en) To cut into slices; to make, shape, or adorn by cutting. *v.i.* To exercise the profession of a sculptor or carver; to carve meat. **carver**, *n.* One who carves; a large knife for carving.

**caryatid** (kār-i-ăt'id) [Gr. *Karyatis* -idos, a priestess of Artemis], *n.* A draped female sculptured figure supporting an entablature.

**cascade** (kās-kād') [It. *cascata*, fallen], *n.* A small waterfall; a wavy fall of lace, etc.

**case** (1) (kās) [O.North.F. *casse*, L. *capsa* (*capere*, to hold)], *n.* That which encloses or holds something else. *v.t.* To cover with or put into a case. **case-harden**, *v.t.* To harden the outside surface, esp. of iron.

**case-shot**, *n.* Small projectiles discharged from cannon in cases. **casing**, *n.* Something that encases; an outside covering.

**case** (2) (kās) [L. *cāsus*, fallen], *n.* That which befalls; an event, position, state; an instance; (*Gram.*) change in termination to express relation; a suit in court; a statement for submission to a court; the evidence and arguments considered collectively; a cause that has been decided; the condition of a sick person.

**casein** (kā'sé-in) [L. *caseus*, cheese], *n.* The albuminoid or proteid in milk, forming the basis of cheese. **case'ic**, **case'ous**, *a.*

**casement** (kās'mént) [It. *casamento*], *n.* A hinged window.

**cash** (kash) [F. *casse*, box], *n.* Coin, money. *v.t.* To turn into or exchange for cash.

**cashier** (1) (kā-shēr) [F. *caissier*], *n.* One who has charge of money transactions.

**cashier** (2) [Dut. *casseren*, L. *quassare*, to shatter], *v.t.* To dismiss from the service.

**cashmere** (kash'mér) [*Kashmir*, India], *n.* A material for shawls.

**casino** (kā-sé'nō) [It., dim. of *casa*, house], *n.* A public dancing-room; a building for gambling, dancing, etc.

**cask** (kask) [?], *n.* A barrel.

**casket** (kās'két) [?], *n.* A small case for jewels, etc.

**casque** (kask) [F.], *n.* A helmet.

**casserole** (kās'é-rōl) [F.], *n.* A stew-pan.

**cassock** (kās'ók) [F. *casaque*], *n.* A long, close garment worn by clerics.

**cassowary** (kās'ō-wā-rī) [Malay], *n.* A large cursorial bird.

**cast** (kast) [Icel. *kasta*, to throw], *v.t.* To throw, cause to fall, to emit; to shed; to assign (parts in a play); to reject; to add up, calculate; to mould. *v.i.* To throw a fishing-line; to reckon accounts; to take shape (in a mould). *n.* The act of throwing; a throw; the thing or the distance thrown; the allotment of parts in a play, the actors; ejections from the stomach of a bird of prey; the end portion of a fishing-line; a computation; a squint; characteristic quality; a mould; the thing moulded, the shape. *a.* Thrown; (*Law*) condemned; made by founding or casting.

**cast-iron**, *n.* Iron melted and run in moulds. *a.* Rigid, unyielding. **cast-off**, *a.* Laid aside, rejected. **cast-steel**, *n.* Steel melted and run into moulds.

**castanet** (kās-tā-net') [Sp.], *n.* A small instrument of ivory or hard wood rattled in pairs as an accompaniment to music.

**castaway** (kast'ā-wā), *n.* An outcast; a shipwrecked person.

**caste** (kast) [L. *castus*, pure, unmixed], *n.* An hereditary, exclusive class, esp. in India.

**castellated** (kās'té-lā-tèd) [med. L. *castellātus*], *a.* Having turrets and battlements.

**caster** (kas'tér) [CAST], *n.* One who or that which casts; a small vessel for holding condiments at table; a cruet-stand; a small swivelled wheel attached to the leg of a chair, etc. (in last three senses also spelt **castor**). **caster-sugar**, *n.* White powdered sugar for table use.

**castigate** (kās'ti-gāt) [L. *castigātus*, chastened], *v.t.* To chastise, to punish. **castiga'tion**, *n.* **cast'igator**, *n.*

**castle** (kast) [O.North.F. *castel*, L. *castellum*, a small fort], *n.* A fortified building or a mansion that was formerly a fortress; a piece at chess, a rook. *v.i.* (*Chess*). To interchange the positions of king and castle according to rule. **castled**, *a.* Having a castle.

**castor** [CASTER]. An oily compound secreted by the beaver, formerly used in medicine. **castor-oil**, *n.* An oil from the seeds of *Palma Christi*, used as a cathartic.

**castrate** (kās'trāt) [L. *castrātus*], *v.t.* To geld, deprive of generative power, emasculate. **castra'tion**, *n.*

**casual** (kāzh'ū-āl) [F. *casuel*], *a.* Happening by chance; occasional, unmethodical. **casually**, *adv.* **cas'ualty**, *n.* An accident attended with injury or loss of life; (*pl.*) the killed or wounded in war.

**casuist** (kāzh'ū-ist) [F. *casuiste*], *n.* One who studies doubtful questions of conduct; a sophist, hair-splitter. **casuis'tic**, -al, *a.* **casuistry** (kāz'ū-is-tri), *n.*

**cat** (kāt) [A.-S.], *n.* One of the genus *Felis* (lion, tiger, leopard, etc.), esp. the domestic cat; a strong tackle used to hoist the anchor; the game of tip-cat, the stick used in it; a cat-o'-nine-tails. *v.t.* To draw the anchor to the cat-head. **cat'ent**, *n.* String made from the intestines of animals.

**cathead**, *n.* A projecting beam to which the anchor is secured. **cat-o'-nine-tails**, *n.* A scourge with a number of lashes. **cat's-eye**, *n.* A vitreous variety of quartz from Ceylon, Malabar, etc. **cat's paw**, *n.* A dupe used as a tool; a breeze which just ripples the surface of the water.

**cat-, cata-, cath-** [Gr. *kata*, down, downwards], *pref.* Down; against; away; wrongly; entirely, thoroughly; according to.

**cataclysm** (kāt'ā-klizm) [Gr. *CATA-*, *kluzein*, to wash], *n.* A deluge; a catastrophe.

**catacomb** (kāt'ā-kôm) [late L. *Catacum*]



- bas* (prob. a place-name), *n.* A subterranean burying-place.
- catafalque** (kăt'ă-fălk) [It. *catafalco*], *n.* A temporary stage for a coffin during the funeral service.
- cataplexy** (kăt'ă-lep-si) [Gr. *CATA-*, *lambanein*, to seize], *n.* A sudden trance or suspension of sensation. **cataplex'ic**, *a.*
- catalogue** (kăt'ă-log) [Gr. *CATA-*, *legein*, to choose], *n.* A methodical list. *v.t.* To enter in a list, make a complete list of.
- catamaran** (kăt-ă-mă-răn') [Tamil], *n.* A surf-boat in the East and West Indies.
- cataplasme** (kăt'ă-plăzm) [Gr. *kataplassein*, to spread over], *n.* A poultice, a plaster.
- catapult** (kăt'ă-pült) [Gr. *CATA-*, *pallein*, to hurl], *n.* An ancient military engine for hurling; a toy for propelling stones.
- cataract** (kăt'ă-răkt) [Gr. *kataraossein*, to dash down], *n.* A large, rushing waterfall; a violent rush of water; a disease of the eye.
- catarrh** (kă-tar') [Gr. *CATA-*, *rheîn*, to flow], *n.* A running from the mucous membrane of the nose; a cold in the head.
- catastrophe** (kă-tăs'trô-fê) [Gr. *CATA-*, *strephein*, to turn], *n.* A great misfortune; violent convulsion; change which brings about the conclusion of a drama. **catastroph'ic**, *a.*
- catch** (kăch) [O.North.F. *catchier*], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* *caught*) To seize, esp. in pursuit; to entrap or take by angling; to intercept (as a ball) when falling; to surprise, detect; to take hold of (as fire); to receive by infection or contagion; to be in time for; to comprehend; to fascinate. *v.i.* To ignite; to spread epidemically. to lay hold; to become entangled. *n.* The act of grasping; anything that seizes, takes hold, or checks; the fish caught; a part-song. **catchment**, *n.* A surface on which water may be caught and collected. **catch-penny**, *a.* Worthless, made only to sell. **catchword**, *n.* A popular cry; an actor's cue; a word specially printed to attract attention. **catching**, *a.* Infectious; taking, attractive. **catchy**, *a.* Easy to catch (as a tune).
- catechism** (kătékizm') [Gr. *CATA-*, *êchein*, to sound], *n.* A form of instruction by means of question and answer. **catechism'al**, *a.* **cat'echist**, *n.* One who teaches by catechizing. **catechize** (kăt'ê-kiz) *v.t.* To instruct by means of questions and answers; to question closely. **catechizer**, *n.* **catechumen** (kăt-ê-kû'mên), *n.* One who is under Christian instruction preparatory to baptism.
- category** (kăt'ê-gôr-i) [Gr. *CATA-*, *agora*, the assembly], *n.* An order, division; one of the ten classes of Aristotle to which all objects of thought or knowledge can be reduced. **categor'ical**, *a.* Unconditional; explicit.
- catenary** (kăt-tê'nâr-i) [L. *catēna*, a chain], *n.* A curve formed by a chain or rope hanging from two points. **cat'enate**, *v.t.* To link together.
- cater** (kă'tér) [O.F. *acateor* (*acat*, *achat*, a purchasing)], *v.i.* To supply food, amusement, etc. (for). **caterer**, *n.*
- caterpillar** (kăt'ér-pil-ăr) [?], *n.* The larva of a moth or butterfly.
- caterwaul** (kăt'ér-wawil) [CAT, WAUL], *v.i.* To make a noise as cats.
- cathartic** (kăthar'tik) [Gr. *katharos*, clean], *a.* Cleansing the bowels; purgative. *n.* A purgative medicine.
- cathedra** (kă-thê'drá) [Gr. *CATH-*, *hedra*, a seat], *n.* A bishop's throne.
- cathedral** (kă-thê'drál) [as prec.], *n.* The principal church in a diocese, containing the bishop's throne.
- catholic** (kăth'ô-lik) [Gr. *katholikos*, *kath'holou*, on the whole, universally], *a.* Universal, comprehensive; liberal, tolerant; pertaining to the whole Church; pertaining to the Roman Church or the Anglican Church. *n.* A member of the Universal Church; a Roman Catholic. **cathol'ically**, *adv.* **cathol'icism**, *n.* **cathol'icity**, *n.* The quality of being catholic. **cathol'icize**, *v.* To make or become Catholic.
- catkin** (kăt'kin) [?], *n.* The pendulous uni-sexual flowers of the willow, birch, poplar, etc.
- cattle** (kătł) [O.North.F. *catel*], *n.* Domesticated oxen and cows; (*slang*) horses.
- caudal** (kaw'dál) [L. *cauda*, tail], *a.* Pertaining to the tail.
- caudle** (kawdl) [O.North.F. *caudel* (L. *calidus*, warm)], *n.* A warm drink for invalids or a woman in childbed.
- caul** (kawł) [O.F. *cale*], *n.* A net for the hair; the membrane sometimes enclosing the head of a child when born.
- cauldron** (kawł'drôn) [O.North.F. *caudron*], *n.* A deep, bowl-shaped vessel for boiling.
- cauliflower** (kol-i'flou-ér) [earlier *colie-florie*, from O.North.F. *col*, L. *caulis*, stem], *n.* A cabbage with an edible flowering head.
- caulk** (kawk) [O.F. *cauquer*] *v.t.* To stuff the seams (of a ship) with oakum. **caulker**, *n.* **caulking**, *n.*
- causal** (kaw'zál) [as foll.], *a.* Relating to expressing, or due to a cause or causes. **causal'ity**, *n.* The operation of a cause; relation of cause and effect. **causa'tion**, *n.* The act of causing; connexion between cause and effect. **caus'ative** *a.* That causes; effective as a cause; (*Gram.*) expressing cause.
- cause** (kawz) [L. *causa*], *n.* That which produces or contributes to an effect; reason, motive; a movement, agitation, propaganda; the grounds for an action; a suit, an action. *v.t.* To act as an agent in producing; to effect.
- causeless**, *a.* Having no cause; without just reason. **causelessly**, *adv.*
- causeway** (kawz'wá) [O.North.F. *caucié* (F. *chaussée*)], *n.* A raised road or footway.
- caustic** (kaw'stik) [Gr. *kaustikos*], *a.* Burning, corrosive; sarcastic. *n.* A substance that burns or corrodes organic matter.

**cauterize** (kaw'tér-iz) [F. *cautériser*], *v.t.* To burn or sear (some morbid part) with a hot iron or caustic. **cauteriza'tion**, *n.* **cau'tery**, *n.* Burning with a hot iron, electricity, or a caustic.

**caution** (kaw'shún) [L. *cautio -ōnem*], *n.* Wariness, prudence; a warning. *v.t.* To warn. **cautionary**, *a.* Given as security; containing a caution. **cautious**, *a.* Heedful, careful, wary. **cautiousness**, *n.*

**cavalcade** (kāv-ál-kād') [F. L. *caballus*, a horse], *n.* A company on horseback.

**cavalier** (kāv-á-lér') [F., as prec.], *n.* A horseman; a gallant, lady's man. *a.* Off-hand, haughty, supercilious. *v.i.* To act as cavalier to a lady. **cavalierly**, *adv.* In a haughty manner.

**cavalry** (kāv-ál-ri) [F., as prec.], *n.* Horse soldiers who act as a body.

**cave** (kāv) [F., L. *cavus*, hollow], *n.* A hollow place in the earth; a den.

**caveat** (kāv-vé-āt) [L., let him beware], *n.* A process to stop proceedings.

**cavern** (kāv-érn) [F. *caverne*], *n.* A large cave. **cavernous**, *a.* Hollow or huge, like a cavern; full of caverns.

**caviar**, **aviare** (kāv-i-ar') [?], *n.* The roe of the sturgeon, dried and salted.

**cavil** (kāv'il) [O.F. *cariller*], *n.* A frivolous objection. *v.i.* To argue or object to frivolously. **caviller**, *n.* **cavilling**, *a.*

**cavity** (kāv'i-ti) [F. *cavité*], *n.* A hollow place.

**cavy** (kāv'vi) [F. Guiana, *cabiai*], *n.* A South American rodent; the guinea-pig.

**caw** (kaw) [imit.], *v.i.* To cry like a rook.

**cayenne** (kā-en') [Braz. *kyñha*], *n.* The powdered fruit of capsicum, used as a condiment.

**cease** (sēs) [L. *cessare*, to go, yield], *v.i.* To leave off; to desist (from). *v.t.* To put a stop to. **ceaseless**, *a.* Incessant.

**cedar** (sē'dār) [Gr. *kedros*], *n.* An evergreen coniferous tree. *a.* Made of cedar-wood.

**cede** (sēd) [L. *cedere*, to yield], *v.t.* To give up, surrender; to yield, grant.

**cedilla** (sē-dil'á) [Sp.], *n.* A mark (ç) placed under *c* to show that it has the sound of *s*.

**ceil** (sēl) [L. *cælum*, heaven], *v.t.* To line the roof of a room. **ceiling**, *n.* The inner, upper surface of a room; the plaster on it.

**celandine** (sel'án-din) [Gr. *chelidonium*, swallow-wort], *n.* Two plants with yellow flowers, the greater, related to the poppy, and the lesser to the buttercup.

**celebrate** (sel'é-brát) [L. *celebrātus*], *v.t.* To praise; to commemorate; to perform (as Mass), to administer (as Communion). *v.i.* To officiate at the Eucharist. **celebrated**, *a.* Famous, renowned. **celebra'tion**, *n.* **celebrant**, *n.* The priest who officiates in any solemn office. **celeb'rity**, *n.* Renown; a celebrated personage. **celerity** (se-lér'i-ti) [L. *celeritas* (celer, swift)], *n.* Speed, swiftness, promptness.

**celery** (sel'é-ri) [F. *céleri*], *n.* A plant, the blanched stems of which are eaten.

**celestial** (se-les'ti-ál) [L. *caelestis*, -AL], *a.* Pertaining to heaven or the heavens;

divine. *n.* An inhabitant of heaven; a native of China, the "Celestial Empire."

**celibate** (sel'i-bát) [L. *caelebs*, unmarried], *n.* An unmarried person; one vowed to a single life. *a.* Unmarried. **celibacy**, *n.*

**cell** (sel) [L. *cellāre*, to hide], *n.* A small room; a small cavity; a compartment in a bees' comb; the unit-mass of living matter; a division of an electric battery.

**cellar** (sel'ár) [L. *cellārium*], *n.* An under vault, esp. for wine; a stock of wine; a salt-cellar. **cellarage** (sel'ár-áj), *n.* Cellars collectively; charge for storage in cellars. **cellarer**, *n.* One in charge of stores. **cellaret'**, *n.* A case with compartments for holding bottles.

**cellule** (sel'ül) [L. *cellula*], *n.* A little cell. **cellular**, *a.* Pertaining to, composed of, or resembling a cell.

**celluloid** (sel'ü-loid) [as prec.], *n.* A compound of cellulose used as a substitute for ivory, etc. **cellulose**, *n.* The basis of vegetable tissues.

**Celt** (1) (kelt) [L. *Celtæ*], *n.* One of a race comprising the Welsh, Cornish, Manx, Irish, Gaels, and Bretons. **Celtic**, *a.*

**celt** (2) (selt) [late Lat. *celtis*, a chisel], *n.* A prehistoric cutting implement.

**cement** (sé-ment') [L. *cementum*], *n.* An adhesive substance used for sticking things together. *v.t.* To unite with or as with cement; to unite firmly and closely. **cementa'tion**, *n.*

**cemetery** (sem'é-tér-i) [L. *cæmētērīum*], *n.* A burial-ground other than a churchyard.

**cenotaph** (sen'ó-táf) [Gr. *kenos*, empty, *taphos*, tomb], *n.* A sepulchral monument raised to a person buried elsewhere.

**censer** (sen'sēr) [O.F. *cencier*, INCENSE], *n.* A vessel for burning incense; a thurible.

**censor** (sen'sór) [L., *cenſere*, to tax], *n.* An official who examines books, plays, etc., before they are published; one who censures. *a.* **censor'ious**, *a.* Expressing or addicted to criticism. **censorship**, *n.*

**censure** (sen'shūr) [L. *cenſūra*], *n.* Disapproval, condemnation, blame. *v.t.* To blame, find fault with. **cenſurable**, *a.*

**cenſus** (sen'sūs) [CENSOR], *n.* An official enumeration of inhabitants; the result.

**cent** (sent) [L. *centum*], *n.* A 100th part of a dollar. **per cent.**: By the hundred.

**centaur** (sen'tawr) [Gr. *kentauros*; etym. doubtful], *n.* A mythical figure, half man, half horse.

**centenarian** (sen-tè-nār'i-án) [L. *centēnārius*, from *centēni*, a hundred each], *n.* A person one hundred years old. *a.* Relating to a hundred. **centenary** (sen-tē'nā-ri), *n.* A hundredth anniversary, or its celebration. **centennial** (sén-ten'i-ál), *a.* Pertaining to a hundredth anniversary.

**centi-** [L. *centum*, a hundred], *comb. form.*

**centigrade** (sen'ti-grād) [CENTI-, L. *gradus*, step], *n.* The thermometer of Celsius (freezing-point 0°, boiling-point 100°).

**centime** (san-tēm) [F.], *n.* A French coin worth the 100th part of a franc.

**centimetre** (sen'ti-mē-tér) [CENTI-, METRE], *n.* The hundredth of a metre, .394 inch.



**centipede** (sen'ti-pēd) [CENTI-, *L. pes pedis*, foot], *n.* An insect with many feet.

**central** (sen'trál) [*L. centrālis*], *a.* Relating to or situated in the centre; of chief importance. **cen'tralize**, *v.t.* To bring to a centre; to concentrate. *v.i.* To come to a centre. **centraliza'tion**, *n.* The system or policy of concentrating organization in a centre.

**centre** (sen'tēr) [*F. centre*, *L. centrum*], *n.* The middle point, the pivot, nucleus; centering. *v.t.* To be fixed on a centre, collected at one point. **centre-board**, *n.* A sliding-keel.

**centrifugal** (sen-trif'ū-gál) [CENTRE-, *L. fugere*, to fly from], *a.* Tending to fly from the centre.

**centripetal** (sen-trip'é-tál) [CENTRE-, *L. petere*, to seek], *a.* Tending to approach the centre.

**centurion** (sen-tū'ri-ōn) [*L.*], *n.* A Roman officer commanding a hundred men.

**century** (sen'tūri) [*L. centuria*], *n.* An aggregate of a hundred things; a period of a hundred years.

**cephal-** (sef'al) [*Gr. kephalē*, the head], *comb. forms.* Pertaining to the head.

**cephalic**, *a.* Pertaining to the head. *n.* A remedy for pains in the head.

**ceph'alous**, *a.* Having a head.

**ceramic** (sè-rām'ik) [*Gr. keramos*, pottery], *a.* Pertaining to pottery. **ceramics**, *n.pl.* The art of pottery.

**cerated** (sēr'at-éd) [*L. cēra*, wax], *a.* Waxed; covered with wax.

**cere'cloth**, *n.* A cloth dipped in melted wax, used to wrap embalmed bodies in.

**cere'ment** [*F. cirement*], *n.* A cerecloth; (*pl.*) grave-clothes

**cereal** (sēr'i-ál) [*L. Ceres*, goddess of corn], *a.* Pertaining to grain. *n.* Any edible grain.

**cerebellum** (ser-é-bel'úm) [*L. cerebrum*, brain], *n.* The part of the brain beneath the posterior lobes of the cerebrum. **cer'e-brum**, *n.* The chief portion of the brain.

**cerebral**, *a.* Pertaining to the brain.

**cerebra'tion**, *n.* The action of the brain, whether conscious or unconscious.

**ceremony** (ser'é-mó-ni) [O.F. *ceremonie*], *n.* A rite, formality; a usage of politeness. **ceremo'nial**, *a.* Relating to or performed with ceremonies or rites. *n.* The prescribed order for a function. **ceremonious**, *a.* Punctilious; observant of ceremony.

**cerise** (sè-rēz') [*F.*, cherry], *n.* Cherry colour.

**certain** (sēr'tán) [O.F. *certēin*, *L. certus*], *a.* Sure, convinced; established beyond a doubt; absolutely, regular; inevitable; reliable, unerring; indefinite. **certainly**, *adv.* Assuredly; beyond doubt; without fail; admittedly. **certainty**, *n.* That which is certain; absolute assurance.

**certify** (sēr'ti-fi) [*L. certus*, certain, *facere*, to make], *v.t.* To testify to in writing; to give certain information. **certifiable**, *a.* **certifier**, *n.* **certificate**, *n.* A

written testimony, esp. of character or ability. **cer'titude**, *n.* Certainty.

**cerulean** (sè-roo'le-án) [*L. cœruleus*], *a.* Sky-blue; sky-coloured.

**cess** (ses) [ASSESS], *v.t.* To tax.

**cessation** (sè-sā'shūn) [CEASE], *n.* The act of ceasing; pause, rest.

**cession** (sesh'ōn) [*L. cessio* (CEDE)], *n.* A yielding, surrender, esp. of territory.

**cesspool** (ses'pool) [?], *n.* A hole for sewage to drain into.

**cetacean** (se-tā'shián) [*L. cetus*, a whale], *a.* Pertaining to the whales, manatees, etc.

**chafe** (cháf) [O.F. *chauser*], *v.t.* To make warm, fret, or make sore by rubbing; to gall, irritate. *v.i.* To be worn by rubbing; to fret. *n.* A sore caused thus.

**chafer** (chá'fēr) [A.-S. *ceafor*, a gnawer], *n.* A beetle, cockchafer.

**chaff** (cháf) [A.-S. *ceaf*], *n.* The husks of grain; hay or straw cut fine for fodder; anything worthless; banter. *v.* To banter or indulge in banter.

**chaffer** (chá'fēr) [A.-S. *cēap*, bargain, *faru*, a journey], *v.t.* To haggle, to bargain.

**chaffinch** (chá'f'inch) [CHAFF (from its frequenting barn-doors)], *n.* A small British bird.

**chagrin** (shá-grēn') [*F.*], *n.* Vexation.

**chain** (chān) [O.F. *chaēne*, *L. catēna*], *n.* A series of connected links for binding, hauling, ornamenting, etc.; a measure of 100 links (66 ft.); bonds, fetters; a connected series. *v.t.* To fasten or bind with a chain.

**chair** (chār) [O.F. *chaēre*], *n.* A backed movable seat for one; a seat of authority or office; a professorship or chairmanship: (*Railway*) an iron socket to secure the metals. *v.t.* To carry publicly in a chair in triumph; to install as president.

**chairman**, *n.* The president of a meeting, committee, etc.; a man who draws a Bath chair. **chairmanship**, *n.*

**chaise** (shāz) [*F.*], *n.* A light carriage.

**chalcedony** (kāl-sed'ó-ni) [*Gr. chalkēdōn*], *n.* (*Min.*) A crypto-crystalline variety of quartz.

**Chaldean**, -dee (kāl-dē'an, -dē'), *a.* Of or belonging to Chaldea or its language. *n.* The language, a native of Chaldea.

**chaldron** (chawl'drōn) [O.F. *chauderon*], *n.* A measure (36 bushels) for coals.

**chalet** (shāl'ā) [*F.* Swiss], *n.* A villa.

**chalice** (chāl'is) [O.F.], *n.* A cup.

**chalk** (chawk) [A.-S. *cealc*, *L. calx*, lime], *n.* Soft white limestone or massive carbonate of lime, chiefly composed of marine shells. *v.t.* To rub, mark, or write with chalk. **chalky**, *a.*

**challenge** (chāl'enj) [O.F. *challenge*], *n.* A summons to fight; a calling in question; the call of a sentry. *v.t.* To invite or defy to a duel or contest; to call on to answer; to object to, dispute. **challenger**, *n.*

**chalybeate** (ká-lib'-é-ât) [*Gr. chalups* -ubos, steel], *a.* Impregnated with iron or steel. *n.* A mineral water so impregnated.

**chamber** (chăm'bér) [L. *camera*], *n.* A room; the place where a legislative assembly meets; a hall of justice; an association of persons for some common object; **chamber-maid**, *n.* A woman in charge of bedrooms at a hotel.

**chamberlain** (chăm'bér-lán) [O.F.], *n.* An officer in charge of the household of a sovereign or nobleman.

**chameleon** (ká-mě'lé-ôn) [Gr. *chamai*, dwarf, *leôn*, a lion], *n.* A lizard able to assume varying shades; a changeable person.

**chanfer** (chăm'fér) [O.F. *chanfrein*], *n.* An angle slightly pared off; a bevel, fluting. *v.i.* To groove; to bevel off.

**chamois** (shăm'wa) [F.], *n.* A goat-like European antelope, *rupicapra*.

**champ** (chämp) [imit.], *v.i.* and *t.* To bite with a grinding action; to crunch.

**champagne** (shăm-păn'), *n.* A light brisk wine made in Champagne, France.

**champaign** (chăm'pân) [O.F. (see CAMPAIGN)], *n.* Flat, open country.

**champion** (chăm'pi-ôn) [O.F.], *n.* One who engages in combat or argument on behalf of another; the person, animal, or exhibit that defeats all competitors. *v.i.* To defend as a champion; to support a cause. **championship**, *n.*

**chance** (chans) [O.F.], *n.* Fortune, course of events; issue, result, esp. undesigned; possibility, opportunity (*usu. pl.*); likelihood. *v.i.* To happen, to come to pass. *a.* Fortuitous, unforeseen.

**chancel** (chan'sél) [O.F. (CANCEL)], *n.* The east end of a church, formerly cut off by a screen.

**chancellery** (chan'sél-ér-i) [as foll.], *n.* A chancellor's official establishment; a chancellor's office; an embassy or consulate.

**chancellor** (chan'sé-lór) [O.F. *chancelier*, late L. *cancellarius* (see CANCEL)], *n.* The president of a court, public department, or university; a bishop's law-officer.

**chancellorship**, *n.*

**chancery** (chan'sér-i) [O.F. *cancellerie*, CHANCELLERY], *n.* The court of the Lord Chancellor, before 1873; a division of the High Court of Justice.

**chandelier** (shăn-dé-lěr') [O.F., as foll.], *n.* A hanging branched frame for a number of lights.

**chandler** (chand'lěr) [O.F. *chandelier*, L. *candēla*, candle], *n.* One who makes or sells candles; a dealer in groceries, etc.

**chandlery**, *n.* Articles sold by a chandler.

**change** (chănj) [O.F. *changer*], *v.i.* To make different, to alter; to substitute or take for something else; to exchange. *v.i.* To become different in appearance, state, etc. *n.* Alteration, variation; transition; substitution of one thing for another; small coin or foreign money given in return for other coins; novelty, variety. **changeable**, *a.* Liable to change; inconstant. **changeability** (-bil'i-ti), *n.* **changeableness**, *n.* **changeful**, *a.* Changeable. **changeless**, *a.* Unchanging. **change-**

**ling**, *n.* A child substituted for another, an elf-child.

**channel** (chăn'él) [O.F. *chanel*, CANAL], *n.* The bed of a watercourse; the fairway of an estuary; a narrow piece of water joining two seas; a duct; means of passing, conveying, or transmitting.

**chant** (chant) [F. *chanter*, L. *cantāre*], *v.t.* To celebrate in song; to intone. *v.i.* To sing in an intoning fashion. *n.* Song, melody; a psalm, or other piece intoned; a monotonous song. **chanter**, *n.* The drone of a bagpipe.

**chantey** (chan'ti) [CHANT, -Y], *n.* A song sung by sailors whilst heaving or hauling.

**chanticleer** (chăn'ti-klěr) [O.F. *chantecler* (*chanter*, CHANT, *cler*, CLEAR)], *n.* A cock.

**chaos** (kă'ôs) [Gr.], *n.* The confusion of matter said to have existed at the Creation; the primeval void; confusion.

**chaot'ic**, *a.* **chaot'ically**, *adv.*

**chap** (1) (chăp) [M.E. *chappen*], *v.i.* To crack or open in long slits. *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) A longitudinal crack, cleft, or seam on the surface of the skin. (*pl.*) The jaws, the mouth and cheeks. **chap-fallen**, *a.* Downcast, dejected, dispirited.

**chap** (2) [CHAPMAN], *n.* A man, a fellow.

**chap-book** (chăp'buk) [on anal. of CHAPMAN], *n.* A small book of wonderful tales, formerly hawked by chapmen.

**chapel** (chăp'él) [O.F. *chapele*], *n.* A place of worship; a part containing an altar in a church; an association of printers, etc., for the settlement of working conditions, etc.

**chaperon** (shăp'ér-ôn) [F.], *n.* A married woman who attends a young lady in public places.

**chapter** (chăp'i-tér) [O.F.], *n.* The upper part of the capital of a column.

**chaplain** (chăp'lân) [O.F. *chapelain*], *n.* A clergyman who officiates at court, or in a regiment, ship, mansion, or public institution. **chaplaincy**, *n.*

**chaplet** (chăp'lét) [O.F. *chapelet*], *n.* A garland for the head.

**chapman** (chăp'mân) [A.-S. *cēap*, CHEAP, MAN], *n.* An itinerant merchant.

**chapter** (chăp'tér) [CHAPTER], *n.* A division of a book, or of Acts of Parliament in chronological order; an episode; the general meeting of certain orders; the clergy attached to a cathedral.

**char** (1) (char) [?], *n.* A small fish.

**char** (2), **chare** (chăr) [A.-S. *cierr*], *n.* A turn of work, an odd job. *v.i.* To work by the day. **charwoman**, *n.* A woman who does housework by the day.

**char** (3) [CHARCOAL], *v.t.* To burn slightly.

**char-à-banc** (shăr-à-băng) [F., carriage with benches], *n.* A long car (horse or motor) with transverse seats.

**character** (kăr'ak-tér) [Gr. *charaktēr* (*charassein*, to furrow, engrave)], *n.* A mark made by engraving, writing, etc.; a letter, sign; distinctive qualities or traits; the sum of one's mental and moral qualities; reputation, standing; certificate of capacity, etc.; a personality created by a writer; an eccentric person. **charac-**



- teris'tic**, *a.* **char'acterize**, *v.t.* To give character to, to distinguish. **character-iza'tion**, *n.*
- charade** (shā-rad') [F.], *n.* A kind of riddle in which description or action represents each syllable of a word.
- charcoal** (char'kōl) [?], *n.* Wood partially burnt.
- charge** (charj) [F. *charger*], *v.t.* To fill; to put the proper load, etc., into (apparatus), as to load (a gun), to accumulate electricity in (a battery), etc.; to rush on and attack; to enjoin, command, accuse; to ask a price for; to give directions to (esp. of a judge or a bishop). *v.i.* To make an attack or onset. *n.* A burden; an office, duty, or obligation; care, custody; the thing under one's care; price demanded, cost; accusation; attack, onset; the quantity with which any apparatus, esp. a fire-arm, is loaded; instructions, directions. **chargeable**, *a.* Liable to be accused; liable to a monetary demand. **charger**, *n.* A war-horse.
- chargé d'affaires** (shar'zhā-dā-fār') [F., charged with affairs], *n.* A deputy to an ambassador; an ambassador to a minor court.
- chariot** (chār'i-ót) [O.F.], *n.* (*poet. and rhet.*) A stately vehicle; a carriage anciently used in war, etc. **charloteer'**, *n.* A chariot-driver.
- charity** (chār'i-ti) [O.F. *charité*], *n.* Love of one's fellows; almsgiving; alms; kindness; leniency. **charity-boy**, -girl, *n.* One brought up in a charity school. **charity school**, *n.* An endowed school for the education of the poor. **charitable**, *a.* Full of charity; liberal to the poor; benevolent, kind, large-hearted; **charitableness**, *n.*
- charlatan** (shar'lā-tān) [It. *ciarlare*, to prattle], *n.* A pretender, quack, impostor. **char'latanism**, *n.*
- charm** (charm) [O.F. *charme*], *n.* A spell, enchantment; an article worn to avert evil or ensure good luck; a power of pleasing or exciting love or desire. *v.t.* To enchant, fascinate, bewitch. **charmer**, *n.* **charming**, *a.*
- charnel-house**, (char'nél) [O.F. *charnel*, a cemetery], *n.* A place where the bones of the dead are deposited.
- chart** (chart) [Gr. *chartē*, a sheet of papyrus], *n.* A map, esp. of some part of the sea or coast; a statement in tabular form or as a graphic curve.
- charter** (char'tér) [O.F. *chartre*], *n.* A deed incorporating a borough, company, or institution, or conferring certain rights and privileges. *v.t.* To establish or license by charter; to hire. **chartered**, *a.* Invested with privileges.
- Chartism** (char'tizm) [L. *charta*], *n.* The principles of the Chartists, an English democratic party (1838-48) whose objects were embodied in the People's Charter. **Chartist**, *n.*
- chary** (chār'i) [A.-S. *cearig*], *a.* Wary, cautious, frugal. **chariness**, *n.*
- chase** (1) (chās) [O.F. *chacier*], *v.t.* To hunt, drive away, put to flight. *n.* Earnest pursuit; the hunting of wild animals; that which is hunted; a preserve for game.
- chase** (2) [F. *enclâsser*], *v.t.* To engrave; to cut the worm of (a screw). **chasing**, *n.* The art of engraving metals; the pattern engraved or embossed.
- chasm** (kāzm) [Gr. *chasma*], *n.* A cleft, a fissure, yawning gulf.
- chassis** (shās'è) [F.], *n.* (*pl. unaltered*) The under-framework and gear of a motor-car, motor-bus, etc.
- chaste** (chāst) [O.F., L. *castus*, pure], *a.* Pure from unlawful sexual commerce or desires; free from obscenity; pure in style; simple, unadorned.
- chasten** (chāsn) [O.F. *chastier*], *v.t.* To punish with a view to reformation.
- chastise** (chās-tiz') [as prec.], *v.t.* To punish, esp. with bodily pain; to correct an offence or wrong. **chastisement** (chās'tiz-mént), *n.*
- chastity** (chās'ti-ti) [O.F. *chasteté*], *n.* The state of being chaste; purity of body, conduct, or taste and style.
- chasuble** (chāz'ühl) [F.], *n.* A vestment worn by a priest.
- chat** (chât) [CHATTER], *v.i.* To talk easily and familiarly; to gossip. *n.* Easy, familiar talk; gossip. **chatty**, *a.*
- chatelaine** (shât'è-lān) [F.], *n.* An ornament worn by a lady at her waist, having short chains for keys, trinkets, etc.
- chattel** (chât'él) [O.F.], *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) Movable property; (*Law*) any property except freehold.
- chatter** (chât'ér) [onomat.], *v.i.* To make a noise like rattling the teeth together; to jabber, prattle. *n.* Idle talk.
- chauffeur** (shō-fēr') [F.], *n.* A motor-car driver.
- chauvinism** (shō'vin-izm) [F., from Nicolas Chauvin, an old soldier blindly attached to Napoleon], *n.* Exaggerated patriotism; jingoism. **chauvinist**, *n.* and *a.* **chauvinis'tic**, *a.*
- cheap** (chēp) [A.-S. *ceap*, price, barter], *a.* Low in or worth more than its price; of small value or esteem. **cheapen**, *v.t.* To beat down the price of; to depreciate. *v.i.* To become cheap, depreciate. **cheapish**, *a.* **cheap-jack**, *n.* A travelling hawk. **cheaply**, *adv.* **cheapness**, *n.*
- cheat** (chēt) [BSCHEAT], *n.* A fraud, imposition, swindle; a trickster, swindler. *v.t.* To defraud, deceive, impose upon. *v.i.* To act as a cheat. **cheater**, *n.*
- chess** (1) (chek) [O.F. *eschec*, Pers. *shāh*, a king], *n.* A sudden stoppage; a reverse, a repulse; a pause; restraint, repression; a mark serving for identification; a term in chess when one player obliges the other to move or guard his king, the situation of such a king. *v.t.* To arrest; to cause to stop; to repress, curb; to test the accuracy of by comparison; (*Chess*) to put an opponent's king in check. *v.i.* To pause, to halt.

**check** (ʃ) (chek) [CHEQUER], *n.* A chequered or cross-lined pattern.

**checkmate** (chek'māt') [O.F. *eschecs mat*, Pers. *shāh mat*, the king is dead], *n.* (*Chess*) The winning movement when one king is in check and cannot escape. *v.t.* To give checkmate to.

**cheek** (chēk) [A.-S. *cēace*], *n.* The side of the face below the eye; (*collog.*) impudence, effrontery, assurance. *v.t.* To be impudent to. *v.t.* To be saucy. **cheeky**, *a.* Impudent, saucy.

**cheep** (chēp) [onomat.], *v.i.* To chirp feebly. *n.* The cry of a young bird.

**cheer** (chēr) [M.E. and O.F. *chere*, the face, look], *n.* Disposition, esp. as shown by the face; entertainment, good fare, a state of joy; a shout of joy or applause. *v.t.* To make glad; to applaud, encourage. *v.i.* To grow cheerful; to utter cheers. **cheerful**, *a.* **cheerfulness**, *n. **cheering**, *a.* **cheerless**, *a.* Dull, gloomy, dispiriting. **cheery**, *a.* Lively, sprightly, genial.*

**cheese** (chēz) [A.-S. *cēse*], *n.* The curd of milk pressed into a solid mass and ripened by keeping.

**cheetah** (chē'tā) [Hind. *chūā*, spotted], *n.* The hunting leopard.

**chef** (shēf) [F., CHIEF], *n.* A head or professional cook. **chef-d'œuvre** (shā-dēvr') [F. *œuvre*, work], *n.* (*pl.* *chefs*-) A masterpiece.

**chemical** (kem'ik-āl) [F. *chimique* (see ALCHEMY)], *a.* Pertaining to chemistry, its laws, or phenomena. *n.* A substance produced by chemical processes.

**chemise** (shē-mēz') [F.], *n.* An under body-garment of linen or cotton worn by women.

**chemist** (kem'ist) [ALCHEMIST], *n.* One versed in chemistry; a dealer in drugs.

**chemistry** (kem'is-trī) [CHEMIST, -RY], *n.* The science which investigates the elements and the compounds that they compose; the practical application of this science.

**cheque** (chek) [CHECK], *n.* A draft on a banker for money.

**chequer**, **checker** (chek'er) [O.F. *eschekier*, chess-board], *n.* A pattern made of squares in alternating colours, like a chess-board; (*pl.*, *Am.*) the game of draughts.

**cherish** (cher'ish) [O.F. *cherir*], *v.t.* To hold dear, treat with affection; to foster.

**cheroot** (shē-root') [Tamil *shurutu*], *n.* A cigar with both ends cut off square.

**cherry** (cher'i) [M.E. *chery*, O.F. *cerise*], *n.* A small fruit of the plum family; the tree on which it grows; the wood of this.

**cherub** (cher'úb) [Heb.], *n.* (*pl.* -s, -im, -ims) A celestial spirit next in order to the seraphim; a beautiful child. **cherubic** (chē-rú'bik), *a.* Pertaining to cherubs.

**chess** (ches) [CHECK], *n.* A game played by two with sixteen pieces each on a board divided into sixty-four squares.

**chest** (chest) [A.-S. *cest*], *n.* A large box or case; the treasury or funds of an

institution; the fore part of the body from neck to belly.

**chestnut** (chest'nüt) [O.F. *chastaigne*], *n.* A tree of the genus *Castanea*, esp. the Spanish or sweet chestnut, or its fruit; a reddish-brown colour; a horse of this colour; a stale joke.

**chevalier** (shēv'á-lēr) [F. *cheval*, horse], *n.* A knight, a gallant.

**cheverel** (chēv'er-él) [O.F. *chevrele*], *n.* Leather made from kid-skin.

**chevron** (shēv'rón) [F., rafter], *n.* (*Her.*) A device representing two rafters meeting at the top; the mark on sleeves of non-commissioned officers.

**chevy** (chēv'i), **chivy** (chiv'i) [*Chevy* Chase], *v.t.* To chase about, hunt.

**chew** (choo) [A.-S. *cēowan*], *v.t.* To masticate, grind with the teeth; to digest mentally. *v.i.* To masticate food, tobacco, or gum. *n.* A quid of tobacco.

**chiaroscuro** (ki-á-rò-skūr'ò) [It. *chiaro*, clear, *oscuro*, dark], *n.* The treatment or effects of light and shade.

**chic** (shik) [F.], *n.* Smartness, style; the best fashion or taste. *a.* Stylish.

**chicane** (shi-kān') [F.], *n.* The use of mean petty subterfuge; artifice; (*Bridge*) a hand containing no trumps. **chicanery**, *n.*

**chick**, **chicken** (chik'en) [A.-S. *cīcen*], *n.* The young of various birds, esp. the domestic fowl; (*fig.*) a child. **chicken-hearted**, *a.* Timid, cowardly. **chicken-pox**, *n.* A pustulous, contagious disease, usually occurring in childhood.

**chicory** (chik'ò-rì) [Gr. *kichōrē*, succory], *n.* The succory, a blue-flowered plant, or its root, which is used to adulterate coffee.

**chide** (chid) [A.-S. *cīdan*], *v.t.* To find fault with, blame. *v.i.* To scold.

**chief** (chāf) [O.F. *chef*], *a.* Principal, first; leading, main. *n.* A leader or commander, esp. of a tribe or clan; the head of a department; the principal thing. **chieftdom**, *n.* **chiefly**, *adv.* Principally, especially; for the most part.

**chieftain** (chēf'tān) [O.F. *chevetain*, late L. *capitānus*, CAPTAIN], *n.* A leader.

**chiffon** (shif'on) [F. *chiffe*, a rag], *n.* A gauzy fabric used as a trimming.

**chiffonier** (shif-ò-nēr') [F. *chiffonnier*, a rag-gatherer], *n.* A movable sideboard.

**chilblain** (chil'blān) [CHILL, BLAIN], *n.* An inflamed sore caused by cold.

**child** (child) [A.-S. *cild*], *n.* (*pl.* children, chil'drēn) A descendant in the first degree, a son or daughter; an infant, young person; (*pl.*) disciples, followers. **childe**, *n.* A scion of a noble family. **childhood**, *n.* The state of being a child. **childish**, *a.* Of or befitting a child; puerile. **childishness**, *n.* **childless**, *a.* Without offspring. **childlike**, *a.* Resembling a child; simple, innocent.

**chill** (chil) [A.-S. *ciele*], *n.* A cold, shivering sensation preceding fever or ague. *a.* Cold; causing coolness. *v.t.* To make cold; to cool suddenly; to depress,



dispirit. **chilling**, *a.* **chilly**, *a.* Making cold; distant in manner. **chilliness**, *n.*  
**chilli** (chil'i) [Mex.], *n.* (*pl.* -ies) The dried ripe pod of red pepper, *capsicum*.  
**chime** (chim) [O.F. *chimble*, Gr. *kumbalon*, CYMBAL], *n.* Harmonic or consonant musical sounds; a number of bells tuned in harmonious succession; harmony, accord. *v.i.* To sound in harmony or accord; to ring, strike the hour, etc.; to accord, agree. *v.t.* To ring a series of bells.  
**chimera** (ki-mēr'á) [Gr. *chimaira*, she-goat], *n.* A fabulous fire-eating monster, with a lion's head, a serpent's tail, and the body of a goat; (*fig.*) an idle fancy, a bugbear. **chimer'ical**, *a.* Purely imaginary.  
**chimney** (chim'ni) [O.F. *cheminée*], *n.* The passage through which smoke escapes from a fire into the open air; a glass tube for a lamp; a vertical fissure in rock.  
**chimney-piece**, *n.* The ornamental frame round a fireplace.  
**chimpanzee** (chim-pán-zé') [native name], *n.* A large African anthropoid ape.  
**chin** (chin) [A.-S. *cin*], *n.* The front part of the lower jaw.  
**china** (chí'ná) [name of country], *n.* Porcelain, first brought from China.  
**chine** (chin) [O.F. *eschine*], *n.* The backbone or spine.  
**Chinese** (chí-nēz'), *a.* Of or belonging to China. *n.* A native or the language of China.  
**chink** (1) (chink) [?], *n.* A narrow cleft.  
**chink** (2) [onomat.], *n.* A jingling sound as of coin; money.  
**chintz** (chints) [Hind. *chint*, variegated], *n.* Cotton cloth, printed in colours with floral devices, etc.  
**chip** (chip) [dim. of CHOP], *n.* A small piece of wood, stone, etc., chopped off; a thin slice of potato; wood or fibre in thin strips for making hats. *v.t.* To cut into chips. *v.i.* To break off in chips.  
**Chippendale** (chip'en-dāl), *a.* Applied to furniture of the light style introduced by Chippendale in the 18th cent.  
**chir-**, **chiro-** [Gr. *cheir*, hand], *comb. form.* Manual: having hands or hand-like organs.  
**chiromancy** (kí'ró-mán-sí) [CHIRO-, -MANCY], *n.* Divination by means of the hand; palmistry.  
**chiropodist** (ki-rop'ò-dist) [CHIRO-, Gr. *pous* *podos*, foot], *n.* One skilled in the care of the feet. **chiropody**, *n.*  
**chirp** (chěrp) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a quick, sharp sound (as birds); to talk cheerfully. *n.* A sharp, quick sound of a bird, or one like it. **chirpy**, *a.* Cheerful; vivacious.  
**chirrup** (chir'úp) [CHIRP], *v.i.* To chirp, make a twittering sound.  
**chisel** (chiz'él) [O.F. *cisel*], *n.* An edged tool for cutting wood, iron, or stone. *v.t.* To cut, pare, or grave with a chisel; (*slang*) to cheat. **chiselled**, *a.*  
**chit** (1) (chit) [KITTE], *n.* A child; young girl,

**chit** (2) [Hind.], *n.* (*Ang.-Ind.*) A letter or note.  
**chit-chat** (chit'chăt) [CHAT], *n.* Trifling talk.  
**chivalry** (shiv'al-ri) [O.F. *chevalerie*], *n.* The knightly system of the Middle Ages; nobleness and gallantry of spirit, courtesy, respect for and defence of the weak; knights collectively. **chivalrous**, -ric (shiv'al-rús, -rik), *a.* Pertaining to chivalry; high-spirited, gallant, noble.  
**chlor-**, **chloro-** [Gr. *chlōros*, green], *comb. form.* Greenish; pertaining to chlorine.  
**chloral** (klōr'ál) [CHLOR-, AL(COHO)], *n.* (*Chem.*) A narcotic obtained by the action of chlorine on alcohol.  
**chlorine** (klōr'in) [CHLOR-, -INE], *n.* A yellow-green gas obtained from common salt, used as a disinfectant and for bleaching.  
**chloroform** (klōr'ò-fōrm) [CHLORO-, FORMIO], *n.* A volatile fluid used to produce anaesthesia.  
**chlorophyll** (klōr'ò-fil) [CHLORO-, Gr. *phyllon*, a leaf], *n.* Green colouring-matter of plants.  
**chock** (chok) [?], *n.* A wood block, wedge-shaped. *adv.* As close as possible; tightly, fully. **chock-full**, *adv.* Quite full.  
**chocolate** (chok'ò-lát) [Mex. *choco*, cacao, latl, water], *n.* The paste, cake, or beverage made from the roasted kernels of the cacao-tree.  
**choice** (chois) [O.F. *chois*], *n.* The power or act of choosing; the thing chosen; selection; the best part. *a.* Selected; of great value, careful, fastidious.  
**choir** (kwir) [M.E. *queir*, Gr. *choros*], *n.* A band of singers, esp. in a church; the part of the church allotted to the singers.  
**choke** (chōk) [A.-S. *ā-cēocian*], *v.t.* To block or compress the windpipe so as to prevent breathing; to smother, to stifle. *v.i.* To have the windpipe stopped; to be blocked up. *n.* The action of choking.  
**choler** (kol'ér) [M.E. and O.F. *colere*, L. and Gr. *cholera*, as next], *n.* Anger; tendency to anger. **choleric**, *a.*  
**cholera** (kol'ér-á) [Gr. *chole*, bile], *n.* (*Med.*) A disease characterized by violent vomiting and purging, tending to run a rapidly fatal course.  
**choose** (chooz) A.-S. *cēosan*], *v.t.* (*past chose*, *p.p.* *chosen*) To take by preference, to select; to feel inclined. *v.i.* To make one's choice.  
**chop** (1) (chop) [CHAP (1)], *v.t.* To cut off suddenly; to cut short or into parts. *n.* The act of chopping; a stroke; a piece chopped off; a piece of mutton or pork on a rib; (*pl.*) broken waves.  
**chopper**, *n.* A butcher's cleaver.  
**chop** (2) [?], *v.t.* To exchange, barter. *v.i.* To shift suddenly, as the wind.  
**chopsticks** (chop'stiks) [Chinese *k'wái-tsze*, quick ones], *n.pl.* Two small sticks used by the Chinese to eat with.  
**choral** (kōr'ál) [CHORUS], *a.* Sung by a choir; chanted or sung. **chorally**, *adv.*

**chord** (kôrd) [Gr. *chordê*], *n.* The string of a musical instrument; the simultaneous and harmonious union of sounds: (*Geom.*) a straight line joining two points in a curve.

**chorister** (kor'is-têr) [CHOIR], *n.* A singer in a choir.

**chorus** (kôr'us) [L., from Gr. *choros*], *n.* A band of persons singing in concert; the refrain of a song.

**chough** (chûf) [imit.], *n.* A bird of the crow family.

**chrism** (krizm) [A.-S. *crisma*, Gr. *chriein*, to anoint], *n.* Consecrated oil.

**Christ** (krist) [Gr. *Christos* (*chriein*, to anoint)], *n.* The Anointed One; the Saviour, Messiah. **Christless**, *a.* Without faith in or without the spirit of Christ. **Christlike**, *a.*

**christen** (krisn) [A.-S. *cristnian*], *v.t.* To baptize. *n.* to name.

**Christendom** (krisn'dôm) [A.-S.], *n.* Christians collectively; the parts inhabited by them.

**Christian** (kris'tyân) [L. *Christiânus*], *n.* One who believes in or professes the religion of Christ, a civilized person as distinguished from a savage. *a.* Pertaining to Christ or Christianity. **Christianity**, *n.* The doctrines and precepts taught by Christ; faith in Christ and His teaching. **Christianize**, *v.t.* To convert to Christianity.

**Christmas** (kris'más) [A.-S. *cristes mæsse*], *n.* The festival of the Nativity, Dec. 25: Christmas-tide. *a.* Pertaining or appropriate to Christmas or its festivities. **Christmas-box**, *n.* A Christmas present. **Christmas-tide**, *n.* The season of Christmas.

**chromatic** (krô-mât'ik) [Gr. *chrôma* -atos, colour], *a.* Relating to colour; (*Mus.*) including notes not belonging to the regular scale. **chromatic scale**, *n.* (*Mus.*) A succession of semi-tones.

**chrome** [as prec.], *n.* Chromium; a yellow pigment.

**chromolithograph** (krô-mô-lith'ô-gráf) [as CHROME, LITHOGRAPH], *n.* A picture printed in colours from stone.

**chronic** (kron'ik) [Gr. *chronos*, time], *a.* Applied to diseases of long duration.

**chronicle** (kron'ikl) [as prec.], *n.* A register of events in order of time; a history. *v.t.* To record in a chronicle.

**chronon** [Gr. *chronos*, time], *comb. form.* Pertaining to time or dates.

**chronology** (krô-nol'ô-ji) [CHRONO-, -LOGY], *n.* The science of computing time; a tabular list of dates. **chronologist**, *n.* **chronolog'ical**, *a.*

**chronometer** (krô-nom'é-têr) [CHRONO-, -METER], *n.* An instrument that measures time with great exactness.

**chrysalis** (kris'â-lis) [Gr. *chrusallis*], *n.* (*pl.* -ises, -ides). The last stage through which a caterpillar passes before becoming perfect; the pupa.

**chrysanthemum** (kris-ân'thê-mûm) [Gr. *chrysanthemon*, marigold], *n.* A genus of composite plants.

**chrysolite** (kris'o-lit) [Gr. *CHRYSO-*, -lithos, stone], *n.* A green-coloured translucent mineral; olivine.

**chub** (chûb) [?], *n.* A coarse river-fish. **chubby**, *a.* Fat, plump (esp. in the face). **chubbiness**, *n.*

**chuck** [?], *n.* A slight tap or blow under the chin; a toss or throw. *v.t.* To tap under the chin; to fling, throw.

**chuckle** (chûkl) [CHUCK (1)], *v.t.* To utter a half-suppressed laugh; to exult to oneself. *n.* A short half-laugh.

**chum** (chûm) [?], *n.* A comrade and close companion. *v.i.* To make a great friend of. **chummy**, *a.*

**chunk** (chûnk) [?], *n.* A short, thick lump of anything. **chunky**, *a.*

**church** (chêrch) [A.-S. *circe*], *n.* A building consecrated for Christian worship; a body of Christian believers worshipping in one place; Christians collectively; the organization of a religious body; the clergy. *v.t.* To say the thanksgiving service for a woman after child-birth. *a.* Of or pertaining to church; ecclesiastical. **churchman**, *n.* A cleric, ecclesiastic. **churchwarden**, *n.* A lay officer of a church who acts as its legal representative; a long clay pipe. **churchyard**, *n.* The ground adjoining the church consecrated for the burial of the dead.

**churl** (chêrl) [A.-S. *ceorl*], *n.* A serf; a peasant, boor; a surly, clownish fellow. **churlish**, *a.*

**churn** (chêrn) [A.-S. *cyrin*], *n.* A vessel in which milk or cream is agitated in order to produce butter; a large can for transporting milk. *v.t.* To agitate in a churn. **chute** (shoot) [F.], *n.* An inclined trough for conveying water, timber, grain, etc. to a lower level; a toboggan-slide.

**chutney** (chût'ni) [Hind. *chatni*], *n.* A hot East Indian condiment.

**chyle** (kil) [Gr. *chulos*], *n.* The milky fluid separated from the chyme in the intestines and assimilated with the blood. **chyme** (kim) [Gr. *chumos*], *n.* The pulpy mass of digested food before the chyle is separated from it.

**cicatrix** (sik'â-triks) [L.], *n.* (*pl.* -trices) The scar left after a wound has healed. **cic'atrize**, *v.t.* To skin over.

**cicerone** (chich-er-ô'ni) [It.], *n.* (*pl.* -oni) A guide.

**-cide** (sid) [L. -cidium (*cœdere*, to kill)], *suf.*, *e.g.*, *fratricide*, *regicide*, *tyrannicide*.

**cider** (sî'dêr) [O.F. *sîdre*, Gr. *sikera*, Heb. *shêkâr*, strong drink], *n.* The juice of apples fermented.

**cigar** (si-gar') [Sp. *cigarro*], *n.* A roll of tobacco leaf for smoking. **cigarette** (sig-â-ret') [dim. of prec.], *n.* Cut tobacco rolled in thin paper for smoking.

**Cimmerian** (si-mêr'i-ân) [Gr. *Kimmerios*], *a.* Pertaining to the Cimmerii or their country, which was fabled to be in a state of perpetual darkness; profoundly dark.

**cinch** (sinch) [Sp. *cincha*], *n.* A broad saddle-girth; a firm grip, a certainty.

**cinchona** (sin-kô'nâ) [*Chinchon*, Peruvian



Viceroy in 17th cent.], *n.* A tree yielding Peruvian bark, the source of quinine.

**cincture** (sɪnk'tūr) [L. *cinctūra*], *n.* A belt, girdle.

**cinder** (sɪn'dér) [A.-S. *sinder*], *n.* A partly-burnt coal; light slag.

**cinematograph** (sɪn-é-măt'ô-grăf) [Gr. *kinema*, -*matos*, movement, -*GRAPH*], *n.* An apparatus for throwing a series of photographs on to a screen at high speed so as to give the effect of continuous motion.

**cinerary** (sɪn'er-ăr-i) [L. *cinis*, ashes], *a.* Pertaining to ashes. **cinerary-urn**, *n.* An urn for the ashes of the dead.

**Cingalese** (sɪŋ-gà-lēz') [Sansk. *sinhalam*, Ceylon], *n.* A native or the language of Ceylon. *a.* Pertaining to Ceylon, its people, or language.

**cinnamon** (sɪn'á-môn) [Gr. *kinamōmon*, Heb. *ginnāmōn*], *n.* The aromatic bark of an East Indian tree used as a spice.

**cinque** (sɪnk) [F.], *n.* Five, esp. at cards or dice. **cinquefoil**, *n.* Plants of the genus *Potentilla*; an ornamental foliage used in tracery, etc.

**cipher** (sɪ'fēr) [Arab. *ṣifr*, empty], *n.* The symbol 0, naught; a monogram, device; a code used for secret correspondence; a coded message; a person or thing of no importance. *v.t.* To do arithmetic.

**circle** (sɜrkl) [A.-S. *circul*, L. *circulus*, a small ring], *n.* A plane figure bounded by a curved line (the circumference) which is equidistant at every point from a point within the figure called the centre; a ring, a round figure or enclosure; a complete series; any series ending as it begins, and perpetually repeated; a period, cycle; a number of persons or things bound together by some bond. *v.t.* To move round; to surround.

**circled**, *a.* **circlet**, *n.*

**circuit** (sɜr'kit) [L. *circuitus*, a going round], *n.* The act of moving round, a revolution; the line enclosing a space, the distance round about; the periodical visitation of judges, the district visited; a continuous electrical communication between the poles of a battery; a series of conductors through which a current passes.

**circu'itous**, *a.* Indirect, roundabout.

**circular** (sɜr'kū-lār) [L. *circulāris*], *a.* In the shape of or pertaining to a circle; addressed in identical terms to a number of persons. *n.* A letter, etc., of which a copy is sent to many persons. **circularize**, *v.t.* To send circulars to.

**circulate** (sɜr'kū-lāt) [L. *circulāre*], *v.t.* To move round; to pass from point to point or hand to hand (as money); to be diffused. *v.t.* To cause to pass from point to point or hand to hand; to spread.

**circulating**, *a.* That circulates; current; (*Math.*) recurring. **circula'tion**, *n.* The act of circulating; the state of being circulated; the motion of the blood, by which it is propelled by the heart through the arteries and returned through the veins; distribution.

**circum-** (sɜr'kum) [L.], *pref.* Round, round about; indirectly.

**circumambient** (sɜr-kum-ám'bi-ént) [CIRCUM-, L. *ambiens* -*entem*, going round (*ambi*, about, *ire*, to go)], *a.* Going round about; surrounding.

**circumcise** (sɜr'kum-sɪz) [CIRCUM-, L. *cœdere*, to cut], *v.t.* To cut off the foreskin.

**circumcis'ion**, *n.*

**circumference** (sɜr-kum'fēr-éns) [CIRCUM-, L. *ferre*, to bear], *n.* The line that bounds a circle; a periphery, circuit.

**circumflex** (sɜr'kum-fleks) [CIRCUM-, L. *flexus*, bent], *n.* A mark (ˆ) used to indicate accent, quality, or contraction.

**circumjacent** (sɜr-kum-já'sént) [CIRCUM-, L. *jacere*, to lie], *a.* Bordering.

**circumlocution** (sɜr-kum-lô-kū'shùn) [CIRCUM-, LOCUTION], *n.* The use of round-about or evasive language, or of many words where few would suffice. **circumlocutory**, *a.*

**circumnavigate** (sɜr-kum-náv'i-gāt) [CIRCUM-, NAVIGATE], *v.t.* To sail completely round.

**circumscribe** (sɜr'kum-skrib) [CIRCUM-, L. *scribere*, to write], *v.t.* To limit, define by bounds, restrict; (*Geom.*) to surround with a figure that touches at every point.

**circumspect** (sɜr'kum-spekt) [CIRCUM-, L. *specere*, to look], *a.* Looking on all sides; cautious, wary. **circumspection**, *n.*

**circumstance** (sɜr'kum-stāns) [CIRCUM-, L. *stāre*, to stand], *n.* Something attending or relative to a fact or case; an incident, event; (*pl.*) the facts, relations, influences, etc., that affect an act, an event, or one's living. **circumstan'tial**, *a.* Depending on circumstances; incidental, not essential. **circumstantial'ity**, *n.*

**circumvent** (sɜr'kum-vent) [CIRCUM-, L. *venire*, to come], *v.t.* To outwit, to get the best of. **circumven'tion**, *n.*

**circus** (sɜr'kús) [L., a ring], *n.* A place where horsemanship and acrobatic feats are exhibited; a circle of buildings at the intersection of streets.

**cirrus** (sir'ús) [L., a curl], *n.* A tendril; a slender filament; a lofty feathery cloud.

**cis-** (sis) [L., on this side of], *pref.* On this side of. **cisal'pine**, *a.* On the Roman side of the Alps.

**cist** (sɪst) [Gr. *kistē*, chest], *n.* A prehistoric tomb consisting of a row of stones with a flat stone for cover.

**cistern** (sɪs'tɜrn) [O.F. *cisterne*], *n.* A storage place for water, etc.; a reservoir.

**citadel** (sit'á-dəl) [F. *citadelle*], *n.* A fort in a city; a stronghold; a final retreat.

**cite** (sit) [F. *citer*], *v.t.* To quote, allege as an authority; to summon to appear in court. **ci'table**, *a.* **ci'tation**, *n.*

**cithern** (sɪth'ɜrn) [Gr. *kithara*], *n.* A mediæval lute.

**citizen** (sit'i-zèn) [M.E., *citesein*, O.F., *ciŕcein*], *n.* A member of a state in the enjoyment of political rights; a burgess; a dweller in a town. **citizenship**, *n.*

**citron** (sit'rôn) [L. *citrus*], *n.* A tree bearing

large lemon-like fruit. **citrate**, *n.* A salt of citric acid. **citric**, *a.* Derived from the citron, esp. of the acid found in lemons, citrons, limes, oranges, etc.

**city** (sit'i) [O.F. *ciité*, L. *civitas*], *n.* A town incorporated by a charter; a cathedral town; the inhabitants of a city.

**civet** (siv'et) [Arab. *zabād*], *n.* A resinous musky substance obtained from the civet-cat and used as a perfume. **civet-cat**, *n.* A carnivorous quadruped from Asia.

**civic** (siv'ik) [L. *civicus*], *a.* Pertaining to a city or citizens; urban, municipal.

**civil** (siv'il) [L. *civilis*], *a.* Relating to the community; pertaining to citizens or to social, commercial, and administrative affairs; not military or naval; municipal, legislative; civilized, polite, courteous.

**civilian** (si-vil'yán) [as prec.], *n.* A person not belonging to the armed forces of a state; a member of the Indian civil service. **civility**, *n.* The quality of being civil; politeness, courtesy. **civilly**, *adv.*

**civilize** (siv'il-iz) [F. *civiliser*], *v.t.* To instruct in the arts and refinements of civilized society. **civiliza'tion**, *n.* The act or process of civilizing; the state of being civilized; civilized society.

**clack** (klăk) [prob. imit.], *v.i.* To make a sharp, sudden noise; to chatter noisily. *n.* A sudden, sharp sound.

**claim** (klām) [L. *clāmāre*, to call out], *v.t.* To demand as a right; to assert that one has or is (something) or has done (something). *n.* A real or supposed right; a piece of land allotted to one or marked out with the intention of acquiring it. **claimable**, *a.* **claimant**, *n.* One who makes a claim.

**clairvoyance** (klār-voi'āns) [F. *clair*, clear, *voir*, to see], *n.* The power of perceiving objects not present to the senses. **clairvoyant**, *n.* One who has this power.

**clam** (klām) [A.-S. *clamm*, fetter], *n.* A clamp or vice; an edible bivalve.

**clamber** (klām'bér) [prob. A.-S. *climban*, to climb], *v.i.* To climb up with difficulty. *n.* A climb.

**clammy** (klām'i), *a.* Damp; sticky, adhesive. **clamminess**, *n.*

**clamour** (klām'ér) [L. *clāmar*], *n.* An outcry; loud and continuous shouting, expressions of complaint, demand, or appeal. *v.i.* To cry out loudly and earnestly; to demand or complain importunately. **clamorous**, *a.*

**clamp** (klāmp) [?], *n.* Anything rigid which strengthens, fastens, or binds; a heap of turf, potatoes, etc. *v.t.* To unite with a clamp.

**clan** (klān) [Gael. *clann*], *n.* A tribe or number of families of the same name, united under a chieftain representing a common ancestor; (*fig.*) a clique, set.

**clannish**, *a.* United closely together. **clansman**, *n.* A member of a clan.

**clandestine** (klān-des'tin) [F.], *a.* Secret, surreptitious, underhand.

**clang** (klāng) [L. *clangere*], *v.t.* To strike together, so as to cause a sharp, ringing

sound. **clangor**, *n.* A sharp, ringing sound. **clangorous**, *a.*

**clank** (klănk) [onomat.], *v.t.* To strike together so as to make a heavy rattling sound. *n.* A sound as of solid metallic bodies struck together.

**clap** (klăp) [M.E. *clappen*], *v.t.* To strike together noisily; to shut, put, or place suddenly or hastily; to applaud by striking the hands together. *v.i.* To shut (as a door) with a bang; to strike the hands together in applause. *n.* The noise made by the collision of flat surfaces; a sudden loud noise; a peal of thunder. **clapper**, *n.* The tongue of a bell.

**claptrap** (klăp'trăp) [CLAP, TRAP], *n.* Showy words or deeds designed to win applause or public favour.

**claret** (klăr'et) [O.F. *clairet*, dim of *clair*, clear], *n.* A light red Bordeaux wine.

**clarify** (klăr'i-fi) [L. *clārus*, clear, *facere*, to make], *v.t.* To clear from impurities; to make transparent. *v.i.* To become transparent. **clarifica'tion**, *n.*

**clarion** (klăr'i-ôn) [O.F. *claron*], *n.* A kind of trumpet, with a narrow tube, and loud and clear note. *a.* Loud and clear. **clarinet**, *n.* A musical instrument.

**clarity** (klăr'i-ti) [O.F. *clarté*], *n.* Clearness. **clash** (klăsh) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a loud noise by striking against something; to come into collision; to disagree. *v.t.* To cause one thing to strike against another so as to produce a noise. *n.* The noise produced by the violent collision of two bodies; opposition, conflict.

**clasp** (klasp) [M.E. *claspen*, A.-S. *clýppan*], *n.* A catch, hook, etc., for fastening; a close embrace, a grasp; a commemorative bar attached to a medal-ribbon. *v.t.* To fasten or shut with a clasp or buckle; to fasten (a clasp); to embrace, grasp. *v.i.* To cling (to).

**class** (klas) [L. *classis*], *n.* A number of persons or things ranked together; social rank; a number of students taught together; a division of animals or plants next above an order. *v.t.* To arrange in a class or classes.

**classic** (klăs'ik) [L. *classicus*], *n.* An author (esp. Greek or Latin) of the first rank; a recognized masterpiece; one versed in Greek and Latin literature; a follower of classic models as opposed to romantic; (*pl.*) ancient Greek and Latin literature; the study of these. *a.* Pertaining to this literature; of the first rank in literature or art; pure, restrained; of standard authority; clear-cut, regular (of the features). **classical**, *a.* **classicism**, *n.* **classicism**, *n.* A classic style or idiom; devotion to or imitation of the classics; classical scholarship.

**classify** (klăs'i-fi) [CLASS, -FY], *v.t.* To assign to a class. **classifiable**, *a.* **classifica'tion**, *n.* **classifier**, *n.*

**clatter** (klăt'ér) [A.-S. *clatrian*], *v.i.* To make a sharp rattling noise. *v.t.* To cause to rattle. *n.* A continuous rattling.



**clause** (klawz) [O.F., L. *clausa*, closed], *n.* A distinct part of a composition; a short sentence; a subdivision of a compound sentence.

**clavicle** (klāv'ikl) [L. *clavicula*, a small key], *n.* The collar-bone.

**claw** (klaw) [A.-S. *clawu*], *n.* The sharp hooked nail of a bird or beast; the pincers of a crab, lobster, etc. *v.t.* To use the claws for tearing.

**clay** (klā) [A.-S. *clæg*], *n.* Tenacious, plastic earth; (*fig.*) the grosser part of human nature, the body; a clay-pipe.

**claymore** (klā'mór) [Gael. *claidheamh mor*, great sword], *n.* A two-edged sword used by Highlanders.

**clean** (klān) [A.-S. *clēne*], *a.* Free from dirt, stain, blemish, imperfection, disease, defilement; pure, holy; smart, dexterous, unerring; complete. *adv.* Quite, completely; cleverly. *v.t.* To cleanse, to purify. **cleanable**, *a.* **cleaner**, *n.* **cleanly** (1) (klēn'li), *adv.* In a clean manner. **cleanness**, *n.*

**cleanly** (2) (klēn'li) [A.-S. *clēnlic*], *a.* Clean; clean in person and habits. **cleanlily**, *adv.* **cleanliness**, *n.*

**cleanse** (klenz) [A.-S. *clānsian*], *v.t.* To make clean, purify; (*Bibl.*) to cure.

**clear** (klēr) [L. *clarus*], *a.* Free from darkness, dullness, or opacity; luminous, transparent, serene, unclouded; brightly intelligent; lucid, evident; easily apprehended; net. *adv.* Completely; quite; apart, free from risk of contact. *v.t.* To make clear; to free from dimness, ambiguity, imputation, etc.; to exonerate; to pay off all charges; to realize as profit; to pass over without touching. *v.i.* To become clear, bright, or serene.

**clearance**, *n.* The act of clearing; the state of being cleared; clear profit; passing through the Clearing House; a certificate that a ship has been cleared at the Custom-house. **clearing**, *n.* A tract of land cleared for cultivation. **clearing-house**, *n.* A house or office where the operation of clearing is performed, esp. that in London for banks. **clearness**, *n.* The state of being clear; perspicuity.

**cleat** (klēt) [M.E., *clete*, a wedge], *n.* A piece of wood or iron for fastening ropes upon.

**cleave** (1) (klēv) [A.-S. *clifan*], *v.i.* (*past* cleaved, \**clave*). To stick, to adhere.

**cleave** (2) [A.-S. *clēofan*], *v.t.* (*past* clove, *cleft*, *p.p.* cloven, *cleft*) To split asunder with violence, to divide forcibly; to make one's way through. *v.i.* To split, to crack.

**cleavage**, (klē'vāj), *n.* The act of cleaving. **cleaver**, *n.* A butcher's axe.

**cleek** (klēk) [M.E. *cleche*]. *n.* An iron-headed golf-club.

**clef** (klef) [F.], *n.* (*Mus.*). A character at the beginning of a stave denoting the pitch.

**cleft** (kleft) [cleave (2)], *n.* A split, crack.

**clematis** (klem'ā-tis) [Gr. *klēmatis*], *n.* A ranunculaceous plant, traveller's joy.

**clement** (klem'ent) [L. *clēmēns*]. *a.* Mild, gentle; forgiving, merciful. **clemency**, *n.*

**clench** (klench) [A.-S. *be-clencan*], *v.t.* To rivet; to grasp firmly; to close or fix firmly (as the hands or teeth).

**clerestory** (klēr'stōr-i) [CLEAR, STORY], *n.* The upper part of the nave, choir, etc., of a church containing windows above the roofs of the aisles.

**clergy** (klér'ji) [O.F. *clergie*, Gr. *klērikos*], *n.* The body of men ordained for the service of the Christian Church. **clergyman**, *n.* An ordained Christian minister.

**cleric** (klér'ik) [as *prec.*], *n.* A clergyman, ecclesiastic.

**clerical** (klér'ik-ál) [late L. *clēricālis*, from *prec.*], *a.* Relating to the clergy, or to a clerk. **clericalism**, *n.* Undue influence of the clergy.

**clerk** (klark) [A.-S. *clerc*], *n.* A cleric, clergyman; the lay officer of a parish church; one employed to assist in correspondence, book-keeping, etc., one who has charge of an office or department, subject to a higher authority, **clerk in Holy orders**, *n.* An ordained clergyman.

**clever** (klév'ér) [?], *a.* Dexterous, skilful; expert, ingenious. **cleverness**, *n.*

**clew** (kloo) [A.-S. *clīwen*], *n.* The corner of a sail; the cords by which a hammock is suspended; a clue. *v.t.* To truss up to the yard.

**cliché** (klē'shā) [F., stereotyped], *n.* A stereotype; (*Phot.*) a negative; (*fig.*) a hackneyed phrase.

**click** (klik) [imit.], *v.t.* To make a slight, sharp noise. *n.* A slight, sharp sound; a latch.

**client** (klí'ent) [L. *cliens*], *n.* One who employs a lawyer; one who entrusts any business to a professional man; a customer. **clientele** (klē-an-tāl), *n.* Clients or dependents collectively.

**cliff** (klif) [A.-S. *clif*], *n.* A steep rock; a precipice.

**climacteric** (klí-mák'tér-ik) [as CLIMAX], *n.* A critical period in human life, when some great change is supposed to take place.

**climate** (klí'mát) [Gr. *klima-atos*, a slope, region], *n.* The meteorological conditions of a place or country.

**climax** (klí'māks) [Gr., *klimax*, a ladder (*klinein*, to slope)], *n.* The highest point.

**climb** (klím) [A.-S. *clímban*], *v.t.* To ascend (esp. by hands and feet), tendrils, etc.; to rise; to slope upwards. *n.* An ascent; the act of ascending. **climbable** (klí'mabl), *a.* **climber** (klí'mér), *n.*

**clime** (klím) [CLIMATE], *n.* A region; a climate.

**clinch** (klinch) [CLENCH], *v.t.* To clench, rivet; to drive home or establish; to make a rope-end fast. *n.* The act of clinching; a grip; a pun. **clincher**, *n.* A conclusive argument or statement.

**cling** (kling) [A.-S. *clingan*], *v.i.* (*past* and *p.p.* **clung**). To adhere closely and tenaciously; to be faithful to.

**clinic** (klin'ik) [Gr. *klinē*, a bed], *n.* One

confined to bed by sickness; bedside instruction in hospitals. **clinical**, *a.*

**clink** (klink) [imit.], *n.* A sharp, tinkling, metallic sound. *v.* To cause to clink.

**clinker** (kling'kér) [M. Dut. *klinckaert*], *n.* Vitrified slag; bricks run together in a mass by heat.

**clip** (1) (klip) [prob. Icel. *klippa*], *v.t.* To cut with shears; to trim; to cut away. *v.i.* To run or go swiftly. *n.* A shearing; the whole wool of a season; a blow.

**clipper**, *n.* A fast-sailing vessel. **clipping**, *n.* A piece clipped off.

**clip** (2) [A.-S. *clýppan*], *v.t.* To clasp, to embrace. *n.* An appliance for gripping.

**clique** (klék) [F.], *n.* A small number of associated persons; an exclusive set.

**cliquish**, *a.* **cliquishness**, *n.* **cliquism**, *n.* **cliquy**, *a.*

**cloak** (klók) [M.E. and O.F. *cloke*], *n.* A loose, wide, outer garment; a disguise, pretext. *v.t.* To cover with a cloak; to disguise; to hide. **cloak-room**, *n.* A public place where small parcels, etc., can be deposited.

**clock** (1) (klok) [O.F. *cloque*, med. L. *cloca*, a bell], *n.* An instrument for measuring time. **clockwise**, *adv.* In the way of the hands of a clock, from left to right.

**clockwork**, *n.* The train of wheels, springs, etc., producing motion in a clock.

**clock** (2) [?], *n.* Ornamental work on a stocking.

**clod** (klot) [CLOT], *n.* A lump of earth or clay; any concreted mass; mere lifeless matter.

**clod** (klog) [?], *n.* Anything that impedes motion or freedom; a shoe with a wooden sole, a sabot. *v.t.* To hamper with a weight; to hinder; to choke up.

**cloister** (klois'tér) [O.F. *cloistre*], *n.* A place of religious seclusion; an arcade along the sides of a quadrangle, etc.

**cloistered**, *a.* Furnished with cloisters.

**close** (1) (klöz) [O.F. *clos*, shut], *v.t.* To shut to; to fill (up) an opening; to bring together; to conclude. *v.i.* To shut; to coalesce; to cease; to come to terms; to grapple. *n.* The act of closing; an end.

**close** (2) (klös) [as prec.], *a.* Closed, confined, shut in; solid, compact; near together in time or space; intimate; nearly alike; attentive; apt, accurate; oppressive, stifling; limited; secret, reticent; parsimonious. *adv.* Near, close to; closely. *n.* An enclosure; the precincts of a cathedral, etc.; a blind alley. **closely**, *adv.* **closeness**, *n.*

**closet** (kloz'èt) [dim. as prec.], *n.* A small room for retirement; a privy.

**closure** (klöz'zhér) [O.F.], *n.* The act of shutting; the power of terminating debate in a legislative assembly. *v.t.* To apply this power.

**clot** (klot) [A.-S. *clott*], *n.* A clod, lump, ball; a small coagulated mass, esp. of blood.

**cloth** (kloth) [A.-S. *clāth*], *n.* A woven fabric of wool, flax, cotton, etc.

**cloth** (klōth) [A.-S. *clāthian*], *v.t.* (past **clothed**, **clad**). To furnish or cover with clothes. **clothing**, *n.* Clothes.

**clothes** (klōthz), *n.pl.* Garments, dress.

**clothier** (klō'thi-ér) [orig. *clother*], *n.* A manufacturer or seller of cloth or clothing.

**cloud** (kloud) [A.-S. *clād*], *n.* A mass of visible vapour floating in the upper regions of the atmosphere; a volume of smoke, etc., resembling a cloud; a veil which obscures or darkens; a temporary depression; a great number, a multitude. *v.t.* To overspread with clouds, to darken; to mark with cloud-like spots. *v.i.* To grow cloudy. **cloud-burst**, *n.* A sudden and heavy fall of rain. **cloudless**, *a.* **cloudy**, *a.* Consisting of or overspread with clouds; marked with veins or spots; obscure, confused; dull, gloomy.

**clout** (klout) [A.-S. *clūt*], *n.* A piece of rag, etc.

**clove** (1) (klōv) [F. *clou*], *n.* A dried, unexpanded flower-bud of the clove-tree, used as a spice.

**clove** (2) [A.-S. *clufu*], *n.* A small bulb forming part of a compound bulb, as in garlic.

**cloven** (klō'vén) [CLEAVE (2)], *a.* Divided into two parts; cleft.

**clover** (klō'vér) [A.-S. *clāfre*], *n.* A trefoil used for fodder.

**clown** (kloun) [?], *n.* A rustic, a clumsy, awkward lout; a buffoon in a circus or pantomime. **clownery**, *n.* **clownish**, *a.*

**cloy** (kloi) [?], *v.t.* To satiate, to glut.

**club** (klüb) [M.E. *clubbe*], *n.* A wooden weapon with one end heavier than the other; a bent stick for driving a ball; a suit at cards (denoted by a trefoil); an association of persons governed by self-imposed regulations; the place in which such an association meets. *v.t.* To beat with a club; to gather into a clump; to contribute for a common object. *v.i.* To join for a common object. **club-foot**, *n.* A short, deformed foot. **club-house**, *n.* The house occupied by a club. **club-law**, *n.* Government by force.

**cluck** (klük) [imit.], *n.* The call of a hen or similar sound. *v.i.* To utter the cry of a hen to her chickens.

**clue** (kloo) [CLEW], *n.* A ball of thread, esp. serving as a guide; anything that serves as a hint for the solution of a problem or mystery. **clueless**, *a.*

**clumber** (klüm'bér) [Duke of Newcastle's seat, Notts.], *n.* A variety of spaniel.

**clump** (klump) [CLUB (Icel. *klubba*)], *n.* A thick cluster of shrubs, flowers, etc.

**clumsy** (klüm'zi) [M.E. *clumsed*, benumbed], *a.* Awkward, ill-constructed; tactless. **clumsily**, *adv.* **clumsiness**, *n.*

**cluster** (klüs'tér) [A.-S. *clyster*], *n.* A number of persons or things of the same kind gathered or growing together; a bunch; a group. *v.i.* To come or to grow into clusters.

**clutch** (1) (klüch) [A.-S. *clýccan*, to clench], *n.* A snatch, grasp; the paw of a rapacious animal; a coupling for shafting; a



- contrivance for connecting and disconnecting machinery. *v.t.* To seize or grip.
- clutch** (2) [obs. *cleck*, to hatch], *n.* A sitting (of eggs); a brood (of chickens).
- co-** [L.], *pref.* CUM-, with, together, jointly, mutual; as in *coalesce*, *coeternal*, *coefficient*, *coheir*.
- coach** (kōch) [F. *coche*], *n.* A large, close, four-wheeled vehicle; a railway carriage; a tutor, trainer. *v.t.* To prepare for an examination; to train. *v.i.* To travel in a coach; to read with a tutor. **coach-house**, *n.* **coachman**, *n.*
- coadjutor** (kō-ād-joo'tōr) [L. *coadjutor* (CO-, AD-, *juvāre*, to help)], *n.* An assistant, colleague. **coadjutrix**, *n.* A female coadjutor.
- coagulate** (kō-āg'ū-lāt) [L. *coāgulātus*, impelled together], *v.t.* To cause to curdle. *v.i.* To become curdled; to congeal.
- coal** (kōl) [A.-S. *col*], *n.* A black solid carbonaceous fossil of vegetable origin used for fuel. *v.t.* To supply a ship with coals. *v.i.* To take in a supply of coals.
- coal-field**, *n.* (*Geol.*) A district where coal abounds. **coal-gas**, *n.* Impure carburetted hydrogen obtained from coal and used for lighting and heating. **coal-heaver**, *n.* One employed in carrying, loading, or discharging coals. **coal-hole**, *n.* A small cellar for keeping coals. **coal-measures**, *n.pl.* The upper division of the carboniferous system. **coal-scuttle**, *n.* A utensil for holding coals for present use. **coal-tar**, *n.* Tar produced in the destructive distillation of bituminous coal.
- coalesce** (kō-ā-les') [CO-, L. *alescere*, to nourish], *v.i.* To unite into groups spontaneously; to combine, form a coalition.
- coalescence**, *n.* Concretion. **coalescent**, *a.* **coalition**, *n.* A combination of persons or parties having different interests. **coalitionist**, *n.*
- coarse** (kōrs) [?], *a.* Common, inferior; large in size or texture; rude, rough, unpolished, indelicate. **coarseness**, *n.*
- coast** (kōst) [O.F. *coste*], *n.* That part of a country by the sea; the sea-shore. *v.i.* To sail near the shore or from port to port on the same coast; to descend on a cycle, etc., without applying motive power. **coastal**, *a.* Pertaining to coast-line. **coaster**, *n.* A vessel that coasts. **coast-guard**, *n.* A body of officials who watch to prevent smuggling.
- coat** (kōt) [O.F. *cote*], *n.* An upper outer garment with sleeves; the fur or natural external covering of an animal; a layer covering and protecting another. *v.t.* To cover; to overspread with a layer. **coat of arms**, *n.* A herald's tabard; an escutcheon; armorial bearings.
- coax** (kōks) [*cokes*, a fool], *v.t.* To wheedle, to cajole, *v.i.* To practise cajolery in order to persuade. **coaxer**, *n.*
- cob** (kob) [?], *n.* A lump or ball; a spider; a short stout horse for riding; a hazel-nut; the spike of Indian corn.
- cobalt** (kō'bawlt) [G. *kobold*, a mine-demon], *n.* A greyish, brittle, close-grained metallic element.
- cobble** (kobl) [?], *n.* A rounded stone used for paving; a roundish lump of coal. *v.t.* To pave with cobbles; to mend or patch clumsily. **cobbler**, *n.* One who mends shoes; a patcher, a clumsy workman.
- coble** (kōbl) [W. *ceubar*], *n.* A flat, square-sterned fishing-boat.
- cobra** (kō'brā) [Port.], *n.* An Indian viperine snake, which distends the neck into a kind of hood when excited.
- cobweb** (kōb'web) [COB, WEB,], *n.* The net spun by a spider for its prey.
- coca** (kō'ká) [Peruv. *cuca*], *n.* The dried leaf of a Peruvian plant chewed as a narcotic; the plant itself.
- cocaine** (kō'kān) [prec., -INE], *n.* An alkaloid contained in coca leaves, used as a local anæsthetic.
- cochineal** (koch'i-nēl) [L. *coccineus*], *n.* A scarlet dye made from the S. American insect, *Coccus cacti*.
- cock** (1) (kok) [A.-S. *cocc*], *n.* The male of birds, esp. domestic fowls; a weather-cock; a short spout, a tap; the hammer of a gun or pistol; the act of sticking anything upward; the turn so given, as of a hat, the eye, etc. *v.t.* To set erect; to set (the hat) jauntily on one side; to turn up (the nose), to turn (the eye) in a knowing fashion; to raise the hammer of. *v.i.* To stick up, project; to strut, swagger, bluster. **cock-a-hoop**: Strutting like a cock; exultant. **cock-and-bull**: Applied to silly, exaggerated stories. **cock-crow**, *n.* Early dawn. **cock-pit**, *n.* A pit where game-cocks fight; part of the lower deck of a man-of-war, used as a hospital in action. **cock-shy**, *n.* A rough-and-ready target; a throw at a mark; a butt.
- cock** (2) [Icel. *kokkr*, a lump, a ball], *n.* A small conical pile of hay.
- cockade** (kō-kād') [F. *coquarde*, saucy], *n.* A knot, tuft, rosette, etc., worn in the hat as a badge.
- cockatoo** (kok-ā-too') [Malay *kakatūa*], *n.* A large crested parrot.
- cockatrice** (kok-ā-tris) [O.F. *cocatrice*], *n.* The basilisk.
- cockchafer** (kok'chā-fēr) [COCK (1), CHAFER] *n.* A large brown beetle, the May-bug.
- cocker** (kok'ér) [?], *v.t.* To pamper, fondle. *n.* A small spaniel.
- cockereel** (kok'ér-él) [dim. of COCK (1)], *n.* A young cock.
- cockle** (1) (koki) [A.-S. *coccel*], *n.* The darnel; a weed that chokes corn.
- cockle** (2) [F. *coquille*, a shell], *n.* An edible bivalve mollusc; a shallow skiff.
- cockles of the heart**: The feelings.
- cockney** (kok'ni) [M.E. *cokeney*, a cock's egg (applied to a foolish or effeminate person)], *n.* A native of London, esp. one born within sound of Bow-bells, Cheap-side. **cockneydom**, *n.*
- cockroach** (kok'rōch) [Sp. *cucaracha*], *n.* An insect, the black beetle.

**cocktail** (kok'tāl) [COCK (1), TAIL], *n.* A horse with tail docked very short; a kind of beetle; a mixed drink of spirits, iced and flavoured.

**coco, cocoa** (1) (kō'kō) [Port. and Sp. *coco*, a bugbear], *n.* A tropical palm tree, *Cocos nucifera*. **cocoa-nut**, *n.* The fruit of this, a large nut with a white edible lining and a sweet liquid (cocoa-nut milk).

**cocoa** (2) (kō'kō) [corr. of *cacao*], *n.* A preparation from the seeds of *Theobroma cacao*. **cocoa-bean**, *n.* The cacao seed.

**cocoon** (kō-koon') [F. *cocon*], *n.* A silky covering spun by the larvæ of certain insects in the chrysalis state.

**cod** (1) (kod) [?], *n.* A large deep-sea food-fish.

**cod** (2) [A.-S.], *n.* A husk or pod.

**coddle** (kodl) [? CAUDLE], *v.t.* To pamper.

**code** (kōd) [L. CODEX], *n.* A collection of statutes; a body of regulations systematically arranged; a system of signals; characters and words used for brevity or secrecy; the principles accepted in any sphere of art, taste, conduct, etc. **codify**, *v.t.* To reduce to a systematic body. **codifica-tion**, *n.*

**codex** (kō'deks) [L. *cōder*, a tablet, book], *n.* (*pl.* **codices**) A manuscript, esp. of the Bible or classical texts.

**codicil** (kod'is-il) [L. *cōdicillus*, dim. of CODEX], *n.* An appendix to a will.

**codling** (1) (kod'ling) [-LING], *n.* A young cod.

**codling** (2) -lin [M.E. *querdling*], *n.* A tapering kind of apple; a baked apple.

**coefficient** (kō-ē-fish'ent) [CO-, EFFICIENT], *n.* Anything co-operating; (*Math.*) a factor (in *4ab*, 4 is the numerical and *ab* the literal coefficient).

**cœnobite** (sē'nō-bit) [Gr. *koinos*, common, bios, life], *n.* A monk living in community. **cœnobitic** (sē'nō-bit'ik), *a.*

**coerce** (kō-ērs') [L. CO-, *arcēre*, to enclose], *v.t.* To restrain by force; to compel to obey. **coercible**, *a.* **coercion**, *n.* Compulsion of a free agent; government by force. **coercionist**, *n.* **coercive**, *a.*

**coessential** (kō-ē-sen'shāl) [CO-, ESSEN-TIAL], *a.* Of the same essence.

**coeternal** (kō-ē-tēr'nāl) [CO-, ETERNAL], *a.* Equally eternal with another.

**coeval** (kō-ē-vāl) [L. CO-, *ævum*, an age], *a.* Of the same age; existing at the same period. *n.* A contemporary.

**coexecutor** (kō-ēg-zek'ū-tōr) [CO- EXECU-TOR], *n.* A joint executor. **coexecutrix**, *n.*

**coexist** (kō-ēg-zist') [CO-, EXIST], *v.i.* To exist at the same time with. **coexistent**, *a.*

**coffee** (kof'i) [Arab. *qahveh*], *n.* A tropical Asiatic and African shrub; its seeds; a beverage made from these roasted and ground. **coffee-room**, *n.* The public dining-room of a hotel.

**coffer** (kof'er) [O.F. *cofre*, Gr. *kophinos*], *n.* A chest or box for holding valuables; (*pl.*) funds, financial resources. **coffer-dam**, *n.* A water-tight enclosure used in laying foundations under water.

**coffin** (kof'in) [O.F. *cofin*, as prec.], *n.* The chest in which a corpse is buried. *v.t.* To put into a coffin.

**cog** (1) (kog) [Scand.], *n.* A tooth in a wheel or other gear for transmitting motion. *v.t.* To furnish with cogs. **cog-wheel**, *n.* A wheel furnished with cogs.

**cog** (2) [?], *v.t.* To wheedle; to seduce by flattery. *v.i.* To cheat, esp. at dice.

**cogent** (kō'jēnt) [L. *cōgentem*, compelling], *a.* Powerful, convincing. **cogency**, *n.*

**cogitate** (kōj'i-tāt) [L. *cōgitātus*], *v.t.* To think, reflect. *v.i.* To meditate, devise.

**cogitation**, *n.* **cog'itative**, *a.*

**cognac** (kō'nyāk), *n.* French brandy of fine quality.

**cognate** (kog'nāt) [CO-, L. *gnātus*, born], *a.* Akin, of common origin.

**cognition** (kog-nish'un) [L. *cognoscere*, to learn], *n.* The faculty of perceiving and knowing, as distinguished from the feelings and the will; a perception, intuition. *a.* **cog'nitive**.

**cognizance** (kog'ni-zāns, kon'i-zāns) [as prec.], *n.* Knowledge, recognition; judicial notice; jurisdiction.

**cognizant** (kog'ni-zānt) [prec.], *a.* Having cognizance (of); (*Law*) competent to take notice of.

**cognomen** (kog-nō'men) [CO-, L. *gnōmen*, *nōmen*, name], *n.* A surname; a nickname.

**cohabit** (kō-hāb'it) [CO-, L. *habitāre*, to dwell], *v.i.* To live together as husband and wife. **cohabitation**, *n.*

**coheir** (kō-ār') [CO-, HEIR], *n.* A joint heir.

**cohere** (kō-hēr') [CO-, L. *hærēre*, to stick], *v.i.* To stick or hold together; to be logically consistent. **coherence**, *n.* **coherent**, *a.*

**cohesion** (kō-hē'zhūn) [as prec.], *n.* State of cohering; consistency. **cohesive**, *a.*

**coif** (koif) [O.F. *coife*], *n.* A close-fitting cap. *v.t.* To cover with a coif.

**coiffure** (kwa'fūr') [F.], *n.* A head-dress; method of dressing the hair.

**coil** (koi) [O.F. *coillir*], *v.t.* To wind into rings (as a rope); to twist, *v.i.* To wind itself, as a snake or creeping plant. *n.* A series of rings into which anything is coiled up; (*Elec.*) a wire wound round a bobbin as a resistance coil, etc.; turmoil, confusion, a fuss.

**coin** (koin) [O.F., a wedge], *n.* A piece of metal stamped as money; coined money. *v.t.* To mint or stamp, as money; to invent, fabricate. *v.i.* To make counterfeit money. **coiner**, *n.* One who makes counterfeit coin.

**coinage** (koi'nāj) [O.F.], *n.* The act of coining; the pieces coined; the monetary system in use; fabrication.

**coincide** (kō-in-sid') [F. *coincider*], *v.i.* To correspond in time, place, etc.; to happen at the same time; to agree, concur. **coin-ci-dence**, *n.* The act, fact, or condition of coinciding; a fortuitous concurrence.

**coke** (kōk) [?], *n.* Coal from which gas has been extracted.



- colander** (kŭl'én-dér) [L. *cōlāre*, to strain], *n.* A kitchen strainer.
- cold** (kôld) [A.S. *ceald*], *a.* Low in temperature, lacking heat or warmth; without ardour, indifferent; calm, chaste; bluish in tone, as opposed to warm tones such as red. *n.* Absence of warmth; the sensation produced by this; inflammation resulting from chills. **coldish**, *a.* coldness, *n.*
- cole** (kôl) [L. *caulis*, a cabbage], *n.* A kind of cabbage. **cole-seed**, *n.* Rape-seed.
- coileopter** (kol'é-ôp'tér) [Gr. *koleos*, a sheath, *pteron*, a wing], *n.* One of the *Coleoptera* or beetles. **coileopterous**, *a.*
- colic** (kol'ik) [Gr. *kolikos*], *n.* Acute pains in the bowels; stomach-ache.
- collaborate** (kô-lăb'ô-răt) [CO-, L. *labôrâre*, to labour], *v.t.* To work with another, esp. in literary and scientific pursuit. **collaboration**, *n.* **collaborator**, *n.*
- collapse** (kô'lăps') [CO-, L. *lăbî*, to glide down, to lapse], *v.t.* To fall in; to break down; to come to nothing. *n.* A falling in; complete failure; general prostration.
- collapsed**, *a.* **collapsible**, *a.* Liable to collapse; made so as to fall together easily (for ease in packing).
- collar** (kol'ăr) [L. *cōlare* (*collum*, neck)], *n.* Something worn round the neck, either separate or as part of a garment; a leather loop for the neck of a horse, dog, etc. *v.t.* To seize by the collar; to put a collar on; to capture. **collar-bone**, *n.* The clavicle. **collared**, *a.* Wearing a collar; pickled and rolled (as meat); seized.
- collate** (kô-lăt') [L. *collātus*, brought together], *v.t.* To bring together in order to compare; to examine critically; to place in order; (*Church*) to present to a benefice (used of a bishop). **collation**, *n.* The act of collating; a light repast. **collator**, *n.*
- collateral** (kô-lăt'ér-ăl) [CO-, L. *latus -eris*, side], *a.* Being by the side; concurrent, subordinate; having the same common ancestor but not lineally related. *n.* A collateral relation; collateral security.
- colleague** (kol'ég) [CO-, L. *legere*, to choose], *n.* One associated with another in office or employment.
- collect** (kol'ekt) [L. *collecta*, a summing-up], *n.* A brief comprehensive form of prayer, adapted for a particular occasion. *v.t.* (ko-lekt') To gather together; to gather (taxes, curiosities, etc.) from a number of sources; to concentrate, bring under control. *v.i.* To come or meet together. **collected**, *a.* Cool, self-possessed, composed. **collectedness**, *n.*
- collection** (kô-lek'shŭn) [as prec.], *n.* The act of collecting; that which is collected; an accumulation.
- collective** (kô-lek'tiv) [as prec., -IVE], *a.* Tending to collect; collected, aggregated; pertaining to many persons.
- collectivism** (kô-lek'tiv-izm) [as prec., -ISM], *n.* The theory that industry should be carried on with a collective capital (opp. to individualism).
- collector** (kô-lek'tór) [as COLLECT], *n.* One who collects; a gatherer of rarities, etc.
- college** (kol'éj) [L. *collégium*, as COLLEAGUE], *n.* A corporation of scholars, teachers, and fellows forming one of the constituent bodies of a University; an institution for higher education; a large and important secondary school. **collegiate** (kô-lé'jĭ-ăt), *a.*
- collide** (kô-lid') [L. *collidere*], *v.i.* To come into collision or conflict.
- colli** (kol'i) [?], *n.* A Scotch sheep-dog.
- collier** (kol'yér) [COAL, -IER], *n.* One who works in a coal-mine or on a collier; a coal-carrying ship. **colliery**, *n.*
- colligate** (kol'i-găt) [CO-, L. *ligāre*, to bind], *v.t.* To bind together; to bring into connexion. **colligation**, *n.* Alliance, union.
- collision** (kô-lizh'ŭn) [L., as COLLIDE], *n.* The act of striking violently together; the state of being dashed together; antagonism, conflict; clashing.
- collocate** (kol'ô-kăt) [CO-, LOCATE], *v.t.* To place together, to dispose; to station in a particular place. **collocation**, *n.*
- collop** (kol'öp) [?], *n.* A slice of meat; *pl.* meat chopped up.
- colloquial** (kô-lô'kwi-ăl) [as next], *a.* Pertaining to familiar conversation. **colloquialism**, *n.* **colloquially**, *adv.*
- colloquy** (kol'ô-kwi) [L. *colloquium*], *n.* A conference, conversation.
- collusion** (kô-loo'zhŭn) [L. *collŭsio*], *n.* Secret agreement for a fraudulent purpose.
- collusive**, *a.* **collusively**, *adv.*
- colon** (kô'lôn) [Gr. *kôlon*, a member, clause], *n.* A grammatical point (:); the largest division of the intestinal canal.
- colonel** (kêr'nél) [F.], *n.* The chief officer of a regiment. **colonelcy**, -ship, *n.*
- colonial** (kô-lô'ni-ăl) [COLONY], *a.* Pertaining to a colony. *n.* An inhabitant of a colony.
- colonist** (kol'ô-nist) [from foll.], *n.* A settler in or inhabitant of a colony.
- colonize** (kol'ô-niz) [L. *colônus*, a farmer, -IZE], *v.t.* To found a colony in; to people with colonists, settle in. **colonizer**, *n.* **colonization**, *n.*
- colonnade** (kol'ô-năd') [F.], *n.* A series of columns at regular intervals.
- colony** (kol'ô-ni) [L. *colônia* (*colere*, to till)], *n.* A settlement founded by emigrants, and remaining subject to the parent state; a group of people of the same nationality in a foreign town.
- colophon** (kol'ô-fôn) [Gr. *kolophôn*, a summit], *n.* A device at the end of a book.
- coloration** (kŭl'ô-ră'shŭn) [F., as COLOUR], *n.* The act of colouring; method of putting on colours; arrangement of colours.
- colossal** (kô-lo'săl) [COLOSSUS], *a.* Pertaining to a colossus; gigantic.
- colossus** (kô-lo'sŭs) [Gr. *kolossos*], *n.* A statue of gigantic size.
- colour** (kŭl'ér) [O.F. and L. *color*], *n.* A variety of light; any one of the hues into which light can be decomposed, a tint or a shade; a pigment, paint; the complexion, ruddiness; (*pl.*) a flag, standard;

ribbons worn as a badge of party, membership, etc.; (*fig.*) semblance, appearance, pretence, pretext; quality of tone; general character. *v.t.* To give colour to; to tinge, paint, dye; to misrepresent or disguise. *v.i.* To become coloured; to blush. **man of colour**: A negro. **colour-blindness**, *n.* Inability to distinguish colours. **colour-sergeant**, *n.* A non-commissioned officer in the infantry ranking above a sergeant. **colourable**, *a.* Specious, plausible. **colouring**, *n.* The act of giving a colour to; the colour applied; a false appearance. **colourist**, *n.* A painter distinguished for his management of colour. **colourless**, *a.* **colporteur** (kol'por-ter) [*F. col, neck, porter, to carry*], *n.* An itinerant retailer of religious books, etc.

**colt** (kolt) [*A.-S.*], *n.* A young horse, esp. a male under four; a young, inexperienced fellow. **coltish**, *a.* **colt's-foot**, *n.* A coarse-leaved, yellow-flowered weed.

**columbine** (kol'um-bin) [*O.F. columbin, L. columba, a dove*], *a.* Pertaining to doves or pigeons. *n.* A plant with five-spurred flowers; the female dancer in a pantomime, wife of Harlequin.

**column** (kol'um) [*L. columna*], *n.* A pillar or solid body of considerably greater length than thickness; a vertical mass of smoke, a perpendicular line of figures, etc. **columnar**, *a.*

**colza** (kol'za) [*F.*], *n.* Cole-seed. **colza-oil**, *n.* Oil expressed from this.

**com-** [*L., cum-*], *pref.* With, together, etc. **coma** (kô'mâ) [*Gr. kôma, sleep*], *n.* A state of deep torpor; a trance. **comatose**, *a.*

**comb** (kôm) [*A.-S. camb*], *n.* A toothed instrument for dressing or ornamenting the hair, for cleaning wool or flax, for collecting electricity, etc.; the fleshy tuft on the head of a fowl, esp. the cock; the cells in which bees deposit their honey. *v.t.* To dress etc., with a comb.

**combat** (kô'bât) [*O.F. combatre*], *v.i.* To fight, to struggle. *v.t.* To oppose, to contend against. *n.* A fight, battle. **combatant** (kôm'ba-tânt) [*as prec.*], *a.* Engaged in combat; antagonistic. *n.* One who fights.

**combative** (kôm'ba-tiv) [*COMBAT, -IVE*], *a.* Pugnacious. **combativity**, *n.*

**combination** (kom'bi-nâ'shün) [*COMBINE*], *n.* The act or process of combining; the state of being combined; a union, association; combined action; (*pl.*) under-clothing for body and legs in one piece.

**combine** (kôm-bin') [*L. combinäre (COM-, bini, two by two)*], *v.t.* To cause to coalesce; to settle by agreement; to bring together. *v.i.* To unite, to coalesce; to be joined in friendship or plans. *n.* (kom'-bin) A combination of persons or firms to further their own commercial interests.

**combustible** (kôm-büs-tibl) [*F., L. combustibilis*], *a.* Capable of being set on fire; irascible, hot-tempered. *n.* Inflammable material or thing.

**combustion** (kôm-büs-tyón) [*as prec.*], *n.* The act of burning, the state of being destroyed by fire.

**come** (küm) [*A.-S. cuman*], *v.i.* (*past came, p.p. come*) To move nearer, approach, move towards (*opp. to GO*); to arrive; to appear; to happen, befall; to result, arise; to become, to get to be, *int.* Used to excite attention or rouse to action, etc.

**comedian** (kô-mē'di-ân) [*COMEDY, -AN*], *n.* An actor or writer of comedy. **comedienne** [*F.*], *n.* A comedy actress.

**comedy** (kom'é-di) [*Gr. kômôidos, a comic actor*], *n.* A drama of a light and entertaining character.

**comely** (küm'li) [*A.-S. cymlic*], *a.* Pleasing, becoming, decent. **comeliness**, *n.* **comestible** (kô-mes'tibl) [*F.*], *n.* An eatable.

**comet** (kom'ët) [*Gr. komētēs (komē, the hair)*], *n.* A luminous heavenly body with a tail, revolving round the sun in a very eccentric orbit.

**comfit** (küm'fit) [*O.F. confit*], *n.* A dry sweetmeat, a seed coated with sugar.

**comfort** (küm'fört) [*O.F. conforter*], *v.t.* To cheer, encourage, console. *n.* Support in time of weakness, consolation, encouragement or that which affords these, ease, general well-being, (*pl.*) the things that contribute to bodily satisfaction. **com'fortless**, *a.*

**comfortable** (küm'fôr-tábl) [*A.-F. comfortable, as prec.*], *a.* At ease, in good circumstances. **comfortableness**, *n.*

**comforter** (küm'fôr-ter) [*COMFORT, -ER*], *n.* One who or that which comforts; a long woollen scarf; (*Theol.*) the Holy Ghost.

**comfrey** (küm'fri) [*O.F. confrie*], *n.* A tall wild plant with rough leaves and yellowish flowers, formerly used for salves. **comic** (kom'ik) [*Gr. kômikos (kômos, a revel)*], *a.* Pertaining to comedy, laughable, provoking mirth, facetious, burlesque.

**com'ical**, *a.* **comical'ity**, *n.*

**coming** (küm'ing) [*COME, -ING*], *a.* Approaching, future, to come. *n.* The act of approaching or arriving.

**comity** (kom'i-ti) [*L. cömütās (cōmis, courteous)*], *a.* Affability, courtesy, civility.

**comma** (kom'â) [*Gr. komma, a clause*], *n.* A punctuation mark (,) denoting the shortest pause in reading.

**command** (ko-mand') [*O.F. commander (COM-, L. mandäre, to entrust)*], *v.t.* To order; to govern, exercise authority over; to dominate, control, have at one's disposal. *v.i.* To give orders; to exercise supreme authority. *n.* An order; power, authority; control, mastery, the power of dominating; a self-contained naval or military force. **commandant** [*F.*], *n.* The governor of a place. **commandeer** [*Dut. kommanderen*], *v.t.* To seize for military purposes. **command'er**, *n.* One who commands; (*Nav.*) an officer next above a lieutenant. **command'ery**, *n.* In military orders of knighthood, a dis-



trict which was administered by a commander. **commanding**, *a.* Giving commands; fitted to command; impressive, dominating. **commandment**, *n.* An order, a precept; a law, esp. of the decalogue.

**commando** (kó-man'dō) [Port.], *n.* (*pl.* -os) A body of men called out for military service.

**commemorate** (ko-mem'ó-rāt) [COM-, *L.* *memorare*, to mention], *v.t.* To keep in remembrance or celebrate by some solemn act; to be a memorial of. **commemoration**, *n.* **commemorative**, *a.*

**commence** (kó-mens') [O.F. *comencer*], *v.t.* To start, begin. *v.t.* To enter upon; to perform the first act of. **commencement**, *n.* Beginning, origin, rise.

**commend** (kó-mend') [COM-, *L.* *māndāre*, to entrust], *v.t.* To commit to the charge of; to recommend as worthy of notice, regard, etc.; to praise, to approve. **commendable**, *a.* Worthy of commendation. **commendably**, *adv.* **commen'dam**, *n.* Holding a benefice in the absence of the regular incumbent. **commendation**, *n.* **commen'datory**, *a.*

**commensurable** (kó-men'shér-ābl) [as foll.], *a.* Measurable by a common unit; proportionate (to).

**commensurate** (kó-men'shér-āt) [COM-, *L.* *mensurātus*, measured], *a.* Having the same measure or extent; proportional.

**comment** (kom'ént) [O.F. *comment*], *n.* A remark, an interpretative or illustrative note. *v.t.* (kó-ment') To make explanatory or critical remarks or notes, usu. unfavourably. *v.t.* To expound, to annotate. **commentary**, *n.* A series of explanatory notes. **com'mentator**, *n.*

**commerce** (kom'érs) [COM-, *L.* *merc-cis*, wares, merchandise], *n.* Trade, the interchange of commodities; intercourse. **commercial**, *a.* **commercialism**, *n.* A trading spirit; commercial practices.

**commination** (kom-i-nā'shún) [COM-, *L.* *mināre*, to threaten], *n.* A threat, a denunciation; a service denouncing God's judgments on sinners. **comminatory**, *a.*

**commingle** (kó-mingl') [COM-, *MINGLE*], *v.t.* and *i.* To mingle or mix together.

**commiserate** (kó-miz'é-rāt) [COM-, *L.* *miserāri*, to pity], *v.t.* To pity, to express compassion for. **commiseration**, *n.*

**commissariat** (kom-i-sār'i-āt) [F., as foll.], *n.* The department of an army supplying provisions and stores.

**commissary** (kom-i-sār-i) [COM-, *L.* *mittere*, to send], *n.* A delegate.

**commission** (kó-mish'ún) [F., as prec.], *n.* Trust, delegation of authority; the document conferring authority, esp. that of military and naval officers; a body of commissioners; an allowance made to an agent. *v.t.* To authorize, empower, appoint, or send by commission; to order (the writing of a book, etc.). **com-missioned**, *a.* Holding a commission (esp. from the Crown). **commissionaire**, *n.* One enrolled to carry messages, act as caretaker, timekeeper, etc. **com-**

**missioner**, *n.* One empowered to act by a commission; a member of a commission. **commit** (kó-mit') [COM-, *L.* *mittere*, to send], *v.t.* To entrust, to consign; to perpetrate; to refer to a committee; to send for trial or to prison. **committable**, *a.* **committal**, **commitment**, *n.*

**committee** (kó-mit'i) [as prec.], *n.* A board which considers and reports on business referred to them.

**commix** (kom-iks') [COM-, *MIX*], *v.t.* and *i.* To blend. **commixture**, *n.*

**commode** (kó-mód') [COM-, *L.* *modus*, measure], *n.* A bureau; a night-stool.

**commodious** (kó-mō'di-ús) [as prec.], *a.* Roomy; suited to its purpose. **commodiously**, *adv.* **commodiousness**, *n.*

**commodity** (kó-mod'i-ti) [F. *commodité*, as prec.], *n.* An article of commerce; anything useful.

**commodore** (kom'ó-dōr) [as COMMAND], *n.* (*Naut.*) An officer ranking below rear-admiral; the president of a yacht-club.

**common** (kom'on) [O.F. *comun*, *L.* *communis*], *a.* Belonging to more than one; open or free to all; often met with, ordinary, usual; of low position, or birth; inferior, mean. *n.* A tract of ground, the common property of the community.

**common law**: The unwritten law, based on immemorial usage. **common sense**: Sound practical judgment, the general feeling of mankind; *a.* Marked by common sense. **commonly**, *adv.* Usually, frequently; meanly, cheaply; in an ordinary manner. **commonweal**, *n.* The welfare of the community.

**commonable** (kom'on-ābl) [COMMON, -ABLE], *a.* Held in common; that may be pastured on common land. **commonage**, *n.* The right of using anything in common.

**commonalty** (kom'on-āl-ti) [*L.* *communālis*], *n.* The common people.

**commoner** (kom'ó-nér) [COMMON, -ER], *n.* One below the rank of a peer; a member of the House of Commons.

**commonplace** (kom'on-plās) [COMMON, PLACE], *a.* Trivial, trite, unoriginal. *n.* A general idea; a trite remark. **commonplaceness**, *n.*

**commons** (kom'ónz) [COMMON], *n.pl.* The common people; the House of Commons; food provided at a common table. **House of Commons**: The lower House of Parliament, the third estate of the realm. **commonwealth** (kom'ón-welth) [COMMON, WEALTH], *n.* The whole body of citizens; a republic.

**commotion** (kó-mō'shún) [COM-, *L.* *motio*, from *movēre*, to move], *n.* Violent motion; excitement; a popular tumult.

**commune** (1) (kom'ün) [F.], *n.* A small territorial district in France and Belgium; the inhabitants or the council of this; the communistic body who took possession of Paris in 1871 after its evacuation by the Germans. **communal**, *a.* **commun-alism**, *n.* The theory of government by communes or corporations of towns and districts; a theory or system of society

based on the ownership of the means of subsistence by the community. **com-munism**, *n.* The doctrine of community of property; the state of society in which this is attained. **com-munist**, *n.* An adherent of this doctrine, a militant socialist. **communis'tic**, *a.*

**commune** (2) (kô-mûn') [O.F. *comunier*, as foll.], *v.i.* To converse together familiarly, to hold converse with one's heart.

**communicate** (kô-mû'ni-kât) [L. *com-municare* (*communis*, COMMON)], *v.t.* To impart, transmit; to reveal; to give Holy Communion to. *v.i.* To hold intercourse, confer; to be connected, to open into; to partake of the Holy Communion. **com-mu'nicable**, *a.* Capable of being communicated or imparted. **communicant**, *a.* Communicating; *n.* One who partakes of Holy Communion. **communi-cation**, *n.* The act or means of communicating; that which is communicated; news. **commu'nicative**, *a.* Inclined to communicate; not reserved. **communi-cativeness**, *n.*

**communio** (kô-mû'nyôn) [F., as prec.], *n.* The act of communicating or communing; sharing, fellowship, intercourse; the act of partaking of the eucharist; a religious body.

**community** (kô-mû'ni-ti) [O.F. *communités*], *n.* A body of people having common rights, interests, occupation, religion, nationality, etc.

**commute** (kô-mût') [COM-, L. *mutare*, to change], *v.t.* To put one for the other; to exchange. **commu'table**, *a.* **commu'tability**, *n.* **commuta'tion**, *n.* The act of, or payment made in, commuting; exchange; the substitution of a less penalty for a greater.

**compact** (kom'pakt') [L. *compactus*], *n.* An agreement, covenant. *a.* (kôm-pakt') Closely packed or joined together. *v.t.* To consolidate; to join closely together; to compose. **compactly**, *adv.* **compactness**, *n.*

**companion** (1) (kôm-pân'yôn) [O.F. *compaignon*], *n.* One who keeps company with another; a comrade; a member of the lowest grade in orders of knighthood. *a.* Accompanying; matching something. *v.t.* To accompany. *v.i.* To go or consort (with). **companionable**, *a.* Fit to be a companion; sociable. **companionably**, *adv.* **companionship**, *n.* Fellowship, association.

**companion** (2) [L. *compānaticum*, provisions], *n.* The raised window-frame on the quarter-deck of a ship. **companion-hatch**, *n.* A porch over the entrance to the cabin. **companion-ladder**, *n.* The ladder leading from the cabin to the quarter-deck.

**company** (kûm'pâ-ni) [O.F. *compaignie*, from *compaignon*], *n.* Society, fellowship; a number of persons associated; guests, visitors; a body of actors at a theatre; a division of a regiment under a captain.

**compare** (kôm-pâr') [COM-, L. *par*, equal],

*v.t.* To show how one thing agrees with another; to liken one thing to another; (*Gram.*) to inflect according to degrees of comparison. *v.i.* To bear comparison. **com'parable**, *a.* Capable or worthy of being compared. **compar'ative**, *a.* Estimated by comparison; expressing a higher or lower degree of a quality.

**comparison** (kôm-pâr'i-sôn) [L. *comparatio*, as prec.], *n.* The act of comparing.

**compartment** (kôm-part'ment) [F. *com-partiment*], *n.* A division; a separate portion of a railway carriage, etc.

**compass** (kûm'pâs) [F. *compas*], *n.* A circle, area; a roundabout course; reach, capacity; the range of the voice or a musical instrument; an instrument indicating the magnetic meridian, used to ascertain direction; (*pl.*) an instrument with two connected legs for describing circles, etc. *v.t.* To go round; to besiege, comprehend, accomplish, plot.

**compassion** (kôm-pâsh'ôn) [COM-, L. *patis*, to suffer], *n.* Pity, sympathy for the sufferings of others; an act of pity or mercy. **compass'ionate**, *a.* Merciful, sympathetic; *v.t.* To feel compassion for.

**compatible** (kôm-pât'ibl) [as prec.], *a.* That may co-exist; consistent, harmonious. **compatibly**, *adv.* **compatibil'ity**, *n.*

**compatriot** (kôm-pât'ri-ôt) [COM-, PATRIOT], *n.* A fellow-countryman.

**compel** (kôm-pel') [COM-, L. *pellere*, to drive], *v.t.* To force, to oblige; to cause by or drive with force. **compellable**, *a.* **compelling**, *a.*

**compendium** (kôm-pen'di-âm) [COM-, L. *pendere*, to weigh], *n.* (*pl.* -diams, -dia) A brief compilation; an epitome, summary.

**compen'dious**, *a.* Abridged; succinct.

**compensate** (kom'pên-sât) [COM-, L. *pensatus*, weighed], *v.t.* To make amends for; to recompense; to furnish with an equivalent. *v.i.* To supply an equivalent. **compensa'tion**, *n.*

**compete** (kôm-pêt') [COM-, L. *petere*, to aim at], *v.t.* To contend as a rival; to strive in emulation.

**competent** (kom'pè-tént) [as prec.], *a.* Qualified; suitable, adequate. **com-petence**, -tency, *n.*

**competition** (kom-pè-tish'ûn) [L. *competitio*, from *competere*, COMPETE], *n.* Emulous striving for the same object; rivalry. **compet'itive**, *a.* **compet'itor**, *n.*

**compile** (kôm-pîl') [L. *compilare*, to plunder], *v.t.* To compose out of materials from various authors. **compiler**, *n.* **compila'tion**, *n.*

**complacent** (kôm-plâ'sent) [COM-, L. *placere*, to please], *a.* Satisfied, gratified, self-satisfied. **complacently**, *adv.*

**complacency**, -ency, *n.* A feeling of inward satisfaction; its manifestation by courtesy.

**complain** (kôm-plân') [COM-, L. *plangere*, to bewail], *v.i.* To express dissatisfaction; to state a grievance or charge; to find fault. **complaining**, *n.* One



- who makes complaint; a prosecutor, plaintiff. **complaining**, *a.* Querulous.
- complaint**, *n.* An expression of grief or pain, resentment or censure; the subject or ground of such expression; a formal charge.
- complement** (kóm-plé-mént) [COM-, *L. plēre*, to fill], *n.* That which is necessary to make complete. *v.i.* To supply a deficiency; to complete. **complemen'tal**, *a.* **complemen'tary**, *a.*
- complete** (kóm-plét') [*L. complētus*, filled], *a.* Fulfilled, finished; free from deficiency. *v.i.* To bring to a state of perfection; to finish. **completely**, *adv.* **completeness**, *n.* **completion**, *n.*
- complex** (kóm'pleks) [*L. complexus*, twined together], *a.* Composed of several parts; complicated.
- complexion** (kóm-plek'shún) [F., as prec.], *n.* The colour and appearance of the face, character, aspect.
- compliance** (kóm-pli'áns) [COMPLY], *n.* The act of complying; consent. **compliant**, *a.* Yielding.
- complicate** (kóm'pli-kát) [COM-, *L. plicatus*, folded], *v.i.* To make complex; to involve. **complicated**, *a.* **complica'tion**, *n.*
- complicity** (kóm-plis'i-ti) [F. *complicité*], *n.* Participation, esp. in wrong-doing.
- compliment** (kóm-pli-mént) [F., from *L.*, as COMPLEMENT], *n.* An act of courtesy, respect, or regard, delicate flattery, (*pl.*) courtesies, respects. *v.i.* (kóm-pli-mént') To pay compliments to; to congratulate, flatter. **complimentary**, *a.*
- comply** (kóm-pli') [It. *compiire*, to complete], *v.i.* To assent, agree.
- component** (kóm-pó'nént) [*L. compónens*, putting], *a.* Serving to make up a compound. *n.* A constituent part.
- comport** (kóm-pórt') [COM-, *L. portāre*, to carry], *v.i.* To conduct, behave (oneself). *v.i.* To suit, accord.
- compose** (kóm-póz') [F. *composer*], *v.i.* To make a whole by putting together parts; to constitute; to write (a literary or musical work); to soothe, adjust, to arrange in order (as type for printing). **composed**, *a.* Calm, tranquil, settled. **composer**, *n.* One who composes, esp. music.
- composite** (kóm-pó-zít) [*L. compositus*, put], *a.* Made up of distinct parts.
- composition** (kóm-pó-zish'un) [F., as prec.], *n.* The act of composing; the thing composed; orderly arrangement, style; an agreement to terms; a compound; settlement by compromise; the amount so accepted; the process of setting type; a piece written as practice in literary expression. **compos'itor**, *n.* One who sets type.
- composure** (kóm-pó-zhér) [COMPOSE, -URE], *n.* Calmness, tranquillity, a calm frame of mind.
- compound** (1) (kóm-pound') [COM-, *L. pōnere*, to put], *v.* To make into one mass; to mix, combine; to settle amicably, to compromise; to come to terms. *a.* (kóm'pound) Composed of two or more ingredients or more parts; composite. *n.* A combination, mixture. **com-poundable**, *a.*
- compound** (2) (kóm'pound) [Malay *kampong*], *n.* The yard round a dwelling in India, etc.
- comprehend** (kóm-pré-hend') [COM-, *L. prae*, beforehand, *hendere*, to seize], *v.i.* To understand; to comprise, include. **comprehensible**, *a.* That may be comprehended, clear, intelligible.
- comprehension** (kóm-pré-hen'shún) [as prec.], *n.* The act or power of comprehending; the faculty by which ideas are comprehended; inclusion. **comprehensive**, *a.*
- compress** (kóm-pres') [*L. compressare*], *v.i.* To squeeze or press together, bring into narrow limits, condense. *n.* (kóm-pres). A soft pad; a wet cloth for reducing inflammation. **compressible**, *a.* **compressibil'ity**, *n.* **compress'ion**, *n.* The act of compressing.
- comprise** (kóm-priz') [as COMPREHEND], *v.i.* To contain, to include; to bring (within certain limits).
- compromise** (kóm-pró-míz) [COM-, *L. promittere*, PROMISE], *n.* A settlement by mutual concession or partial surrender; a medium between conflicting courses of action. *v.i.* To settle by mutual concession; to place in a difficult position, expose to risk of disgrace. *v.i.* To make a compromise.
- compulsion** (kóm-púl'shún) [as COMPEL], *n.* The act of compelling; constraint of the will. **compulsory**, *a.* Enforced.
- compunction** (kóm-púnk'shún) [COM-, *L. pungere*, to prick], *n.* Reproach of conscience, remorse, regret.
- compute** (kóm-pút') [COM-, *L. putāre*, to think], *v.i.* To determine by calculation; to estimate. **computa'tion**, *n.*
- comrade** (kóm'rad) [F. *camarade*, a chamber-mate], *n.* A mate, companion; a fellow-socialist. **comradeship**, *n.*
- con** (kon) [as CAN (2)], *v.i.* To study over, to learn; to know; to direct the steering of a ship. **conning-tower**, *n.* A shelter on the mast of a battleship.
- concatenate** (kón-kát'é-nāt) [CON-, *L. catēna*, a chain], *v.i.* To link together in a successive series. **concatena'tion**, *n.*
- concave** (kón'kāv) [CON-, *L. cavus*, hollow], *a.* Having a hollowed surface. *n.* A hollow curve or surface; an arch. **convexity** (-kāv'i-ti), *n.*
- conceal** (kón-sél') [CON-, *L. celāre*, to hide], *v.i.* To hide or cover; to keep secret. **concealment**, *n.*
- concede** (kón-séd') [CON-, *L. cedere*, to yield], *v.i.* To yield, give up, surrender; to grant. *v.i.* To make concessions.
- conceit** (kón-sét') [as CONCEIVE], *n.* Overweening self-esteem; a whim, a fanciful idea. **conceited**, *a.* Full of conceit.
- conceive** (kón-sév') [CON-, *L. capere*, to take], *v.i.* To form in the womb; to imagine or suppose as possible; to formulate clearly in mind. *v.i.* To become

pregnant; to form an idea or concept in the mind. **conceivable**, *a.*

**concentrate** (kon'sên-trât) [as next], *v.t.* To bring to a common focus; to bring all one's energies to bear; to condense. **concentration**, *n.* **concentrative**, *a.*

**concentric** (kôn-sen'trik) [CON-, CENTRE], *a.* Having a common centre.

**concept** (kon'sept) [L. *conceptum*, *concipere*, to CONCEIVE], *n.* A general notion or idea comprising all the attributes common to a class. **conception** (kôn-sép'shùn), *n.* The act of conceiving.

**concern** (kôn-sêrn') [CON-, L. *cernere*, to separate, sift], *v.t.* To relate to; to affect, be of importance to; to interest; to render uneasy. *n.* That which affects a person; interest, anxiety, solicitude; a firm, an establishment; (*pl.*) affairs. **concerned**, *a.* Interested, anxious, solicitous. **concerning**, *prep.* With respect to.

**concert** (kôn-sêrt') [CON-, *certāre*, L. to vie], *v.t.* To plan together, contrive. *n.* (kon'sêrt). Harmony, accordance of ideas; a public musical entertainment. **concerted**, *a.* Mutually planned.

**concertina** (kon-sêr-tê'nâ) [CONCERT, -INA], *n.* A portable musical instrument with keyboard at each end and bellows between.

**concession** (kôn-sesh'ùn) [as CONCEDE], *n.* The act of conceding; the thing conceded. **cessionnaire**, *n.* One who holds a concession from the government.

**conch** (konk) [L. *concha*], *n.* A spiral marine shell. **conchology**, *n.* The branch of zoology dealing with shells and molluscs.

**conciliate** (kôn-sil'i-ât) [L. *conciliātus*], *v.t.* To gain over, win; to reconcile conflicting views. **conciliation**, *n.* The act of conciliating. **conciliatory**, *a.*

**concise** (kôn-sis') [L. *concisus*], *a.* Condensed, brief, terse. **conciseness**, *n.*

**conclave** (kon'klāv) [CON-, L. *clāvis*, key], *n.* The assembly of cardinals that elects a pope; a close or secret assembly.

**conclude** (kôn-klood') [CON-, L. *claudere*, to shut], *v.t.* To bring to an end, to finish; to infer. *v.i.* To make an end; to draw an inference. **conclusion**, *n.* **conclusive**, *a.*

**cooact** (kôn-kokt') [CON-, L. *coquere*, to cook], *v.t.* To plot, devise. **cooaction**, *n.* The act or result of mixing together.

**concomitant** (kôn-kom'i-tânt) [CON-, L. *comitāri*, to accompany], *a.* Existing in conjunction with. *n.* That which accompanies.

**concord** (kong'kôrd) [CON-, L. *cor cordis*, heart], *n.* Union in opinions, sentiments, or interests; the agreement of one word with another; an harmonious combination of notes. **concordance**, *n.* The state of being concordant; a list of the words in a book, with references to their occurrence. **concordant**, *a.* In harmony or accord, agreeing.

**concourse** (kon'kôrs) [as CONCUR], *n.* A confluence, gathering together.

**concrete** (kon'krêt) [L. *concrētus*, grown together], *a.* Formed by the union of many particles; existing, real, not abstract; made of concrete. *n.* Lime, coarse gravel, and sand mixed with mortar. **concretion** (kôn-krê'shùn), *n.*

**concubine** (kon'kû-bin) [L. *concubina*], *n.* A woman who cohabits with a man without being married to him; **concu'binage**, *n.*

**concupiscence** (kôn-kû'pi-séns) [L. *concupiscentia*, desire], *n.* Unlawful or excessive lust. **concupiscent**, *a.*

**concur** (kôn-kêr') [CON-, L. *currere*, to run], *v.i.* To coincide; to agree; to act in conjunction (with). **concurrence**, *n.* **concurrent**, *a.* Happening or existing at the same time; acting in union.

**concussion** (kôn-kûsh'ùn) [L. *concussus*, shaken together], *n.* Shaking by sudden impact; a shock.

**condemn** (kôn-dem') [CON-, L. *damnāre*, to condemn], *v.t.* To pronounce guilty, incurable, or unfit to use; to pass sentence on. **condemnation**, *n.*

**condense** (kôn-dens') [CON-, L. *densāre*, to thicken], *v.t.* To compress, concentrate; to reduce into denser form (as a gas into a liquid). *v.i.* To become dense or compact. **condensation**, *n.* The act or result of condensing; the state of being condensed; conciseness.

**condescend** (kôn-dê-send') [CON-, L. *dēscendere*, to DESCEND], *v.i.* To stoop or lower oneself; to deign. **condescending**, *a.* Patronizing. **condescension**, *n.*

**condign** (kôn-dîn') [CON-, L. *dignus*, worthy], *a.* Well-deserved, merited.

**condiment** (kon'di-mênt) [L. *condire*, to pickle], *n.* Anything used to give a relish to food.

**condition** (kôn-dish'ùn) [CON-, L. *dicere*, to speak], *n.* A stipulation, a term of a contract; that on which anything depends; state or mode of existence; high social position; a good state of health. **conditional**, *a.* Implying, or depending on certain conditions; (*Gram.*) expressing condition. **conditioned**, *a.* Limited by certain conditions.

**condole** (kôn-dôl') [CON-, L. *dolēre*, to grieve], *v.i.* To lament; to sympathize (with). **condolence**, *n.*

**condone** (kôn-dôn') [CON-, L. *dōnāre*, to give], *v.t.* To forgive, remit.

**condor** (kon'dôr) [Peruv. *cuntur*], *n.* A large S. American vulture.

**conduce** (kôn-dûs') [CON-, L. *dūcere*, to lead], *v.t.* To contribute; to tend (to). **conductive**, *a.*

**conduct** (kon'dûkt) [L. *conductus*, lead with], *n.* Behaviour; management, direction, control. *v.t.* (kôn-dûkt'). To lead, guide; to manage, direct; to transmit (as heat, electricity, etc.); (*refl.*) to behave. *v.i.* To act as a conductor. **conductor**, *n.* A leader, manager; the director of an orchestra; the man in charge of a bus or tramcar; a body capable of transmitting heat, electricity, etc.



**conduit** (kon'dit) [as prec.], *n.* A channel, pipe, etc., to convey water.

**cone** (kôn) [Gr. *kônos*], *n.* A solid pointed figure with straight sides and circular base; the fruit of the pines, firs, etc.

**confabulate** (kôn-fáb'û-lât) [CON-, *L. fabulâri*, to converse], *v.i.* To chat, to gossip. **confabulation**, *n.*

**confection** (kôn-fek'shùn) [CON-, *L. facere*, to make], *n.* A compound, esp. a sweet delicacy or a drug made palatable by sweetening. **confectioner**, *n.* One who makes or sells sweetmeats, etc.; a pastry-cook. **confectionery**, *n.* Sweetmeats or preserves.

**confederacy** (kôn-fed'er-â-si) [as foll.], *n.* A league or confederation; conspiracy.

**confederate** (kôn-fed'er-ât) [CON-, *L. fœdus*, a league], *a.* United in a league. **confederation**, *n.* An alliance.

**confer** (kôn-fër') [CON-, *L. ferre*, to bring], *v.t.* To bestow, grant. *v.i.* To consult together; to compare views. **conference**, (kon'fër-ens), *n.* A meeting for consultation to adjust differences.

**confess** (kôn-fes') [*L. confessus*, acknowledged], *v.t.* To own, acknowledge, admit; to declare one's belief in; to hear the confession of. *v.i.* To make confession, esp. to a priest. **confessedly**, *adv.* Admittedly, avowedly. **confession**, *n.* The act of confessing; acknowledgment of sins to a priest in order to receive absolution. **confessional**, *n.* The place where a priest sits to hear confessions. **confessor**, *n.* One who confesses; a saint who is neither an apostle nor martyr; a priest who hears confessions.

**confetti** (kôn-fet'i) [It.], *n.pl.* Bits of coloured paper thrown in the carnival, etc.

**confidant** (fem. -dante) (kon-fi-dant') [F., as foll.], *n.* A bosom friend.

**confide** (kôn-fid') [CON-, *L. fidere*, to trust], *v.i.* To have trust or confidence (in). *v.t.* To entrust (to). **confidence** (kon'fi-dens), *n.* Trust, belief; self-reliance; revelation of private matters to a friend; the matter revealed. **confident**, *a.* Full of confidence; self-reliant. **confidential**, *a.* Trustworthy; told or done in confidence. **confidentially**, *adv.*

**configuration** (kôn-fig-û-râ'shùn) [CON-, *L. figura*, form], *n.* Form; structural arrangement.

**confine** (kon'fin) [*L. confines* (pl. *a.*), bordering upon], *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) Limits, frontier. *v.t.* (kôn'fin') To imprison, to keep within bounds; to limit. **to be confined**: To be in child-bed or delivered of a child. **confinement**, *n.*

**confirm** (kôn-fërm') [CON-, *L. firmare*, to make firm], *v.t.* To establish, ratify, make firm or valid; to bear witness to; to administer confirmation to. **confirmation**, *n.* Corroborative testimony; the rite of admitting into full communion with an episcopal church by the laying on of hands. **confirmative**, *a.* **confirmatory**, *a.* **confirmed**, *a.* Established, settled; having received confirmation.

**confiscate** (kon'fis-kât) [CON-, *L. fiscus*, the

treasury], *v.t.* To seize as forfeited to the public treasury. **confiscation**, *n.*

**conflagration** (kon'flâ-grâ'shùn) [CON-, *L. flagrare*, to burn], *n.* A great fire.

**conflict** (kon'flikt) [*L. conflictus*, struck together], *n.* A fight, struggle, contest; opposition of interest, etc. *v.t.* (kôn'flikt'). To come into collision; to strive, differ, disagree; to be discrepant. **conflicting**, *a.* Contradictory.

**confluent** (kon'flû-ënt) [CON-, *L. fluere*, to flow], *a.* Flowing or running together; uniting. *n.* A stream which unites with another. **confluence**, *n.*

**conform** (kôn-förm') [CON-, *L. formare*, to fashion], *v.t.* To make like in form; to adapt. *v.i.* To comply, to assent; to be in harmony or agreement. **conformable**, *a.* Having the same form; corresponding, similar; compliant. **conformation**, *n.* Shape, structure; adaptation.

**conformist** (kôn-för'mist) [as prec.], *n.* One who conforms to the worship of the Church of England. **conformity**, *n.* Resemblance, agreement, compliance.

**confound** (kôn-found') [CON-, *L. fundere*, to pour], *v.t.* To throw into confusion, perplex; to put to shame; to defeat, overthrow; to mix up, confuse. **confoundedly**, *adv.* Exceedingly.

**confrère** (kon-frär) [F.], *n.* A fellow-member.

**confront** (kôn-frünt') [CON-, *L. frons* -ntis, forehead], *v.t.* To face; to bring face to face; to oppose, to meet in hostility; to compare (with). **confrontation**, *n.*

**confuse** (kôn-füz') [as CONFOUND], *v.t.* To mix or mingle indistinguishably; to jumble up; to disconcert. **confusion**, *n.*

**confute** (kôn-füt') [*L. confutâre*], *v.t.* To overcome in argument; to prove to be false. **confutation**, *n.* Refutation.

**congeal** (kôn-jël') [CON-, *L. gelu*, frost], *v.t.* To convert from liquid to solid by cold; to coagulate. *v.i.* To become hard with cold; to coagulate. **congelation**, *n.*

**congenial** (kôn-jë-ni-âl) [CON-, GENIAL], *a.* Partaking of the same characteristics; sympathetic; suitable. **congeniality**, *n.*

**congenital** (kôn-jen'i-tâl) [CON-, *L. genitus*, produced], *a.* Existing from birth; constitutional. **congenitally**, *adv.*

**conger** (kong'gër) [Gr. *gongros*], *n.* A genus of marine eels.

**congest** (kon-jest') [CON-, *L. gerere*, to bring], *v.t.* To become congested. **congested**, *a.* Closely crowded; unduly distended with blood. **congestion**, *n.*

**conglomerate** (kôn-glom'er-ât) [CON-, *L. glomus* -eris, a ball], *a.* Gathered into a round body. *n.* A rock composed of pieces of stone naturally cemented together; pudding-stone. *v.t.* and *i.* To gather into a ball, collect into a mass. **conglomeration**, *n.*

**congratulate** (kôn-grât'û-lât) [CON-, *L. gratulâri*, to wish joy], *v.t.* To express pleasure or joy at some event; to compliment upon, felicitate. **congratulation**, *n.* **congratulatory**, *a.*

**congregate** (kong'gré-gât) [CON-, L. *gregare*, to collect], *v.i.* To gather or collect together into a crowd. *v.i.* To come together, assemble. **congrega'tion**, *n.* The act of gathering together; an assembly of persons, esp. for religious worship. **congregational**, *a.* Pertaining to a congregation, or to Congregationalism. **Congregationalism**, *n.* That form of church government in which each church is self-governed. **Congregation-alist**, *a.* and *n.*

**congress** (kong'gres) [L. *congressus*, met together], *n.* A conference; a meeting of envoys for settlement of international affairs; the legislature of the United States.

**congruent** (kong'grü-ént) [L. *congruere*, to agree], *a.* Agreeing, suitable, correspondent. **congruence**, *-ency*, *n.* **congruous**, *a.* Suitable, conformable, appropriate, fitting. **congru'ity**, *n.*

**conic** (kon'ik) [Gr. *kónikos*], *a.* Pertaining to a cone; (*pl.*) the branch of mathematics dealing with conic sections, *i.e.* curves formed by the intersection of a cone and a plane. **conical**, *a.*

**conifer** (kón'ni-fér) [CONE, -FEROUS], *n.* A cone-bearing plant or tree.

**conjecture** (kón-jek'tür) [L. *conjectura* (CON-, *jacere*, to throw)], *n.* A guess, surmise, or doubtful inference; opinion based on this. *v.i.* and *i.* To guess, surmise. **conjecturable**, *a.* That may be conjectured. **conjecturably**, *adv.* **conjectural**, *a.* Depending on conjecture. **conjugal** (kon'jú-gál) [L. *conjugalis*], *a.* Of or pertaining to matrimony or to married life. **conjugally**, *adv.*

**conjugate** (kon'jú-gât) [L. *conjugatus*], *v.t.* To inflect (a verb) by going through the voices, moods, tenses, etc.; (*Biol.*) to become united. *a.* (-gât) Joined in pairs. *n.* A word agreeing in derivation with another word. **conjugat'ion**, *n.* The act or process of conjugating; a class of verbs conjugated alike.

**conjoin** (kón-júinkt') [CON-, L. *jungere* to join], *a.* Conjoined; in union. **con-junctly**, *adv.* **conjunction**, *n.* Union, association, combination; a word connecting sentences, clauses, or words. **conjunctive**, *a.* Serving to unite; connective, copulative. *n.* A conjunctive word or mood. **conjuncture**, *n.* A combination of circumstances; a crisis.

**conjure** (1) (kón-joor') [CON-, L. *jurare*, to swear], *v.t.* To appeal to solemnly; to bind by an oath. **conjura'tion**, *n.* The act of invoking; a magic spell, a charm. **conjure** (2) (kún'jér) [as prec.], *v.t.* To raise up by or as by magic. *v.t.* To practise as a conjurer. **conjurer** (kún'jér-ér), *n.* A juggler.

**connect** (kó-nekt') [CON-, L. *nectere*, to bind], *v.t.* To link or fasten together; to unite, correlate, associate. *v.i.* To join, to cohere. **connected**, *a.* **connective**, *a.* Having the power of connecting; that connects. *n.* (*Gram.*) A connecting word or thing. **connexion**, *n.* The act of con-

necting; the state of being connected; relationship or one related; a connecting part; a religious body; a body of customers or clients.

**connive** (kó-nív') [L. *connivere*], *v.i.* To wink (at); to omit or neglect to see or prevent any wrong. **connivance**, *n.* Passive co-operation in a fault or crime.

**connoisseur** (kon-á-ser') [F.], *n.* One skilled in judging of the fine arts.

**connote** (kó-nót') [CON-, L. *notare*, to mark], *v.t.* To imply, signify, mean, involve. **connota'tion**, *n.*

**connubial** (kó-nú'bi-ál) [CON-, L. *nubere*, to marry], *a.* Relating to marriage or the marriage state.

**conquer** (kong'kér) [L. *conquirere*], *v.t.* To win or gain by conquest; to overcome, to surmount. *v.i.* To be victorious. **conquerable**, *a.* **conqueror**, *n.*

**conquest** (kong'kwést) [O.F. *conquest*, as prec.], *n.* The act of conquering; that which is conquered; victory.

**conscience** (kon'shéns) [CON-, L. *scire*, to know], *n.* Moral sense; the sense of right and wrong. **conscientious** (kon-shi-en'shús), *a.* Actuated by strict regard to the dictates of conscience; scrupulous.

**conscious** (kon'shús) [L. *aware*], *a.* Aware of one's own existence; self-conscious; cognizant, aware. **consciously**, *adv.* **consciousness**, *n.* The state of being conscious; immediate knowledge, sense, perception; the intellectual faculties.

**conscript** (kon'skript) [L. *conscriptus*, *p.p.* of *conscribere*], *a.* Enlisted by force. *n.* One compelled to serve, esp. as a soldier. **conscript'ion**, *n.*

**consecrate** (kon'sé-krät) [L. *consecrare*, to consecrate], *v.t.* To set apart as sacred; to dedicate, hallow. **consecra'tion**, *n.* The act of consecrating; the state of being consecrated; dedication.

**consecutive** (kón-sek'ü-tiv) [CON-, L. *sequi*, to follow], *a.* Following without break.

**consensus** (kón-sen'sús) [L., *p.p.* of *consentire*, as foll.], *n.* A general agreement. **consent** (kón-sent') [L. *consentire*], *v.i.* To concur, assent, yield. *n.* Acquiescence, permission; agreement, concurrence.

**consequent** (kon'sé-kwént) [CON-, L. *sequi*, to follow], *a.* Following as a natural or logical result; consistent.

**consequence**, *n.* A result or effect; inference; importance. **consequen'tial**, *a.* Following as a result or a necessary deduction; self-important, pompous. **consequently**, *adv.* As a consequence; accordingly.

**conservancy** (kón-sér-ván-si) [as CON-SERVE], *n.* Official preservation of forests, fisheries, etc.; a commission or court charged with this.

**conservation** (kon-sér-vá'shún) [as CON-SERVE], *n.* The act of conserving; preservation. **conservative**, *a.* Tending to conserve what is established or to maintain existing institutions. *n.* A person inclined to preserve established things. **conservatism**, *n.*



**conservatoire** (kôn-sêr-vâ-twar') [F.], *n.*  
A school of music and declamation.

**conservatory** (kôn-sêr-vâ-tô-ri) [L. *conservâtôrius*, *a.*, from *conservâre*, see next], *n.*  
A glass-house for plants.

**conserve** (kôn-sêrv') [L. *conservâre* (CON-, *servâre*, to keep, serve)], *v.t.*  
To preserve from injury, decay, or loss.

**consider** (kôn-sid'êr) [L. *considerâre*], *v.t.*  
To think on, contemplate, ponder, to look upon as of importance, to estimate. *v.i.*  
To reflect, deliberate.

**considerable**, *a.*  
Worth consideration, important.

**considerate**, *a.*  
Characterized by consideration for others; **consideration**, *n.*  
Reflection, thought, regard for others; motive for action. an equivalent. **considering**, *prep.*  
In view of.

**consign** (kôn-sîn') [CON-, L. *signâre*, to mark], *v.t.*  
To commit to the care of another. **consignee** (kôn-sl-nê'), *n.*  
One to whom goods are consigned. **consignor**, *n.*  
One who consigns goods to another. **consignment**, *n.*

**consist** (kôn-sist') [CON-, L. *sistere*, to make to stand], *v.t.*  
To be composed of, to be founded (in). to be compatible (with). **consistence**, **-ency**, *n.*  
Degree of density; cohesion, solidity; accord, compatibility. **consistent**, *a.*

**consistory** (kôn-sis'tô-ri) [as prec.], *n.*  
The court of a bishop for dealing with ecclesiastical causes; the college of cardinals at Rome. **consistorial**, *a.*

**console** (kôn-sôl') [CON-, L. *sôlâre*, to solace], *v.t.*  
To comfort in trouble or distress. **consoleable**, *a.* **consolation**, *n.*  
That which cheers or comforts; alleviation of distress. **consolatory** (kôn-sôl'â-tô-ri), *a.*

**consolidate** (kôn-sol'i-dât) [CON-, L. *solidâre*, to make solid], *v.t.*  
To form into a solid mass, to strengthen, bring into close union; to combine. **consolidation**, *n.*

**consonant** (kôn'sô-nânt) [CON-, L. *sonâre*, to sound], *a.*  
Agreeing or according, esp. in sound; congruous, in harmony. *n.*  
A letter which cannot be sounded by itself, as *b* or *p*. **consonance**, *n.*  
Accord or agreement, esp. of sound.

**consort** (kôn'sôrt) [CON-, L. *sors*, lot], *n.*  
A companion, mate, partner; a husband, a wife. *v.i.* (kôn-sôrt')  
To associate, keep company with, to agree.

**conspicuous** (kôn-spik'û-ûs) [CON-, L. *specere*, to look], *a.*  
Obvious; striking.

**conspiracy** (kôn-spir'â-si) [L., as next], *n.*  
The act of conspiring, a secret agreement between persons to commit an unlawful act.

**conspire** (kôn-spir') [CON-, L. *spirâre*, to breathe], *v.t.*  
To combine secretly to do any unlawful act. *v.t.*  
To plot, concert. **conspirator**, *n.*

**constable** (kûn'stâbl) [O.F. *conestable*, L. *comes stabuli*, count of the stable], *n.*  
A policeman; an officer charged with the preservation of the peace. **constabulary**, *n.*  
A body of police under one authority. *a.*  
Pertaining to the police.

**constant** (kôn'stânt) [CON-, L. *stâre*, to stand], *a.*  
Firm, unshaken; steadfast; continuous, unceasing; unvarying. *n.*  
A fixed quantity, one which is assumed not to vary throughout a series of calculations. **constancy**, *n.*  
constantly, *adv.*  
Continually, always.

**constellation** (kôn-stê-lâ'shûn) [CON-, L. *stellâtus*, set with stars], *n.*  
A number of fixed stars grouped within the outlines of an imaginary figure in the sky.

**consternate** (kôn'stêr-nât) [L. *consternâtus*, affrighted], *v.t.*  
To affright, dismay. **consternation**, *n.*

**constipate** (kôn'sti-pât) [CON-, L. *stîpâre*, to cram], *v.t.*  
To make costive. **constipation**, *n.*

**constituent** (kôn-stît'û-ént) [as foll.], *a.*  
Constituting, composing. *n.*  
One who or that which constitutes; a component part, one of a body which elects a representative, one who appoints another as his agent, a client. **constituency**, *n.*  
A body of electors, the place or persons represented by a member of Parliament.

**constitute** (kôn'stu-tût) [CON-, L. *statuere*, to place], *v.t.*  
To establish; to give legal form or a definite nature or character to.

**constitution** (kôn-stî-tû'shûn) [F., from L. as prec.], *n.*  
The nature, form, or structure of a system or body; natural strength of the body; the established form of government in a state. **constitutional**, *a.*  
Inherent in the constitution, pertaining to established form of government, legal. *n.*  
A walk or other exercise for the benefit of one's health. **constitutionalism**, *n.*  
Government based on a constitution, adherence to such a government. **constitutionalist**, *n.*  
An upholder of or writer or authority on this.

**constrain** (kôn-strân) [CON-, L. *stringere*, to draw tight], *v.t.*  
To compel, oblige; to keep down by force, to confine, repress. **constrained**, *a.* **constraint**, *n.*

**constrict** (kôn-strîkt') [L. *constrictus*, as prec.], *v.t.*  
To draw together, cause to contract. **constriction**, *n.*

**construct** (kôn-strûkt') [L. *constructus*, piled together], *v.t.*  
To build up, put together in proper order; to form mentally. **construction**, *n.*  
The act or art of constructing; the thing constructed or its style or form; the syntactical arrangement of words in a sentence; interpretation (of words, conduct, etc.). **constructional**, *a.*  
Pertaining to construction; structural. **constructive**, *a.*  
Having ability or power to construct; tending to construct; inferential, virtual.

**construe** (kôn'stroo) [as prec.], *v.t.*  
To explain, interpret. *v.t.*  
To apply the rules of syntax; to translate.

**consul** (kôn'sul) [L.], *n.* (*Hist.*)  
One of the two supreme magistrates of ancient Rome; an officer appointed by a state to reside in a foreign country to promote its mercantile interests, protect its subjects. **consular**, *a.* **consulate**, *n.*  
The official residence, term of office, of a consul.

**consult** (kón-sült') [L. *consultāre*], *v.i.* To take counsel together; to deliberate. *v.t.* To ask advice or counsel from; to refer to (a book) for information. **consulta'tion**, *n.* The act of consulting; a meeting of experts to consider a case. **consulting**, *a.* Giving advice; called in or used for consultation.

**consume** (kón-sūm') [CON-, L. *sūmere*, to take], *v.t.* To destroy by fire, decomposition, etc.; to use up; to squander. *v.i.* To waste away; to be burned. **consum-edly** (-sū'méd-li), *adv.* Unrestrainedly, excessively. **consumer**, *n.*

**consummate** (kón-sūm'āt) [CON-, L. *summa*, a sum], *a.* Complete, perfect; of the highest quality. *v.t.* (kón'sū-māt) To bring to completion, to perfect, to finish. **consumma'tion**, *n.* The end of something begun, perfect development.

**consumption** (kón-sūmp'shún) [L. *consumptio*, as CONSUME], *n.* The act of consuming, state or process of being consumed; a wasting disease, phthisis. **consumptive**, *a.* Consuming; disposed to or affected with consumption. *n.* A person suffering from consumption.

**contact** (kón'tákt) [CON-, L. *tactus*, touched], *n.* Touch, meeting, the relation of touching.

**contagion** (kón-tá'jún) [L. *contāgio*, as prec.], *n.* Communication of disease by contact; contagious disease; deleterious influence. **contagious**, *a.*

**contain** (kón-tān') [CON-, L. *tenēre*, to hold], *v.t.* To hold within fixed limits; to comprise, to include; to enclose; (*Arith.*) to be exactly divisible by; (*Mil.*) to hem in. **containable**, *a.* **container**, *n.*

**contaminate** (kón-tām'ínāt) [L. *contāmināre*], *v.t.* To defile, pollute, corrupt. **contamina'tion**, *n.*

**contango** (kón-tāng'gō) [L. *continēre*, as CONTAIN], *n.* The commission paid by a buyer for the postponement of transactions on the Stock Exchange.

**contemn** (kón-tem') [CON-, L. *temnere*, to despise], *v.t.* To scorn; to slight, neglect.

**contemplate** (kón'tém-plāt) [L. *contemplāre*, to observe], *v.t.* To look at, study; to meditate and reflect on; to purpose, intend; to regard as possible. *v.i.* To meditate. **contempla'tion**, *n.* **contem'plative**, *a.* Thoughtful, studious.

**contemporaneous** (kón-tem-pō-rā'nē-ús) [CON-, L. *tempus*, time], *a.* Existing or happening at the same time or period.

**contemporary** (kón-tem'pō-rá-ri) [CON-, TEMPORARY], *a.* Living at the same time; of the same age or period. *n.* A contemporary person or thing.

**contempt** (kón-tempt') [as CONTEMN], *n.* Scorn, disdain; shame, disgrace; disobedience to the rules, of a sovereign, court, or legislative body. **contemptible**, *a.* Worthy of contempt, despicable. **contemptuous**, *a.* Disdainful, scornful.

**contend** (kón-tend') [CON-, L. *tendere*, to stretch], *v.t.* To strive in opposition, or

in defence or support of anything; to compete, dispute. *v.t.* To maintain by argument. **contender**, *n.*

**content** (cón-tent') [L. *contentus*, contained], *a.* Satisfied, pleased, willing. *v.t.* To satisfy, make easy in any situation; to gratify. *n.* Satisfaction, ease of mind; (kón'tent) capacity or power of containing; volume; meaning; (*pl.*) that which a vessel, book, etc. contains; a summary of subject-matter. **contentedly**, *adv.* **contentedness**, *n.* **contentment**, *n.* The state of being contented or satisfied.

**contention** (kón-ten'shún) [as CONTENT], *n.* Quarrel, strife, controversy; a point contended for. **contentious**, *a.*

**contest** (kón-test') [CON-, L. *testāri*, to bear witness], *v.t.* To contend for or about; to dispute, call in question, oppose. *v.t.* To strive, contend, vie. *n.* (kón'test) A struggle, dispute, controversy; competition, rivalry. **contestant**, *n.* One who contests. **contesta'tion**, *n.*

**context** (kón'tekst) [L. *contextus*, woven together], *n.* The parts of a discourse, etc. immediately connected with a passage quoted. **context'ual**, *a.*

**contiguous** (kón-tig'ū-ús) [L. *contiguus*], *a.* Meeting so as to touch; adjoining. **contigu'ity**, *n.*

**continent** (1) (kón'ti-nènt) [L. *continēre*, to CONTAIN], *a.* Chaste; temperate. **continence**, **-nency**, *n.* **continently**, *adv.*

**continent** (2) [as prec.], *n.* A large tract of land not disjoined by a sea; the mainland of Europe; the summary, the sum total. **continen'tal**, *a.*

**contingent** (kón-tin'jént) [L. *contingens*, touching together], *a.* Dependent on an uncertain issue; not essential, conditional. *n.* A fortuitous event; that which falls to one by chance; an armed force furnished by a state for a joint enterprise. **contingency**, *n.*

**continual** (kón-tin'ū-ál) [O.F. *continuel*, as CONTINUOUS], *a.* Incessant; without interruption. **continually**, *adv.*

**continuance** (kón-tin'ū-áns) [O.F., as above], *n.* Permanence; duration; stay.

**continuation** (kón-tin'ū-á'shún) [L. *continuatus*, continued], *n.* That which continues anything; extension, prolongation.

**continue** (kón-tin'ū) [F. *continuer*, as CONTINUOUS], *v.t.* To carry on without interruption; to extend, complete. *v.t.* To remain, stay; to remain in existence; to persevere. **continuable**, *a.*

**continuous** (kón-tin'ū-ús) [L. *continuus* (CON-, *tinēre*, to hold)], *a.* Connected without a break; uninterrupted, unceasing. **continuity**, *n.*

**contort** (kón-tórt') [L. *contortus*, twisted together], *v.t.* To twist with violence, wrench; to distort. **contortion**, *n.* The act of twisting; a writhing movement; partial dislocation. **contortionist**, *n.* An acrobat who bends his body unnaturally.

**contour** (kón'toor) [F.], *n.* The outline, esp. of a coast or other geographical feature.



**contra** (kon'trá) [L., *prep.* Against, opposite. *n.* The opposite (usu. the credit) side of an account.

**contraband** (kon'trá-bánd) [Sp. *contrabanda*], *a.* Prohibited, unlawful. *n.* Articles forbidden to be exported or imported; smuggled articles. **contrabandist**, *n.*

**contract** (kón-trákt') [L. *contractus*, drawn together], *v.i.* To draw together; to abbreviate, shorten; to acquire; to become liable for; to agree or to settle by covenant. *v.i.* To shrink; to agree (to do or supply something for a price). *n.* (kon'trákt) An agreement, compact; a formal betrothal; an offer or promise which has been formally accepted. **contracted**, *a.* Drawn together; betrothed; mean, narrow. **contractible**, *a.* Capable of contraction. **contraction**, *n.* An abbreviation, shortening; the act of contracting. **contractor**, *n.* One who undertakes a contract; an employer who contracts to perform building, engineering, or other undertakings.

**contradict** (kon-trá-dikt') [CONTRA-, L. *dicere*, to speak], *v.t.* To deny the truth of; to assert the opposite of. **contradiction**, *n.* **contradictor**, *n.* **contradictory**, *a.* Affirming the contrary; logically incompatible; disputations.

**contralto** (kón-trál'tó) [It.], *n.* The lowest female voice; a singer with this voice.

**contrary** (kon'trá-ri) [L. *contrarius*], *a.* Opposite; diametrically different; repugnant; wayward, perverse. *n.* The opposite; a thing that contradicts. *adv.* Adversely; in an opposite manner or direction. **contrariety**, *n.* The state of being contrary; opposition. **contrarily**, *adv.* In a contrary manner. **contrariwise** (kon'trá-ri-, kón-trá-rí-wíz), *adv.* On the other hand, conversely; perversely.

**contrast** (kón-trást') [O.F. *contraster*], *v.t.* To set in opposition, so as to show the difference between. *v.i.* To stand in contrast or opposition. *n.* (kon'trást) Unlikeness of things or qualities; the presentation of opposites with a view to comparison.

**contravene** (kon-trá-vén') [CONTRA-, L. *venire*, to come], *v.t.* To violate, to transgress. **contravention**, *n.* Violation.

**contretemps** (kon'tré-ton) [F., bad time], *n.* An unexpected event, throwing everything into confusion.

**contribute** (kón-trib'út) [CON-, L. *tribuere*, to pay], *v.t.* To give for a common purpose; to pay as one's share. *v.i.* To give a part; to have a share in. **contribution**, *n.* **contributive**, *a.* Assisting, promoting. **contributor**, *n.* One who contributes; one who supplies articles to a newspaper, etc. **contributory**, *a.* Contributing to the same result, etc.

**contrite** (kon'trit) [CON-, L. *terere*, to rub, to grind], *a.* Deeply sorry for sin; thoroughly penitent. **contrition** (kón-trish'ún), *n.*

**contrive** (kón-trív') [CON-, O.F. *trover*, to find], *v.t.* To devise, invent; to bring to

pass. *v.i.* To form designs, to scheme. **contrivance**, *n.*

**control** (kón-tról') [O.F. *contre-rolle*, a duplicate register], *n.* Check, restraint; regulating power; authority, command. *v.t.* To exercise power over; to restrain, regulate. **controller**, *n.* A director; an officer who checks the accounts of other officers by means of a duplicate register. **controllership**, *n.*

**controversy** (kon'tró-vér-si) [L. *contró-versia*, a quarrel], *n.* Disputation, esp. in writing. **controver'sial**, *a.* Inclined or pertaining to controversy. **controver'sialist**, *n.* A disputant.

**controvert** (kon'tró-vért) [L. *contró-*, against, *vertere*, to turn], *v.t.* To call in question; to oppose or refute by argument. **contumacious** (kon-tú-má'shús) [CON-, L. *tumēre*, to swell with pride], *a.* Perverse, obstinate; stubbornly opposing lawful authority. **contumacy**, *n.*

**contumely** (kon'tú-mé-lí) [O.F. *contumelie*], *n.* Rude scornful abuse or reproach; insolence; ignominy. **contume'lious**, *a.* **contuse** (kón-túz') [CON-, L. *tusus*, beaten], *v.t.* To bruise without breaking the skin. **contusion**, *n.* A bruise.

**conundrum** (kó-nún'drám) [?], *n.* A riddle; a puzzling question.

**convalesce** (kon-vá-les') [CON-, L. *valēscere*, to grow strong], *v.t.* To recover health.

**convalescence**, *n.* **convalescent**, *a.*

**convene** (kón-vén') [CON-, L. *venire*, to come], *v.t.* To convoke; to summon to appear. *v.i.* To meet together, assemble.

**convenient** (kón-vén'i-ént) [as *prec.*], *a.* Suitable; opportune, at hand, close by.

**convenience**, *-ency*, *n.* The quality or state of being convenient; accommodation; a cause or source of comfort or accommodation; a thing that is useful.

**convent** (kón-vént) [L. *convēntus*, assembled together], *n.* A community of religious persons of either sex; the building occupied by it.

**conventicle** (kón-ven'tikl) [L. dim. of *convēntus*, as *prec.*], *n.* A clandestine gathering; a dissenters' meeting-place.

**convention** (kón-ven'shūn) [L. *convēntio* (*convēnīre*, to CONVEÑE)], *n.* A meeting; the persons assembled; a treaty; an accepted usage. **conventional**, *a.* Agreed on by compact; founded on custom; slavishly observant of society customs or of accepted models. **conventionalism**, *n.* **conventionalist**, *n.* **conventional'ity**, *n.*

**converge** (kón-vérj') [CON-, L. *vergere*, to turn, incline], *v.i.* To tend towards one point. **convergent**, *a.* Tending to meet in one point.

**conversant** (kón-vér'sánt) [CONVERSE], *a.* Having knowledge of or familiarity with; proficient, versed in.

**conversazione** (kon-vér-sát-si-ó'ni) [It., from L. *conversatio*, conversation], *n.* A social meeting devoted to literary, artistic, or scientific subjects.

**converse** (kón-vérs') [F. *converser*, as CONVERT], *v.t.* To discourse easily and

familiarly. *n.* (kon'vərs) Familiarity; conversation; the opposite, counterpart, or complement. *a.* Opposite, reciprocal. **conversa'tion, n.** Familiar talk; intimate fellowship or intercourse. **conversa'tional, a.**

**conversion** (kón-vě'r'shùn) [as next], *n.* Change or the act of changing to a new mode of life, religion, morals, politics, etc. **convert** (kón-věrt') [CON-, *L. vertere*, to turn], *v.t.* To change or cause to change from one state, religion, party, etc. to another; to change one kind of securities into another; (*Log.*) to transpose the terms of. *n.* (kon'vərt) One who is converted from one religion or party to another. **conver'tible, a.** That may be converted or changed; transmutable. **converti'bility, n.**

**convex** (kon'veks) [*L. convexus*, arched], *a.* Having a rounded form on the exterior (opp. to concave). **convex'ity, n.**

**convey** (kón-vā') [O.F. *conveier*], *v.t.* To transport, transmit; to impart; to transfer (property). **conveyance, n.** The act, means, or instrument of conveying; a vehicle; the act of transferring real property; the document by which it is transferred. **conveyancer, n.** (*Law*) One who draws up conveyances. **conveyancing, n.** (*Law*) The act of drawing up conveyances.

**convict** (kón-vikt') [CON-, *L. victus*, conquered], *v.t.* To prove or declare to be guilty. *n.* (kon'vikt) One sentenced to penal servitude. **convic'tion, n.**

**convince** (kón-vins') [CON-, *L. vincere*, to conquer], *v.t.* To satisfy the mind of; to persuade to conviction, overcome by proof.

**convivial** (kón-viv'i-ál) [CON-, *L. vivere*, to live], *a.* Festive, social, jovial. **convivial'ity, n.** **convivially, adv.**

**convoke** (kón-vōk') [CON-, *L. vocāre*, to call], *v.t.* To summon together; to convene. **convoca'tion, n.** The act of calling together; an assembly, esp. of qualified graduates of Universities or of the clergy of a province. **convocational, a.**

**convolu'tion** [CON-, *L. volutus*, rolled], *n.* A fold (esp. of brain matter); a winding motion. **convol'vulus, n.** A genus of climbing plants.

**convoy** (kón-voi') [as CONVEY], *v.t.* To accompany on the way, as protection or escort. *n.* (kon'voi) The act of conveying; a protecting force; an escort, guard; that which is convoyed.

**convulse** (kón-vūls') [CON-, *L. vulsus*, plucked], *v.t.* To agitate violently; to affect with convulsions; to excite spasms of laughter in. **convulsion, n.** (*usu. in pl.*) Violent involuntary contractions and relaxations of the muscles; a violent agitation or commotion. **convulsio'nary, a.** **convulsive, a.** Producing or attended with convulsions; spasmodic.

**cony** (kō'ni) [O.F. *conil*], *n.* A rabbit, a simpton.

**coo** (koo) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a sound like a dove; to make love.

**cook** (kuk) [A.-S. *cōc*, *L. coquus*], *n.* One

who prepares food for the table. *v.t.* To prepare food by boiling, roasting, etc.; (*fig.*) to garble, falsify, concoct. *v.i.* To undergo the process of cooking. **cookery, n.** The act or art of cooking.

**cool** (kool) [A.-S. *cōl*], *a.* Moderately cold; not retaining or causing heat; apathetic; calm, dispassionate; deliberate; impudent, audacious. *n.* Moderate temperature; a cool place. *v.t.* To make cool; to calm, allay. *v.i.* To become cool. **cooler, n.** **coolish, a.** **coolness, n.**

**coolie** (koo'li) [Hind. *qūli*], *n.* A labourer in or from India or the East.

**coop** (koop) [M.E. *cupe*, a basket], *n.* A barred or wired box for fowls, etc. *v.t.* To confine in or as in a coop.

**cooper** (koo'pəri) [*L. cupa*, a cask], *n.* One who makes barrels, tubs, etc.; a mixture of stout and porter. **cooperage, n.** The trade or workshop of a cooper.

**co-operate** (kō-op'ér-āt) [CO-, *L. operāri*, to work], *v.i.* To work or act with others for a common end; to contribute to an effect. **co-opera'tion, n.** **co-op'erative, a.**

**co-opt** (kō-opt') [CO-, *L. optāre*, to choose], *v.t.* To elect into a body by the votes of the members.

**co-ordinate** (kō-ōrd'in-āt) [CO-, *L. ordinātus*, arranged], *a.* Of the same order, rank, etc. *n.pl.* (*Math.*) Lines used as elements of reference to determine the position of any point. *v.t.* To correlate, bring into orderly relation. **co-ordina'tion, n.**

**coot** (koot) [Dut. *koef*], *n.* A small black wading-bird; a stupid fellow.

**coparcener** (kō-par'sé-nér) [CO-, as PART], *n.* A coheir or coheirress.

**cope** (1) (kōp) [late *L. cāpa*], *n.* An ecclesiastical sleeveless vestment; (*fig.*) the sky; (*Foundry*) the outer covering of a mould. *v.t.* To cover with or as with a cope or coping. **coping, n.** The course projecting horizontally on the top of a wall.

**cope** (2) [as COUP], *v.i.* To encounter, to contend successfully (with).

**Copernican** (kō-pěr'nik-ān), *a.* Pertaining to the astronomical system of Copernicus (d. 1543) which has the sun as its centre.

**copious** (kō'pi-ūs) [*L. cōpia*, plenty], *a.* Plentiful, abundant; profuse.

**copper** (kop'ər) [A.-S. *copor*, *L. cuprum*], *n.* A red malleable, ductile, tenacious metal; a vessel, coin, etc. made (or formerly made) of copper; (*slang*) a policeman. *a.* Made of or resembling copper. *v.t.* To sheath with copper; to deposit a coating of copper on. **copperplate, n.** A polished plate of copper on which is an engraving; an impression from this.

**copperas** (kop'ər-ās) [M.E. and O.F. *cope-rose*], *n.* A green sulphate of iron; green vitriol.

**coppice** (kop'is) [O.F. *copeiz*, cut wood], *n.* A small wood of small trees and underwood.

**copra** (kop'rā) [Malay *koppara*, cocoa-nut], *n.* The dried kernel of the cocoa-nut.

**copse** (kops) [COPPICE], *n.* A coppice.



**Copt** (kopt) [Arab. *qusṭ*], *n.* One of the old Egyptian race. **Coptic**, *a.*

**copula** (kop'ū-lā) [L., as next], *n.* (*pl.* -læ) That which couples; a word which links subject and predicate together.

**copulate** (kop'ū-lät) [L. *copulatus*, fastened together], *v.t.* To couple together. *v.i.* To have sexual intercourse. *a.* Joined, connected. **copulation**, *n.* **copulative**, *a.* Serving to unite.

**copy** (kop'i) [F. *copie*], *n.* A transcript or imitation of an original; an original, pattern; matter to be set up in type; a writing exercise; a single example of a book, etc. *v.t.* To transcribe, imitate, make a copy of; to follow as pattern or model. **copyhold**, *n.* A tenure for which the tenant has nothing to show but the copy of the rolls made by the steward of his lord's court; property held by such tenure. **copyholder**, *n.* **copier**, *n.* One who copies or transcribes; an imitator, plagiarist. **copying**, *a.* Pertaining to or used for copying. **copyist**, *n.* **copy-right**, *n.* The exclusive right of an author, etc., to his literary or artistic productions.

**coquet** (kó-keṭ') [F.], *v.i.* To flirt (with); to trifle in making love. **co'quetry**, *n.* The practices of a coquette; flirtation. **coquette**, *n.* A female flirt; a jilt.

**cor-** [COM-], *pref.* (used before *r*).

**coracle** (kor'ákl) [W. *corrag*], *n.* A boat made of wickerwork covered with leather or oiled cloth.

**coral** (kor'ál) [Gr. *korallion*], *n.* The calcareous structure Polyps or zoophytes growing in colonies in the sea; the calcareous structure secreted and built up by them; an infant's toy made of coral. The unimpregnated eggs of a lobster (from their colour). *a.* Made of or resembling coral; red, pink. **coralliferous**, *a.* Producing or containing coral. **cor'alline**, *a.* Of the nature, containing, or resembling coral.

**corbel** (kór'bél) [O.F.], *n.* A bracket projecting from a wall as a support.

**cord** (kórd) [Gr. *chordē*, the string of a musical instrument], *n.* Thick string or thin rope; corduroy; a measure for cut wood, 128 cub. ft. *v.t.* To bind with a cord. **corded**, *a.* Bound or made with cords; ribbed or twilled (like corduroy). **cordage**, *n.* A quantity or store of ropes.

**cordeller** (kór-dè-lér') [F.], *n.* A Franciscan friar, from the knotted rope worn round the waist.

**cordial** (kór'di-ál) [F.], *a.* Proceeding from the heart; sincere, hearty; cheering or comforting the heart. *n.* A sweetened spirit used as a beverage; a medicine to increase the circulation or to raise the spirits. **cordial'ity**, *n.* **cordially**, *adv.*

**cordite** (kór'dit) [CORD, -ITE], *n.* A smokeless explosive, prepared in string-like grains.

**cordón** (kór'dón) [F.], *n.* A ribbon or cord worn as a mark of rank, the badge of an order, etc.; a line of men, posts, or ships guarding or blockading a place.

**corduroy** (kór-dú-roí') [prob. F. *corde du roi*, king's cord], *n.* A stout, ribbed cotton fustian; (*pl.*) corduroy trousers.

**cordwain** (kórd'wān) [O.F. *cordoan*, from *Cordoa*, Cordova], *n.* A kind of leather orig. from Cordova, Spain. **cordwainer**, *n.* A shoemaker.

**core** (kór) [?], *n.* The heart or inner part of anything, as of an apple, pear, etc.; the pith, gist, essence.

**co-respondent** (kō-rè-spon'dént), *n.* A joint respondent, esp. in a divorce suit.

**coriander** (kor-i-án'dér) [Gr. *koriannon*], *n.* An umbelliferous plant with aromatic and carminative seeds.

**Corinthian** (kó-rin'thi-án), *a.* Of or pertaining to Corinth, Greece, or to the most elaborate and ornate of the three Grecian orders of architecture; licentious, dissipated. *n.* A native of Corinth; a debauchee; a fast man.

**cork** (kórk) [?], *n.* The outer layer of bark of the cork-tree, a species of oak; a stopper for a bottle, cask, etc. made of this. *a.* Made of cork. *v.t.* To stop with a cork; to blacken with burnt cork. **corkscrew**, *n.* A screw for drawing corks. *v.t.* To direct or push forward in a wriggling fashion. **corked**, *a.* Stopped with cork; blackened with burnt cork; tasting of the cork.

**cormorant** (kór'mò-ránt) [O.F. *cormerant*], *n.* A voracious sea-bird; (*fig.*) a glutton.

**corn** (1) (körn) [A.-S.], *n.* Grain; the seed of cereals. *v.t.* To preserve and season with salt; to granulate. **corn-chandler**, *n.* A retail dealer in corn, etc. **corn-crake**, *n.* The landrail. **corn-flour**, *n.* The meal of Indian corn ground very fine. **corn-flower**, *n.* A popular name for several plants that grow amongst corn.

**corn** (2) [L. *cornū*, horn], *n.* A horny excrescence on a toe, etc.

**cornea** (kór'né-á) [L., horny (*cornū*, horn)], *n.* The transparent fore-part of the external coat of the eye, through which rays of light pass.

**cornelian** (kór-nē'li-án) [F. *cornaline*], *n.* A variety of semi-transparent chalcedony.

**corner** (kór'nér) [O.F. *cornier*, from L. *cornū*, horn], *n.* An angle; a place enclosed by converging lines or surfaces; a nook; a position of difficulty or embarrassment; a ring, or combination to buy up the supply of a commodity, in order to raise the price. *v.t.* To drive into a corner, or into a position of difficulty; to buy up (a commodity) so as to raise the price. **corner-stone**, *n.* The stone uniting two walls; the principal stone.

**cornet** (kór'nét) [O.F. from L. *cornū*], *n.* A wind instrument; formerly the lowest commissioned officer in a cavalry regiment; a conical paper bag.

**cornice** (kór'nis) [F.], *n.* A moulded horizontal projection crowning a wall, pillar, etc.

**Cornish** (kór'nish), *a.* Pertaining to Cornwall. *n.* The ancient language of Cornwall.

**cornucopia** (kôr-nû-kô'pî-â) [L. *cornu copiae*], *n.* The horn of plenty; a goat's horn wreathed and filled to overflowing with flowers, fruit, corn, etc., the symbol of plenty and peace.

**corolla** (kô-rol'â) [L., dim. of *corôna*, a crown], *n.* (*Bot.*) The inner whorl, or petals, of flowers.

**corollary** (kô-rol'a-ri) [L. *corollarium*], *n.* An additional inference from a proposition; a natural consequence.

**corona** (kô-rô'nâ) [L., a crown], *n.* A disk or halo round the sun or the moon; the zone of radiance round the moon in a total eclipse of the sun.

**coronach** (kôr'ô-nach) [Gael.], *n.* A dirge, a funeral lamentation.

**coronation** (kôr-ô-nâ'shûn), *n.* The act or ceremony of crowning a sovereign.

**coroner** (kôr'ô-nér) [A.-F. *coruner*], *n.* An officer of the Crown who inquires into cases of sudden or suspicious death.

**coronet** (kôr'ô-nét) [O.F.], *n.* A little crown.

**corporal** (1) (kôr'pô-râl) [F., as foll.], *n.* An infantry non-commissioned officer of the lowest grade.

**corporal** (2) [L. *corporâlis* (*corpus*, the body)], *a.* Relating to the body; material, corporeal.

**corporate** (kôr'pô-rât) [L. *corporâtus*, as prec.], *a.* United in a body and acting as an individual; pertaining to a corporation.

**corporation** (kôr-po-râ'shun) [as prec.], *n.* A corporate body empowered to act as an individual; a commercial company or association; a prominent stomach.

**corporeal** (kôr-pôr'é-âl) [L. *corporeus* (*corpus*-oris)], *a.* Having a body; pertaining to the body; material, physical.

**corps** (kôr) [F., as foll.], *n.* A body of troops; a division of an army. **corps de ballet**, *n.* A body of dancers in a ballet.

**corpse** (kôrps) [O.F. *cors*, L. *corpus*, the body], *n.* A dead body, esp. of a human being.

**corpulent** (kôr'pû-lént) [L. *corpulentus* (*cor*-is, body)], *a.* Excessively fat or fleshy. **corpulence**, **-lency**, *n.*

**corpuscle** (kôr'pûsl) [L. *corpusculum*, dim. of *corpus*, body], *n.* A minute particle of matter; a minute body forming part of an organism, (*pl.*) those which exist free in the blood. **corpuscular**, *a.*

**corral** (kô-râl') [Sp.], *n.* An enclosure for cattle or defence, or an enclosure for capturing elephants, etc. *v.t.* To pen up; to form into a corral.

**correct** (kô-rekt') [COR-, L. *rectus*, ruled, ordered], *v.t.* To set right; to remove faults from; to mark errors for rectification; to admonish, punish. *a.* Right, proper, decorous; true, exact, accurate. **correction**, *n.* The act of correcting; that which is substituted for what is wrong; punishment, chastisement; criticism. **correctional**, *a.* corrective, *a.* Having power or tending to correct. *n.*

That which tends to correct or counteract; an antidote. **correctly**, *adv.* **correctness**, *n.* **corrector**, *n.*

**correlate** (kôr'é-lât) [COR-, RELATE], *v.i.* To be reciprocally related. *v.t.* To bring into mutual relation. *n.* A correlative. **correlation**, *n.* Reciprocal relation; interdependence of forces and phenomena; the mutual relation of structure, functions, etc., in an organism. **correlative**, *a.* **correspond** (kôr-è-spond') [COR-, L. *respondere*, to RESPOND], *v.i.* To be congruous; to fit, suit; to communicate by letters. **correspondence**, *n.* Mutual adaptation; congruity; intercourse by means of letters; the letters which pass. **correspondent**, *a.* Congruous with; answering. *n.* One with whom intercourse is kept up by letters; one who sends news to a journal. **corresponding**, *a.* Suiting; communicating by correspondence.

**corridor** (kôr'i-dôr) [It. *corridore*], *n.* A communicating passage; a covered way.

**corrigendum** (kôr-i-jen'dûm) [L.], *n.* (*pl.* -da) An error needing correction, esp. in a book.

**corroborate** (kô-rob'ô-rât) [COR-, L. *robô-râtus*, strengthened], *v.t.* To strengthen, confirm; to bear additional witness to. **corroborant**, *a.* **corroboration**, *n.* **corrob'orative**, *a.* **corroboratory**, *a.* **corrode** (kô-rôd') [COR-, L. *rodere*, to gnaw], *v.t.* To wear away or consume gradually. *v.i.* To waste away gradually. **corro'sion**, *n.* **corrosive**, *a.*

**corrugate** (kôr'û-gât) [COR-, L. *rugatus*, wrinkled], *v.t.* To bend into wrinkles or folds. *v.i.* To become wrinkled. **corrugated**, *a.* Wrinkled; marked with more or less acute parallel angles; pressed into folds and galvanized (of sheet iron).

**corrupt** (kô-rûpt') [COR-, L. *ruptus*, broken], *a.* Putrid, tainted; unsound; (*fig.*) depraved; perverted by bribery; not genuine. *v.t.* To infect, make impure or unwholesome; (*fig.*) to vitiate; to debauch, seduce; to bribe. *v.i.* To become corrupt. **corrupter**, *n.* **corruptibility**, *n.* **corruptible**, *a.* Liable to corruption. **corruption**, *n.* The act of corrupting or state of being corrupt; decomposition, putrefaction; putrid matter; (*fig.*) moral deterioration; bribery; a corrupt reading or version. **corruptive**, *a.* **corruptly**, *adv.* **corruptness**, *n.*

**corsage** (kôr'sâj) [O.F.], *n.* A bodice.

**corsair** (kôr'sâr) [F.], *n.* A pirate.

**corset** (kôr'sét) [F.], *n.* A close-fitting, stiffened garment, worn by women to give shape to the body; stays.

**corslet** (kôr'slét) [F.], *n.* Body armour; a light cuirass.

**Cortes** (kôr'téz) [Sp. and Port., courts], *n.* The legislative assemblies of Spain and Portugal.

**coruscate** (kôr'ûs-kât) [L. *coruscâtus*], *v.t.* To glitter in flashes. **corusca'tion**, *n.*

**corvette** (kôr-vet') [F.], *n.* A flush-decked, full-rigged ship of war.

**cosmetic** (kôz-met'ik) [F. *cosmetique*, Gr.



- kosmetn**, to adorn], *a.* Beautifying. *n.* A preparation for improving the skin.
- cosmic** (koz'mik) [as next], *a.* Pertaining to the universe; derived from some part of the solar system other than the earth; of inconceivably long duration. **cosmical**, *a.* Rising or setting with the sun.
- cosmo-** [Gr. *kosmos*, the universe], *comb. form.* Pertaining to the universe.
- cosmogony** (kóz-mog'-ó-ni) [COSMO-, GENY], *n.* A theory or investigation respecting the origin of the world. **cosmogonist**, *n.*
- cosmography** (kóz-mog'-rá-fi) [COSMO-, -GRAPHY], *n.* A description or delineation of the features of the universe.
- cosmology** (kóz-mol'-ó-ji) [COSMO-, -LOGY], *n.* The science which investigates the laws of the universe as an ordered whole; the branch of metaphysics dealing with the relation of the universe to the mind.
- cosmopolitan** (koz-mò-pol'i-tán) [COSMO-, Gr. *polítēs*, a citizen], *a.* Common to all the world; at home in any part of the world; free from national prejudices. *n.* A cosmopolite. **cosmopolitanism**, *n.*
- cosmopolite** (kóz-mop'-ó-lít), *n.* One who is at home in any part of the world.
- cosmos** (koz'mos) [Gr.], *n.* The universe regarded as an ordered system; an ordered system of knowledge; order, as opp. to chaos.
- cosset** (kos'et) [?], *v.t.* To pet, pamper.
- cost** (kost) [O.F. *coster*, L. *constāre*], *v.i.* To require as the price; to cause the expenditure of; to result in the loss of or the infliction of. *n.* The price paid for a thing; expense; penalty, loss; pain, trouble; (*pl.*) expenses of a lawsuit. **costly**, *a.* Of high price. **costliness**, *n.*
- costal** [L.], *a.* Pertaining to the ribs.
- costard** (kos'tárd) [?], *n.* A large, round apple.
- coster, costermonger** (kos'tér-müng'gér) [COSTARD, MONGER], *n.* A seller of fruit, vegetables, etc., from a barrow.
- costive** (kos'tiv) [O.F. *costivē*], *a.* Constipated.
- costume** (kós-tüm') [F.], *n.* Dress; the customary mode of dressing at a particular time or in a country; fancy dress. **costumier** (kos-tū'mi-ér), *n.* A maker or dealer in costumes.
- cosy** (kō'zi) [?], *a.* Comfortable; snug. *n.* A padded covering for a teapot, put on it to retain the heat. **cosiness**, *n.*
- cot** (1) (kot) [A.-S.], *n.* A small house, hut; a shelter for beasts.
- cot** (2) [Hind. *khāt*], *n.* A light bedstead; a crib; a child's bedstead; a swing bed for invalids, etc., on board ship.
- cote** (kōt) [COR (1)], *n.* A sheepfold; a shelter. **dove-cote**, *n.* A pigeon-house.
- coterie** (kō'tér-i) [F.], *n.* An exclusive circle of people; a clique.
- cotillion** (kó-til'yón) [F., a petticoat], *n.* A dance for four or eight persons.
- cottage** (kot'áj) [COTE, -AGE], *n.* A small house, a cot; a small country or suburban residence. **cottager**, *n.* One who lives in a cottage.
- cottar** (kot'ár) [COT (1)], *n.* A peasant who pays rent for his cottage by his labour.
- cotton** (kotn) [Arab. *qutun*], *n.* A downy substance, resembling wool, growing in the fruit of the cotton-plant, used for making thread, cloth, etc.; thread or cloth made from this. *v.i.* To agree well (with), become attached (to). **cotton-wool**, *n.* Cotton in its raw state, used as wadding, etc.
- couch** (kouch) [F. *coucher*], *v.i.* To cause to lie, to lay (oneself) down; to express in words, to imply; to set (a spear) in rest; to operate upon for cataract. *v.i.* To lie down, to rest. *n.* A place of rest; a lounge or sofa. **couch-grass**, *n.* A grass with long, creeping roots.
- cougar** (koo'gár) [Guarani], *n.* The puma.
- cough** (kof) [A.-S. *cohhetan*], *n.* A convulsive effort, attended with noise, to expel irritating matter from the lungs. *v.i.* To drive from the lungs by a cough. *v.i.* To expel air from the lungs in a convulsive and noisy manner.
- coulter** (kōl'tér) [A.-S. *culter*], *n.* The iron blade fixed in front of the share in a plough.
- council** (koun'sil) [F. *concile*, L. *concilium*], *n.* Persons met together for deliberation or advice or as advisers to a sovereign, etc.; the governing body of a University. **council-board**, *n.* The table round which a council deliberates; a council, esp. when in session. **councillor**, *n.* A member of a council. **councillorship**, *n.*
- counsel** (koun'sél) [O.F. *conseil*], *n.* A consultation; advice; opinion given after deliberation; a barrister. *v.i.* To give advice to; to advise. **counsellor**, *n.*
- count** (1) (kount) [O.F. *comter*, L. *computāre*, COMPUTE], *v.t.* To reckon up in numbers, compute, enumerate; to esteem. *v.i.* To possess a certain value; to depend or rely (upon). *n.* A reckoning or numbering; the sum (of); a statement of plaintiff's case; one of several charges in an indictment. **countable**, *a.* **counting-house**, *n.* An office appropriated to the business of keeping accounts, etc. **countless**, *a.* Innumerable; beyond calculation.
- count** (2) [O.F. *conte*, L. *comes*, companion], *n.* A foreign title of rank corresponding to earl. **countship**, *n.*
- countenance** (koun'té-náns) [O.F. *countenance*], *n.* The face; air, look, or expression; favour, support; estimation. *v.i.* To sanction, permit; to abet, encourage.
- counter** (1) (koun'tér) [A.-F. *counteur*, L. *computātorium*, COMPUTE], *n.* One who or that which counts; a calculator; a piece of metal, ivory, etc., used for reckoning, as in games; a bench on which money is counted, or across which goods are sold.
- counter** (2) [F. *contre*, L. *contra*, against], *n.* The opposite, the contrary; the curved part of a ship's stern. *a.* Contrary, opposed; opposing; duplicate. *adv.* In the opposite direction; wrongly; contrarily. *v.* To oppose, to return a blow by dealing another one.
- counteract** (koun-tér-ákt'), *v.t.* To act in opposition to; to neutralize.

**counterbalance** (koun-tér-bál'ans), *v.t.* To weigh against or oppose with equal effect. *n.* An equal weight or force acting in opposition.

**counterblast** (koun'tér-blast), *n.* An argument or statement in opposition.

**countercharge** (koun'tér-charj), *n.* A charge in opposition to another; a counterclaim.

**counterfeit** (koun'tér-fét) [O.F. *contrefait*], *v.t.* To imitate, mimic; to copy and pass off as genuine; to coin, to imitate in base metal; to simulate. *a.* Made in imitation with intent to be passed off as genuine; forged. *n.* An impostor; a counterfeit thing. **counterfeiter**, *n.*

**counterfoil** (koun'tér-foil) [COUNTER-, FOIL (1)], *n.* The counterpart of a cheque, receipt, or other document, retained by the giver.

**countermand** (koun-tér-mand') [CONTRA, L. *mandāre*, to command], *v.t.* To revoke, annul; to recall. *n.* An order contrary to or revoking a previous order.

**countermarch** (koun'tér-march), *v.* To march or cause to march in an opposite direction.

**countermine** (koun'tér-mín), *n.* A gallery or mine to intercept or frustrate one made by the enemy; a stratagem to frustrate any project. *v.* To oppose by countermine.

**counterpane** (koun'tér-pān) [earlier *counterpoint*, O.F. *contrepointe*, L. *culcita puncta*, stitched QUILT], *n.* A coverlet; a quilt.

**counterpart** (koun'tér-part), *n.* A corresponding part; a duplicate; one who is exactly like another.

**counterplot** (koun'tér-plot), *v.t.* To frustrate by another plot. *n.* A plot to defeat another plot.

**counterpoint** (koun'tér-point) [F. *contrepoint*, med. L. *contra punctum*, point against point], *n.* A melodious part or combination of parts written to accompany a melody; the art of constructing harmonious parts, or of harmonious composition.

**counterpoise** (koun'tér-poiz), *n.* A weight in opposition and equal to another; a counterbalancing force; equilibrium. *v.t.* To oppose with an equal weight, force, power, or influence.

**counterscarp** (koun'tér-skarp) [CONTRA, L. *scarpa*, scarp], *n.* (*Fort.*) The exterior wall or slope of the ditch.

**countersign** (koun'tér-sin), *v.t.* To attest by an additional signature; to ratify. *n.* A secret word or sign by which one may pass a sentry, or by which the members of an association may recognize each other.

**countersink** (koun'tér-sink), *v.t.* To chamber a hole for a screw or bolt head; to sink (the head of a screw, etc.) into such a hole.

**countervail** (koun-tér-vál') [O.F. *contre-vail*], *v.t.* To act against with equal effect or power; to counterbalance. *v.i.* To be of equal weight, power, or influence on the opposite side.

**countess** (koun'tes) [O.F. *cuntesse*, late L. *comitissa*, fem. of *comes*, COUNT], *n.* The

wife of a count or of an earl; a lady holding this rank in her own right.

**countified** (kūn-tri-fid) [p.p. (COUNTRY, -FY)], *a.* Rustic in manners or appearance.

**country** (kūn'tri) [O.F. *cuntrée*, late L. *contrāta*, a region over against, *contrā*, against], *n.* A region or state, or its inhabitants;

one's native land; the rural part as distinct from towns; the rest of a land as distinguished from the capital. *a.* Pertaining to the country; rural. **country-dance**,

*n.* A dance in which partners are ranged in lines opposite to each other. **countryman**, *n.* One who lives in a rural district;

an inhabitant of any particular region; a native of the same country as another.

**countrywoman**, *n.* **countryside**, *n.* A rural district; the inhabitants of this.

**county** (koun'ti) [L. *comitatus* (see COUNT (2))], *n.* A shire; a division of land for administrative, judicial, and political purposes. *a.* Pertaining to a county. **county**

**town**, *n.* The chief town of any county.

**coup** (koo) [F., a blow], *n.* A telling or decisive blow; a victory; a successful move. **coup d'état** (-dā-tā'), *n.* A sudden and violent change of government, esp. of a revolutionary nature. **coup de**

**grâce** (-dē-gras'), *n.* The finishing stroke.

**coupé** (koo'pā) [F.], *n.* A four-wheeled close carriage; a railway compartment with a seat on one side only.

**couple** (küpl) [O.F. *cople*], *n.* Two of the same kind considered together; a leash; a pair; a betrothed or married pair. *v.t.* To connect or fasten together; to unite in marriage. **couplet**, *n.* Two lines of running verse. **coupling**, *n.* The action of the verb; a device for connecting railway

carriages, etc., together.

**coupon** (koo'pon) [F., a piece cut off], *n.* A detachable certificate for the payment of interest on bonds; a detachable ticket or certificate of various kinds.

**courage** (kūr'āj) [O.F. *corage*], *n.* Bravery, intrepidity. **courageous** (kūr-rāj'jūs), *a.*

**courier** (kur'ī-ēr) [M.E. *corour*, O.F. *coreor*, from L. *currere*, to run], *n.* An express messenger; a travelling servant who makes all arrangements beforehand.

**course** (kōrs) [O.F. *cours*, as prec.], *n.* A race; passage from one place to another; the track passed over; the direction of a stream; the ground on which a race is run; a chase after a hare; career; a series; one of a series of dishes served at a meal; mode of procedure; a row of laid bricks. *v.t.* To run after, pursue; to traverse. *v.i.* To chase hares with greyhounds; to run or move quickly; to circulate (as the blood). of **course**: By consequence, naturally. **courser**, *n.* A swift horse, a war-horse; one who practises coursing; a dog used in coursing. **coursing**, *n.* The sport of hunting hares with greyhounds.

**court** (kōrt) [O.F. *cort*, L. *cohors*, an enclosure], *n.* A place enclosed by buildings; a narrow street; a quadrangle; an enclosed or marked out piece of ground used



for games; the residence or retinue of a sovereign; the sovereign and advisers regarded as the ruling power; a State reception; a body having jurisdiction; the chamber in which justice is administered, the judges or persons assembled to hear any cause; deferential attention paid to secure favour or regard. *v.t.* To seek the favour of; to pay court to; to seek the affections of, to woo. *v.i.* To make love. **court-card**, *n.* The king, queen, or knave in any suit in a pack of cards. **court-house**, *n.* A building containing rooms used by any court. **court-martial**, *n.* A court for the trial of naval or military offenders. *v.t.* To try by court-martial. **courtyard**, *n.* An area round or within a large building.

**courteous** (kŕt'è-ùs) [O.F. *cortois*], *a.* Having court-like manners, polite, affable, considerate. *adv.* **courteousness**, *n.*

**courtesan**, -zan (kŕt'è-zăn') [F. *courtisane*], *n.* A prostitute.

**courtesy** (kŕt'è-si) [O.F. *cortisie*], *n.* Courteousness, politeness; favour, as opposed to right; an act of civility.

**courtier** (kŕt'è-ër) [O.F. *cortier*, to live at court], *n.* One who is a frequenter at the court of a prince.

**courtly** (kŕt'li), *a.* Of or pertaining to a court; elegant, polite; obsequious.

**courtship** (kŕt'ship), *n.* The act of soliciting in marriage.

**cousin** (kŕzn) [F.], *n.* The child of an uncle or aunt; a kinsman.

**cove** (kŕv) [A.-S. *cofa*, a chamber], *n.* A small creek or bay; a sheltered recess.

**covenant** (kŕv'è-nânt) [O.F., as *CONVENE*], *n.* An agreement on certain terms; a compact; a document containing this. *v.i.* To enter into a covenant. **covenanted**, *a.* Secured by or held under a covenant; bound by a covenant. **covenanter**, *n.* One who enters into a covenant; an adherent of the Scottish National Covenant of 1638 or the Solemn League and Covenant of 1643.

**cover** (kŕv'ër) [O.F. *cuvrir*], *v.t.* To overlay; to overspread with something; to protect, conceal, cloak, screen; to include, to be enough to defray; to extend over; to hold under aim with a fire-arm. *n.* Anything which covers or hides; a lid; the outside of a book; pretence, pretext; shelter, protection; the articles for one person at table; a thicket, woods which conceal game; sufficient funds to meet a liability, etc. **covering**, *n.*

**coverlet** (kŕv'èr-lèt) [A.-F. *coverlit* (COVER, lit, bed)], *n.* A bed covering; counterpane.

**covert** (kŕv'ért) [as prec.], *a.* Covered; disguised, private; under protection. *n.* A shelter; a cover for game. **covertly**, *adv.* **coverture**, *n.* A hiding-place; secrecy; the state of a married woman, as under the authority of her husband.

**covet** (kŕv'et) [A.-F. and O.F. *coveiter*], *v.t.* To desire (something unlawful) inordinately; to long for. *v.i.* To have an in-

ordinate desire. **covetous**, *a.* **covetously**, *adv.* **covetousness**, *n.*

**covey** (kŕv'i) [F., hatched], *n.* A brood or small flock of birds, esp. partridges.

**cow** (1) (kou) [A.-S. *cu*], *n.* (*pl.* **cows**, \**kline*) The female of any bovine species, esp. of the domesticated bull; a female elephant or cetacean. **cowboy**, *n.* One who tends cattle, esp. on a ranch. **cowherd**, *n.* One who tends cattle.

**cow** (2) [?], *v.t.* To intimidate, deprive of spirit or courage; to daunt. **cowed**, *a.*

**coward** (kou'árd) [O.F. *coart*], *n.* A poltroon; one without courage. *a.* Timid, pusillanimous. **cowardice**, *n.* **cowardliness**, *n.*

**cower** (kou'ër) [?], *v.i.* To stoop, bend, crouch; to shrink or quail through fear.

**cowl** (koul) [A.-S. *cugle*, L. *cucullus*, a hood], *n.* A hooded garment, esp. one worn by a monk; a chimney-top which moves with the wind.

**cowry** (kou'ri) [Hind. *kawri*], *n.* A small shell used as money in parts of S. Asia and Africa.

**cowslip** (kou'slip) [A.-S. *cū-slyppe*, cow-dung], *n.* A species of primrose with fragrant flowers, growing in pastures.

**coxcomb** (koks'kŕm) [COCK]. *n.* A conceited person, a top, dandy. **coxcombry**, *n.*

**coxswain** (koks, kok'swân) [COCK, SWAIN], *n.* One who steers, esp. in a race; the petty officer in charge of a boat.

**coy** (koi) [F.], *a.* Shrinking from familiarity; shy, reserved, coquettish. **coyly**, *adv.* **coyness**, *n.*

**cozen** (kŕzn) [?], *v.t.* To deceive, cheat.

**crab** (1) (kráb) [A.-S. *crabba*], *n.* A marine crustacean; the zodiacal constellation Cancer; a sour, wild apple, crab-apple; a peevish, morose person. *v.t.* To claw, scratch; to criticize savagely, pull to pieces. **crabbed** (kráb'éd), *a.* Peevish, morose; sour-tempered; cramped, undecipherable. **crabbedly**, *adv.* **crabbedness**, *n.*

**crack** (krák) [A.-S. *cracian*], *v.t.* To break without entire separation; to cause to give a sharp, sudden noise; to say smartly or sententiously. *v.i.* To break partially asunder; to utter a loud sharp sound; to boast, brag; to change (of voices at puberty); to chat. *n.* A sudden and partial separation of parts, a chink, fissure, or opening; a sharp sudden sound; a smart blow; a chat. *a.* Having qualities to be boasted of; superior. **crack-brained**, *a.* Crazy. **cracked**, *a.* Half-witted; insane. **cracker**, *n.* One who or that which cracks; a firework; a thin biscuit; a bonbon that gives a report in being torn open.

**crackle** (krákli) [from prec.], *v.i.* To make short, sharp cracking noises. *n.* A rapid succession of slight, sharp noises like cracks. **crackling**, *a.* Making short, sharp, frequent cracks. *n.* The browned scored skin of roast pork.

**cracknel** (krák'nél) [F. *craquelin*], *n.* A hard, brittle biscuit.

**-cracy** [Gr. *-kratia*, from *kratos*, power], *suf.* Rule of; influential or dominant by means of; as in *aristocracy*, *democracy*, *plutocracy*.

**cradle** (krädl) [A.-S. *cradol*], *n.* A baby's cot, usu. rocking or swinging; (*fig.*) place of early nurture; a frame to protect a wounded limb in bed, to support a vessel out of water, etc.; (*Mining*) a gold-washing machine; the frame-work for an arch, etc. *v.t.* To lay or rock in a cradle.

**craft** (krafft) [A.-S. *cræft*], *n.* Skill; cunning, deceit; a handicraft, occupation, trade, or its members; a vessel (*pl. unchanged*). **craftsman**, *n.* A skilled artisan. **craftsmanship**, *n.* **crafty**, *a.* Artful, sly, wily. **craftiness**, *n.*

**crag** (krág) [Gael. *creag*], *n.* A rugged or precipitous rock; shelly deposits.

**cram** (kräm) [A.-S. *crammian*], *v.t.* To stuff or press in so as to fill to overflowing; to coach hurriedly for examination. *v.i.* To eat greedily, to stuff oneself; to get up a subject hastily and superficially.

**crambo** (krám'bō) [L. *crambē* (*repetita*), cabbage (served up again)], *n.* A game in which one selects a word to which another finds a rhyme.

**cramp** (krämp) [O F. *crampe*], *n.* A spasmodic contraction of a limb or muscle; a cramp-iron, clamp. *v.t.* To affect with cramp; to confine closely; to hinder, restrain; to fasten with a cramp-iron. *a.* Cramped, contracted. **cramp-iron**, *n.* An iron with bent ends binding two stones together in a course.

**cranberry** (krän'bér-i) [L.G. *kraanbere*], *n.* The bitter marsh whortleberry.

**crane** (krän) [A.-S. *cran*], *n.* A migratory wading bird with long neck and legs; a machine for hoisting heavy weights; a siphon for drawing liquors from a cask, for supplying a locomotive with water, etc. *v.i.* To stretch out the neck like a crane.

**cranio-** [Gr. *kranion*, the skull], *comb. form.* Pertaining to the skull. **craniology**, *n.* The scientific study of crania.

**cranium** (krä'ni-üm) [as prec.], *n.* (*pl. -ia*) The skull, esp. the part enclosing the brain.

**crank** (kränk) [A.-S. *cranc*, past of *crincan*, to be bent up], *n.* An apparatus for converting rotary into reciprocating motion, or the converse; an elbow-shaped brace; a caprice, whim; a crotchety person, an eccentric; a crook, a turn. *a.* (*Naut.*) Liable to upset; shaky, liable to break down.

**cranky** (kräng'ki) [CRANK], *a.* Irritable, whimsical; full of twists; shaky, sickly; (*Naut.*) liable to upset.

**cranny** (krän'i) [?], *n.* A crevice, chink; a corner, hole. **crannied**, *a.*

**crape** (kráp) [F., *crêpe*], *n.* A gauzy fabric with a crisped, frizzly surface, usually dyed black, used for mourning.

**crapulent** (kráp'ü-lént) [L. *crāpulentus*, drunken], *a.* Surfeited, drunken. **crapulence**, *n.* **crapulous**, *a.*

**crash** (kräsh) [imit.], *v.t.* To break to pieces or dash together violently. *v.i.* To make a loud smashing noise. *n.* A violent smash or the noise of this; a sudden collapse, bankruptcy; a coarse linen cloth.

**crass** (kräs) [L. *crassus*], *a.* Thick, coarse, gross, stupid, obtuse. **crassness**, *n.*

**-crat** [Gr. *-kratēs* (cf. -CRACY)], *suf.* A partisan, supporter, member, as *autocrat*, *democrat*.

**cratch** (kräch) [O.F. *creche*], *n.* A manger, hay-rack, esp. for use out of doors.

**crate** (krät) [L. *crātes*], *n.* A large wicker case for packing crockery; an open frame-work of wood for packing.

**crater** (krät'er) [Gr. *kratēr*, a bowl], *n.* The mouth of a volcano; a funnel-shaped cavity; a cavity formed by a mine or shell exploding.

**cravat** (krä-vät') [F. *cravate*], *n.* A neck-cloth for men; a tie.

**crave** (kräv) [A.-S. *cræfan*], *v.t.* To ask for earnestly and submissively; to long for.

**craven** (krä'ven) [M.E. *cravant*], *n.* A coward, recreant, a dastard. *a.* Cowardly, faint-hearted. **cravenly**, *adv.*

**crawl** (krawl) [Scand.], *v.i.* To move slowly along the ground; to creep; to assume an abject manner; to get on by meanness and servility. *n.* The act of crawling. **crawler**, *n.*

**crayfish** (krä'fish) [M.E. *crevice*], *n.* The freshwater lobster; the marine spiny lobster.

**crayon** (krä'ön) [F.], *n.* A pencil of coloured chalk or similar material; a drawing made with crayons. *v.t.* To draw with crayons; to sketch.

**craze** (kráz) [Scand.], *v.t.* To derange the intellect; to make flaws in (china, etc.).

*n.* A mania, an extravagant enthusiasm, a rage. **crazed**, *a.* Deranged in intellect. **crazy**, *a.* Broken down, unsound, shaky; broken-witted, deranged. **crazily**, *adv.*

**creak** (kräk) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a continued grating noise.

**cream** (krēm) [F. *crème*], *n.* The rich, oily part of milk which rises and collects on the surface; something prepared from this; the best part of anything.

**crease** (krēs) [?], *n.* A line or mark made by folding or doubling; (*Cricket*) a line marking the position of bowler and batsman. *v.t.* To make a crease or mark in. *v.i.* To become creased or wrinkled.

**create** (kré-ät') [L. *creatus*], *v.t.* To cause to exist; to produce, originate; to invest with an office or dignity. **creative**, *a.*

**creation** (kré-ä'shün) [L. *creatio* (*creäre*, to CREATE)], *n.* The act of creating, esp. creating the world; the universe, all created things; the act of investing with a new character or position; a production of art, craft, or intellect. **creative**, etc. [CREATE]. **creator**, *n.* One who or that which creates; the Maker of the Universe.

**creature** (kré'chèr) [as prec.], *n.* That which is created; a living being; one who



owes his rise or fortune to another; a mere tool. *a.* Of or pertaining to the body.

**crèche** (krāsh) [F.], *n.* A public nursery in which the children are left while their parents are at work.

**credence** (kré'déns) [L. *crēdere*, to believe], *n.* Credit, reliance, confidence; that which gives a claim to confidence. **credent'ial**, *n.* Anything which gives a title to confidence; (*pl.*) documents accrediting a person. **credible**, *a.* **credibil'ity**, *n.*

**credit** (kred'it) [F. *crédit*, as prec.], *n.* Belief, trust, faith; a reputation inspiring confidence, esp. a reputation for solvency; anything due to any person; time given for payment; the side of an account in which payment is entered; an entry on this side. *v.t.* To believe; to set to the credit of or give credit for; to ascribe to. **creditable**, *a.* Bringing credit or honour. **creditably**, *adv.* **creditor**, *n.* One to whom a debt is due.

**credulous** (kred'ū-lūs) [L. *crēdulus*, as prec.], *a.* Disposed to believe, esp. without sufficient evidence. **credu'lity**, *n.*

**creed** (krēd) [A.-S. *crēda*, L. *crēdo*, I believe], *n.* A summary of the articles of religious belief; a system of religious belief.

**creek** (krēk) [?], *n.* A small inlet on the coast; a backwater or arm of a river.

**creel** (krēl) [?], *n.* An osier basket.

**creep** (krēp) [A.-S. *crēopan*], *v.i.* To crawl along as a serpent; to grow along, as a creeping plant; to move slowly, stealthily, or with timidity; to behave with servility; to have a sensation of shivering or shrinking. *n.* Creeping; a low arch or passage for animals; (*pl.*) a feeling of shrinking horror. **creeper**, *n.* One who or that which creeps or crawls; a plant with a creeping stem; a grapnel used in dragging. **creepy**, *a.* Having or causing the sensation of creeping of the flesh.

**cremate** (kré-māt') [L. *cremātus*, burnt], *v.t.* To dispose of a corpse by burning. **cremation**, *n.* **cremator'ium**, *n.* A place where bodies are cremated. **crem'a-tory**, *a.*

**creole** (kré'ol) [Sp. *criollo*], *n.* One born of European parentage in the West Indies or Spanish America.

**creosote** (kré'ò-sòt) [Gr. *kreas*, flesh, *sōtēr*, saviour], *n.* An oily, colourless liquid with strong antiseptic properties.

**crepuscular** (kré-pūs'kū-lār) [L. *crepusculum*, twilight], *a.* Pertaining to or connected with twilight; indistinct, obscure.

**crescendo** (kré-shen'dō) [It., growing], *n.* (*Mus.*) A gradual increase in the force of sound. *adv.* With increasing volume.

**crescent** (kré'sént) [L. *crēscens-nem*, growing], *a.* Shaped like the new moon. *n.* The increasing moon in her first quarter; a figure like the new moon, esp. as the badge of Turkey; Mohammedanism; a row of buildings in this form.

**cress** (kres) [A.-S. *cæsse*], *n.* Various plants with a pungent taste.

**cresset** (kres'ét) [O.F.], *n.* An iron frame to contain a fire for a beacon.

**crest** (krest) [O.F. *criste*, L. *cresta*], *n.* A plume or tuft on the head of an animal, esp. a bird; a tuft of feathers, esp. on a helmet; a family or personal device placed above the shield in a coat-of-arms; the summit of a mountain, ridge, or a wave. **crest-fallen**, *a.* Dispirited, abashed.

**cretin** (kré'tin) [F. *crétin*], *n.* An inhabitant of the Alpine regions suffering from a particular kind of idiocy prevalent there.

**cretonne** (kret'on) [F.], *n.* A cotton fabric with pictorial patterns.

**crevasse** (kré-vās') [F., see foll.], *n.* A deep fissure in a glacier.

**crevice** (krév'is) [M.E. and O.F. *crevace*, L. *crepāre*, to crackle, burst], *n.* A crack, cleft, fissure.

**crew** (kroo) [O.F. *creue*], *n.* The seamen manning a ship or boat; a number of associated persons; a gang, mob.

**crewel** (kroo'el) [?], *n.* Fine two-threaded worsted.

**crib** (krib) [A.-S.], *n.* A child's cot; a manger; a stall for cattle; a hovel; a wicker salmon-trap; cribbage; a plagiarism; a key to a foreign literary work; a situation, berth. *v.t.* To confine; to steal, appropriate; to use a translation.

**cribbage** (krib'áj), [CRIB, -AGE], *n.* A game at cards for two, three, or four players.

**crick** (krik) [?], *n.* A spasmodic affection from stiffness, esp. of the neck or back.

**cricket** (1) (krik'ét) [O.F. *criquer*, to creak], *n.* An insect making a chirping noise.

**cricket** (2) (krik'ét) [?], *n.* An open-air game played by two sides of eleven each, with bats, a ball, and wickets. *v.t.* To play cricket. **cricketer**, *n.*

**crier** (kri'ér) [CRY], *n.* One who cries or proclaims, esp. an official who publicly proclaims sales, lost articles, etc.

**crime** (krím) [L. *crimen*], *n.* An act contrary to law, human or divine; any act of wickedness; wrong-doing, sin. **criminal** (krim'i-nál), *a.* Of the nature of a crime; contrary to law; guilty of or tainted with crime. *n.* One guilty of a crime; a convict. **criminal'ity**, *n.* **criminally**, *adv.*

**criminate**, *v.t.* To accuse or prove guilty of a crime. **crimination**, *n.* Accusation. **crim'inative**, *a.* **criminatory**, *a.*

**criminol'ogy**, *n.* The science of crime.

**crimp** (1) (krimp) [?], *v.t.* To curl; to frill, corrugate, crease; to cause to become crisp and firm; to shape or mould; to decoy into the military or naval service. *n.* One who decoys men into the army or navy; a disreputable agent.

**crimson** (krim'zon) [Arab. *qirmazī*], *n.* A deep red colour. *a.* Of this colour.

**cringe** (krinj) [M.E. *cringan*, to sink], *v.i.* To bend humbly; to crouch, fawn, pay servile court. *n.* An obsequious action.

**cringle** (kringl) [L.G. *kringel*, a little ring], *n.* An iron ring on the bolt-rope of a sail.

**crinkle** (krinkl) [A.-S. *crinkan*], *n.* A wrinkle, short bend or turn. **crinkly**, *a.*

**crinoline** (krin'ó-lin) [F., L. *crinis*, hair, *linum*, flax], *n.* A stiff fabric of horsehair; a stiff petticoat, esp. of this material.

**cripple** (kripl) [A.-S. *crypel* (*crēopan*, to creep)], *n.* A lame person. *v.t.* To make lame; to deprive of the power of action.

**crisis** (kri'sis) [G. *krisis*, a decision], *n.* (*pl. -ses*) The turning-point, esp. of a disease; a momentous juncture in war.

**crisp** (krisp) [A.-S., L. *crispus*, curled], *a.* Firm but brittle; fresh-looking, brisk; *curt. v.t.* To curl, wrinkle, ripple. *v.i.* To become curly or wrinkly.

**criterion** (kri-tēr'i-ōn) [Gr., as foll.], *n.* (*pl. -ia*) A standard by which a thing is or can be judged.

**critic** (krit'ik) [Gr. *kritikos* (*kritēs*, a judge, *krinein*, to judge)], *n.* One skilled in judging of literary or artistic merit; a reviewer; a censorer, caviller. **critical**, *a.* **criticism** (krit'is-izm), *n.* The act of judging, esp. literary or artistic works; a critical essay or opinion; the work of criticizing. **criticize**, *v.t.* To examine critically and deliver an opinion upon; to censure; *v.i.* To play the critic. **critique** (kri-tēk'), *n.* A critical essay or judgment.

**croak** (krōk) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a hoarse low sound in the throat, as a frog or raven; to grumble, forbode evil. *v.t.* To utter in a low hoarse voice. *n.* The sound made by a frog or raven. **croaker**, *n.*

**crochet** (krō'shā) [F., a small hook], *n.* A kind of knitting performed with a hooked needle. *v.* To knit or make in crochet.

**crock** (krok) [A.-S. *crocca*], *n.* An earthenware pot, pitcher, jar, etc.; soot from combustion on pots or kettles, etc.; a broken-down horse or machine; a fool. **crockery**, *n.* Earthenware vessels.

**crocodile** (krok'ō-dil) [Gr. *krokodēilos*], *n.* A large amphibian scaly-backed reptile. **crocodile tears**: Hypocritical tears.

**crocus** (krō'kūs) [Gr. *krokos*], *n.* A genus of bulbous plants.

**croft** (kroft) [A.-S.], *n.* A piece of enclosed ground adjoining a house; a small farm. **crofter**, *n.* One who farms a croft.

**cromlech** (krom'lek) [W., *crom*, bent, *llech*, stone], *n.* A prehistoric structure in which a large flat stone rests horizontally on upright ones.

**crone** (krōn) [O.F. *carogue*, an old woman], *n.* An old ewe; an old woman.

**crony** (krō'ni) [?], *n.* An intimate friend.

**crook** (kruk) [O. Teut.], *n.* A bent or curved instrument; a shepherd's or bishop's staff; a curve, meander; a swindler. *v.t.* To make crooked or curved; to pervert. *v.i.* To be bent or crooked. **crooked** (kruk'ed), *a.* Bent, curved; twisting; deformed; not straightforward.

**crop** (krop) [A.-S.], *n.* The stomach of a fowl; the highest part; a whipstock with loop instead of lash; that which is cut or gathered; the harvest yield; an entire hide; various cuts of meat; the outcrop of a lode, a seam, or a stratum of rock. *v.t.* To cut off the ends of; to mow, reap; to gather; to cultivate.

**croquet** (krō'kā) [O.F. *croket*], *n.* A game played on a lawn with balls and mallets.

**crosier** (krō'zhyér) [O.F. *crossier*], *n.* The pastoral staff of a bishop or abbot.

**cross** (1) (kros) [A.-S. *cross*, L. *cruz crucis*], *n.* An ancient instrument of torture made of two pieces of timber set transversely; a monument, staff, sign, mark, etc. in this form; the Christian religion, Christianity; the mixture of two distinct stocks, and the animal resulting from such mixture; anything that thwarts or obstructs; trouble, affliction; a preconceived fraud. *a.* Transverse, oblique, lateral; intersecting; adverse, contrary; peevish; ill-gotten. **cross-breed**, *n.* A breed produced from a male and female of different strains or varieties; a hybrid. **cross-examine**, *v.t.* To examine systematically for the purpose of eliciting facts not brought out in direct examination or for confirming or contradicting the direct evidence. **cross-grained**, *a.* Having the grain or fibres running across or irregular; perverse, peevish; intractable. **cross-patch**, *n.* A cross, ill-tempered person. **cross-purpose**, *n.* A contrary purpose; contradiction, misunderstanding. **cross-road**, *n.* A road that crosses another or connects two others; a by-way. **cross-stitch**, *n.* A kind of stitch crossing others in series. **cross-trees**, *n.pl.* Timbers on the top of masts to support the rigging of the mast above.

**cross** (2) [from prec.], *v.t.* To draw a line across; to cancel by cross lines; to make the sign of the cross; to pass across, traverse; to intersect; to pass in front of; to meet and pass; to bestride; to cause to interbreed; to thwart, counteract; to be inconsistent with. *v.i.* To lie, pass, or be across or over something; to be inconsistent; to interbreed. **crossing**, *n.* The action of the verb; a place of crossing; contradiction, opposition. **crossly**, *adv.* In an ill-humoured manner. **crossness**, *n.*

**crotch** (kroch) [?], *n.* A forking. **crotchet** (kroch'et) [F. *crochet*, a little hook], *n.* A peculiar turn of mind; a whimsical fancy; (*Mus.*) a note, the double of a quaver. **crotchety**, *a.* Irritable.

**croton** (krō'tón) [Gr. *krotón*, a tick], *n.* A genus of medicinal plants yielding a drastic purgative oil.

**crouch** (krouch) [?], *v.i.* To bend low; to lie close to the ground; to cringe, fawn. **croup** (1) (kroop) [F. *croupe*], *n.* The rump, buttocks (esp. of a horse); the part behind the saddle.

**croup** (2) [imit.], *n.* A disease of the throat characterized by hoarse coughing and difficulty of breathing, common in infancy. **croupier** (kroo'pēr) [F.], *n.* One who superintends at a gaming-table.

**crow** (krō) [A.-S. *crāwe*, *crawan*, to crow], *n.* A large black bird, the hooded crow, the carrion crow; the cry of a cock; the cry of delight of an infant. *v.i.* (*past crow*, *crowed*) To make a loud cry like a cock; to make a cry of delight like an infant; to exult; to brag, boast. *v.t.* To proclaim by crowing. **crowbar**, *n.* A bar of iron



bent at one end (like a crow's beak) and used as a lever.

**crowd** (kroud) [A.-S. *crādan*], *v.t.* To press or squeeze closely together; to throng or press upon. *v.i.* To throng, swarm; to collect in crowds. *n.* A number of persons or things collected closely and confusedly together; the mob, the populace.

**crown** (kroun) [A.-F. *coroune*, L. *corōna*], *n.* A garland of honour worn on the head; the ornamental circlet worn on the head by emperors, kings, etc., as a badge of sovereignty; royal power; the sovereign; a five-shilling piece; a foreign coin of various values; the top of the head, a hat, a mountain, arch, cornice, road, bridge, etc.; the portion of a tooth above the gum; the culmination, glory; reward, distinction. *v.t.* To invest with a crown, or regal or imperial dignity; to form a crown or top to; to dignify, to adorn; to consummate. **Crown prince**, *n.* The name given in some countries to the heir apparent. **crowned**, *a.*

**crucial** (kroo'shi-ál) [L., as *CROSS*], *a.* Decisive; searching; in the form of a cross.

**crucible** (kroo'sibl) [late L. *crucibulum*], *n.* A melting-pot adapted to withstand high temperatures.

**crucifix** (kroo'si-fiks) [L. *cruci-fixus*, fixed to a cross], *n.* A cross bearing a figure of Christ. **crucifixion**, *n.* The act of crucifying; the death of Christ on the cross. **cru'ciform**, *a.* Cross-shaped; arranged in the form of a cross. **cru'cify**, *v.t.* To punish or kill by affixing to a cross.

**crude** (krood) [L. *crūdus*, raw], *a.* Raw; in a natural state; unripe; inexperienced, rude; coarse, rough. **crudely**, *adv.* **crudeness**, *n.* **crudity**, *n.*

**cruel** (kroo'el) [L. *crūdēlis*], *a.* Inhuman, unfeeling, hard-hearted; causing pain. **cruelly**, *adv.* **cruelty**, *n.*

**cruet** (kroo'et) [A.-F.], *n.* A small bottle or set of bottles for vinegar, oil, etc.

**cruise** (krooz) [Dut. *kruisen*], *v.i.* To sail to and fro. *n.* Such a voyage. **cruiser**, *n.* A person or ship that cruises, esp. a swift warship.

**crumb** (krūm) [A.-S. *crūma*], *n.* A small piece, esp. of bread; the soft inner part of bread; a tiny portion. *v.t.* To break into or cover with crumbs.

**crumble** (krūmbl) [as prec.], *v.* To break or fall into small particles; to fall into ruin.

**crumpet** (krūm'pét) [?], *n.* A thin spongy tea-cake.

**crumple** (krūmpl) [obs. *crump*, to curl up], *v.t.* To wrinkle.

**crunch** (krūnch) [imit.], *v.t.* To crush noisily with the teeth or foot.

**crupper** (krūp'ér) [CROUP 1], *n.* A strap to keep a saddle from slipping forward; the hind-quarters of a horse.

**crural** (kroo'rál) [L. *crūrālis* (*crās crūris*, the shank)], *a.* Belonging to or shaped like a leg.

**crusade** (krū-sād') [F. *croisade*], *n.* A mediæval expedition under the banner of the Cross to take possession of the Holy

Land; any hostile enterprise conducted in a fanatical spirit. **crusader** (krū-sā'dér), **cruse** (krooz) [Icel. *krús*], *n.* A small pot or bottle.

**crush** (krūsh) [O.F. *cruisir*], *v.t.* To squeeze together so as to break or bruise; to crumple; to overwhelm, oppress, ruin. *n.* The act of crushing; a crowd.

**crust** (krüst) [L. *crusta*], *n.* The hard outer part of bread; any hard rind or coating; a hard piece of bread; a deposit from wine; the solid outer portion of the earth. **crusted**, *a.* Having a crust; hoary, venerable. **crusty**, *a.* Harsh, peevish, morose. **crustacea** (krūs-tā'shi-á) [as prec.], *n.pl.* A class containing lobsters, crabs, shrimps, etc., named from their shelly covering. **crustacean**, *a.* and *n.*

**crutch** (krúch) [A.-S. *cryce*], *n.* A staff with a cross-piece used by the lame; a support. **cry** (kri) [F. *crier*], *v.i.* To call loudly or importunately; to lament loudly, weep; to make proclamation; to exclaim; to call (of animals), yelp. *v.t.* To utter loudly; to proclaim, declare publicly. *n.* A loud utterance, expressive of joy, pain, suffering, astonishment, etc.; an importunate call; proclamation; a catchword; a bitter complaint of injustice or oppression; weeping, lamentation; yelping. **crying**, *a.* That cries; calling for notice or vengeance, flagrant.

**crypt** (kript) [Gr. *kruptos*, hidden], *n.* A vault, esp. one beneath a church. **cryptic**, *a.* Hidden, secret, occult.

**crystal** (kris'tál) [Gr. *krustallos*, ice, rock-crystal], *n.* Transparent quartz or rock crystal; (*Chem. and Min.*) an aggregation of molecules which have assumed a definite geometrical form with the form of a certain number of smooth plane surfaces; (*fig.*) anything clear as crystal; a very pellucid kind of glass. *a.* Clear, transparent, or bright as crystal; made of crystal. **crys'talline**, *a.* Clear, pellucid; applied to the lens behind the iris of the eye. **crys'tallize**, *v.t.* To cause to form crystals; *v.i.* To assume a crystalline form. **crystal-liza'tion**, *n.*

**cub** (küb) [?], *n.* The young of certain animals, a whelp; an uncouth youth; a junior boy-scout.

**cube** (küb) [Gr. *kubos*], *n.* A solid figure contained by six equal squares; the third power of a number (as 8 is the cube of 2). *v.t.* To raise to the third power. **cubic**, **-bical**, *a.* Having the properties or form of a cube.

**cubicle** (kū'bikl) [L. *cubiculum*], *n.* A compartment in a dormitory for one bed.

**cubit** (kū'bit) [L. *cubitus*, elbow], *n.* a measure of length, from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger, 18 to 22 in.

**cuckoo** (kuk'oo) [F. *coucou*, imit.], *n.* A migratory bird which lays its eggs in the nests of other birds; (*fig.*) a foolish fellow.

**cucumber** (kū'kūm-bér) [L. *cucumis*], *m.* A trailing plant; its elongated fruit, used as a salad and pickle.

**cud** (küd) [A.-S. *cuðu*], *n.* Food deposited

by ruminating animals in the first stomach, thence drawn and chewed over again.

**cuddle** (küdl) [?], *v.i.* To lie close or snug together. *v.t.* To embrace, hug, fondle. *n.* A hug.

**cuddy** (kü'd'i) [?], *n.* A small cabin in the stern of a ship where meals are taken.

**cudgel** (küj) [A.-S. *cygel*], *n.* A short club, a bludgeon. *v.t.* To beat with or as with a cudgel.

**cue** (kü) [O.F. *cue* (F. *queue*), L. *cauda*, a tail], *n.* The last words of a speech, which the player who follows waits for as an intimation to begin; a hint; the right course of action; a long straight rod used by billiard-players.

**cuff** (1) (küf) [Swed. *kuffa*, to thrust], *v.t.* To strike with the open hand. *n.* A blow of this kind.

**cuff** (2) (küf) [?], *n.* A fold or band worn round the wrist.

**cuirass** (kwi-räs') [F. *cuirasse*], *n.* A breast-plate and back-plate, body armour.

**cuirassier'**, *n.* A soldier wearing a cuirass.

**cuisine** (kwi-zën') [F.], *n.* The kitchen; style of cooking; cookery.

**cul-de-sac** (kul-dë-säk) [F., bottom of a bag], *n.* A street or lane open only at one end.

**-cule**, *dim. suf.*, as in *animalcule*, *corpuscule*.

**culinary** (kü'lin-är-i) [L. *culīna*, a kitchen], *a.* Relating to or used in the kitchen or cooking.

**cull** (kü) [O.F. *cuillir*], *v.t.* To pick, choose.

**culminate** (kü'l-mi-nät) [late L. *culminātus*], *v.t.* To reach the highest point. **culmination**, *n.*

**culpable** (kü'l-päbl) [L. *culpa*, a fault], *a.* Blameable; guilty. **culpability**, *n.*

**culprit** (kü'l'prit) [as prec.], *n.* One who is in fault; one who is arraigned before a judge.

**cult** (kült) [L. *cultus*], *n.* A system of religious belief, or its rites and ceremonies.

**cultivate** (kü'l-ti-vät) [L. *cultivātus*], *v.t.* To prepare for crops; to raise or develop by tilling, etc.; to improve, to civilize; to foster. **cultivation**, *n.* The art or practice of cultivating; a state of refinement or culture. **cultivator**, *n.*

**culture** (kü'tyür) [F., as CULT], *n.* Husbandry, farming; a state of refinement or intellectual and artistic development.

**cultured**, *a.* In a state of intellectual development; having taste.

**culvert** (kü'l'vert) [?], *n.* An arched drain or waterway under a road, etc.

**cumber** (kü'm'bër) [O.F. *combrer*, to hinder], *v.t.* To hamper, clog, to impede; to perplex, embarrass. **cumbersome**, *a.* Unwieldy; burdensome. **cumbrous**, *a.*

**cummerbund** (kü'm'er-bünd) [Hind. *kamar-band*, waist-band], *n.* A sash or girdle.

**cumulate** (kü'mü-lät) [L. *cumulus*, a heap], *a.* Heaped up, accumulated. **cumulative**, *a.* Increasing by additions; tending to accumulate.

**cumulus** (kü'mü-lüs) [prec.], *n.* (*pl.* -li)

A series of round masses of cloud. **cumulous**, *a.*

**cuneiform** (kü-në-i-förm) [L. *cuneus*, a wedge], *a.* Wedge-shaped; esp. of the arrow-headed characters of Babylonian, Persian and other inscriptions.

**cunning** (kün'ing) [A.-S. *cunnan*, to know], *a.* Knowing, artful, crafty. *n.* Skill, knowledge acquired by experience; artfulness, subtily.

**cup** (küp) [A.-S. *cuppe*], *n.* A vessel to drink from; the liquor in it; an ornamental vessel, usu. of silver, awarded as a trophy; a cup-shaped object; the chalice used in the Holy Communion. *v.t.* To bleed by means of a cupping-glass. **in one's cups**: Intoxicated. **cupful**, *n.*

**cupboard** (kü'börd) [CUP, BOARD], *n.* An enclosed case with shelves, a sideboard, wardrobe. **cupboard-love**, *n.* Interested love.

**cupid** (kü'pid) [L. *Cupido* (*cupere*, to desire)], *n.* The Roman god of Love; a beautiful boy. **cupidity**, *n.* An inordinate desire to possess; avarice.

**cupola** (küp'ô-lä) [It., a little cask], *n.* A small apartment on the summit of a dome; a small dome; a revolving turret on a warship.

**cupreous** (kü'prë-üs) [L. *cuprum*, copper], *a.* Of, like, or composed of copper.

**cur** (kër) [L.G. *kurren*, to snarl], *n.* A mongrel; an ill-conditioned, surly fellow.

**currish**, *a.*

**curaçao** (kü-rä-sö'), *n.* A liqueur flavoured with orange-peel, cinnamon, etc., orig. from Curaçao.

**curate** (kü'rät) [L. *cūra*, a charge, cure], *n.* One with a cure of souls; a clergyman who assists the incumbent. **curacy**, *n.*

**curative** (kü'rä-tiv) [CURE, -ATIVE], *a.* Tending to cure. *n.* Anything that tends to cure.

**curator** (kü-rä'tör) [L. *cūrāre*, to cure], *n.* One in charge of a museum or similar establishment.

**curb** (kërb) [F. *courbe*], *n.* A check, restraint; a chain on a curb-bit; a kerb-stone. *v.t.* To restrain, keep in check, put a curb on. **curb-bit**, *n.* A stiff bit forming a leverage upon the jaws of a horse.

**curd** (kërd) [?], *n.* The coagulated part, esp. of milk. **curdle**, *v.t.* To form into curds; to coagulate, congeal. *v.i.* To become curdled. **curdy**, *a.* Full of curds; curdled, congealed.

**cure** (kür) [O.F., from L. *cūra*, care, whence *cūrāre*, to take care of], *n.* Healing or curing; a remedy, restorative; the care or spiritual charge of souls. *v.t.* To heal, restore to health; to preserve or pickle; to correct a habit or practice. *v.i.* To effect a cure. **curer**, *n.* One who cures; one who prepares preserved food.

**curfew** (kër'fü) [O.F. *couvre-feu*, cover fire], *n.* The extinguishment of fires at a stated hour in the Middle Ages; the bell announcing or the hour for this.



- curio** (kū'ri-ō) [CURIOSITY], *n.* A curious piece of art; a bit of bric-à-brac.
- curious** (kū'ri-ūs) [L. *cūriōsus*], *a.* Inquisitive, desirous to know; extraordinary, odd. **curios'ity**, *n.* A desire to know; inquisitiveness; a rarity; a strange personage. **curiously**, *adv.*
- curl** (kērl) [earlier *crul*, Dut. *kraul*], *n.* A ringlet of hair; anything coiled, twisted, or spiral; a contemptuous curving of the lip. *v.t.* To twist into curls; to dress with ringlets; to curve up. *v.i.* To twist, curve up; to rise in curves or undulations; to play at curling. **curler**, *n.* A player at curling. **curling**, *n.* The act of dressing in curls; a game on the ice, in which large smooth stones are slid towards a mark. **curly**, *a.*
- curlew** (kēr'lū) [O.F., *courtieus*], *n.* A migratory wading bird, named from its cry.
- curmudgeon** (kūr-mūj'on) [?], *n.* A miserly, niggardly person.
- currant** (kūr'ant) [F. *raisins de Corinthe*], *n.* The dried fruit of a dwarf seedless grape from Corinth and the Levant.
- currency** (kūr'en-si) [L. *currere*, to run], *n.* A continual passing from hand to hand, as of money; the circulating monetary medium of a country; the state of being current.
- current** (kūr'ent) [as prec.], *a.* Passing at the present time; belonging to the present; in circulation (esp. of money); generally acknowledged. *n.* A flowing stream (of water, air, etc.); general drift or tendency. **currently**, *adv.* Commonly, generally.
- curriculum** (kū-rik'ū-lūm) [L., race-course (*currere*, to run)], *n.* (*pl. -la*) A fixed course of study.
- currier** (kūr'i-er) [L. *corium*, hide], *n.* One who dresses leather after it has been tanned.
- curry** (1) (kūr'i) [*correier*], *v.t.* To dress a horse with a comb; to dress leather; to flatter (in to curry favour). **curry-comb**, *n.* A comb used for grooming horses.
- curry** (2) [Tamil *kari*], *n.* A highly spiced sauce; a stew prepared with this. *v.t.* To season or dress with curry.
- curse** (kērs) [A.-S. *cursian*], *v.t.* To invoke evil upon; to blast, to excommunicate. *v.i.* To swear, utter imprecations. *n.* A solemn invocation of divine vengeance (upon); an oath, imprecation; anything which causes trouble or great vexation; a sentence of excommunication. **cursed**, **curst** (kēr'sēd, kērst), *a.* Execrable, accursed; vexatious, troublesome; shrewish. **curse'dly**, *adv.*
- cursive** (kēr'siv) [L. *cursivus*, *currere*, to run], *a.* Written in a running hand.
- curstory** (kēr'sō-ri) [L. *curōrius*, as prec.], *a.* Hasty, superficial, careless.
- cut** (kērt) [L. *curtus*, docked], *a.* Short, concise, rudely terse and abrupt.
- curtail** (kūr-tāl') [as prec.], *v.t.* To shorten, lessen, reduce. **curtailment**, *n.*
- curtain** (kēr'tān) [L. *corīna*], *n.* A hanging cloth at a window, door, etc., which can be drawn aside; a cover, protection; a screen, esp. that in a theatre separating stage and spectators. *v.t.* To enclose, furnish, or decorate with curtains.
- curtsy** (kērt'si) [COURTESY], *n.* A bow; a woman's act of respect or salutation.
- curve** (kēr'vāt) [L. *curvātus*, bent], *a.* Curved, bent. **curvature**, *n.*
- curve** (kērv) [L. *curvus*, bent], *n.* A bending without angles; that which is bent. *v.* To bend or cause to bend without angles.
- curvet** (kūr-vet') [It. *corvetta*], *n.* A leap given by a horse with all four feet off the ground at once.
- cushion** (kush'on) [F. *coussin*], *n.* A kind of pillow for sitting, kneeling, or leaning on; anything resembling or acting as a cushion; the lining at the sides of a billiard-table.
- cusp** (kūsp) [L. *cuspis*, a point], *n.* A point, apex; a projecting point formed by the meeting of curves; a projection on a molar tooth.
- custard** (kūs'tārd) [O.F. *croustade*], *n.* A composition of milk and eggs, sweetened and flavoured.
- custody** (kūs'tō-di) [L. *custōdia*], *n.* Guardianship, security; imprisonment, confinement. **custodian**, *n.* One who has the custody or guardianship of anything.
- custom** (kūs'tōm) [O.F. *costume*, L. *consuetudinē*, custom (CON-, *suescere*, to be accustomed)], *n.* Habit, established usage; buying of goods, business; a frequenting a shop to purchase; (*pl.*) custom-duties on imports, etc. **customary**, *a.* Habitual, usual, wonted. **customer**, *n.* One who deals regularly at a particular shop. **custom-house**, *n.* The office where vessels enter and clear, and where custom-duties are paid.
- cut** (kūt) [?], *v.t.* To penetrate, wound, divide, or separate with a sharp instrument; to hew, fell, mow; to carve, to trim or clip; to form, reduce, or mutilate by cutting; to intersect, to cross; to divide (as a pack of cards); to renounce the acquaintance of. *v.i.* To make a wound or incision; to have a good edge; to come through the gums; to divide a pack of cards; to run away quickly. *a.* Severed; shaped by cutting; castrated. *n.* The action of cutting; a stroke with a sharp-edged instrument or a whip; an opening, gash, or wound; anything that hurts the feelings; a slit, groove, trench; a part cut off or out; the shape in which a thing is cut, style; the act of ignoring a former acquaintance.
- cut-throat**, *n.* A murderer, an assassin; *a.* Murderous, barbarous. **cutter**, *n.* One who or that which cuts; one who cuts out clothes; a man-of-war's boat with four to eight oars; a one-masted vessel with fore-and-aft sails. **cutting**, *a.*

**cutaneous** (kū-tā'né-ūs) [L. *cutis*, skin], *a.* Belonging to or affecting the skin.  
**cute** (kūt) [ACUTE], *a.* Cunning, sharp.  
**cuticle** (kū'tikl) [L. *cutis*, skin], *n.* The epidermis or outer skin.  
**cutlass** (kūt'lās) [F. *couteclas*], *n.* A broad curved sword, used esp. by sailors.  
**cutler** (kūt'lér) [O.F. *couteiller*], *n.* One who makes or deals in cutting instruments.  
**cutlery**, *n.* The business of a cutler; edged instruments or tools.  
**cutlet** (kūt'lét) [F. *côtelette*, dim. of *côte*, L. *costa*, rib], *n.* A small slice of meat, from the loin or neck, for cooking.  
**cuttle** (kūt'l) [A.-S. *cudele*], *n.* A cuttle-fish. **cuttle-fish**, *n.* The octopus.  
**cutwater** (kūt'waw-tér) [CUT, WATER], *n.* The fore part of a ship's prow which cuts the water.  
**-cy, suf.** Forming nouns of quality from adjectives, and nouns of office (cp. -SHIP) from nouns.  
**cyan-, cyano-** [Gr. *kuanos*, a dark-blue mineral], *comb. form.* Of a blue colour; pertaining to cyanogen. **cyanic** (si-ān'ik), *a.* Derived from cyanogen. **cy'anide**, *n.* A compound of cyanogen with a metallic element. **cyanogen**, *n.* Gas compounded of carbon and nitrogen.  
**cycle** (sikl) [Gr. *kuklos*, a circle], *n.* A series of events, etc., recurring in the same order; a series that repeats itself; the period in which a series of events is completed; a long period; a body of legend connected with some myth; a bicycle or tricycle. *v.i.* To revolve in a circle; to ride a bicycle or tricycle.  
**cyclic**, -al, *a.* Pertaining to, or moving or recurring in, a cycle; (*Bot.*) arranged in whorls. **cyclist**, *n.* One who rides a bicycle or tricycle.  
**cyclo-** [as prec.], *comb. form.* Circular; pertaining to a circle or circles. **cyclo'-meter**, *n.* An instrument for recording the revolutions of a wheel.  
**cyclone** (si'klōn) [as prec.], *n.* A violent hurricane caused by a system of winds blowing spirally towards a central region of low barometric pressure. **cyclon'ic**, *a.*  
**cyclopean** (si-klō-pé-ān), *a.* Of or pertaining to the Cyclops, a race of one-eyed giants in Greek myth; immense, gigantic.  
**cygnet** (sig'nét) [L. *cygnus*, a swan], *n.* A young swan.  
**cylinder** (sil'in-dér) [Gr. *kulindros*], *n.* A straight roller-shaped body of uniform circumference; a cylindrical member of various machines, as the chamber in a steam-engine in which the piston works, the roller used in machine-printing, etc.  
**cylin'drical**, *a.*  
**cymbal** (sim'bál) [Gr. *kumbalon*], *n.* One of a pair of metal disks clashed together to produce a sharp sound. **cymbalist**, *n.*  
**Cymric** (kim'rik) [W. *Cymru*, Wales], *a.* Pertaining to the Welsh. *n.* The Welsh language.  
**cynic** (sin'ik) [Gr. *kunikos kuōn*, a dog], *n.* An ancient Greek philosopher (follower of Diogenes) who scorned all luxury, the

arts, etc.; a morose, sarcastic, sneering person. **cynical**, *a.* **cynicism**, *n.*  
**cynosure** (sin'ò-sūr) [Gr. *kunosoura*, the dog's tail], *n.* The constellation of the Lesser Bear, containing the north star; a centre of interest or attraction.  
**cypress** (si'prés) [Gr. *kupressos*], *n.* A coniferous tree with very durable wood; a branch of this as emblem of mourning.  
**cyst** (sist) [Gr. *kustis*, a bladder], *n.* A bladder, vesicle, or hollow organ; a sac containing morbid matter.  
**Czech** (chek), *n.* Bohemian; the Bohemian language. *a.* Pertaining to the Czechs.  
**Czecho-Slovak**, *n.* A member of a nation comprising the Czechs and the Slovaks, whose independence was acknowledged in 1918. *a.* Of or pertaining to this nation.

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**dab** (dāb) [?], *v.t.* To strike gently with something moist or soft; to pat. *n.* A gentle blow; a light stroke or wipe with a soft substance; a lump; an adept, expert; a small flat-fish.  
**dabble** (dābl) [freq. of DAB], *v.t.* To keep on dabbling; to besprinkle, splash. *v.i.* To play or splash about in water; to do anything in a superficial manner; to dip into a subject. **dabbler**, *n.* One who dabbles with any subject.  
**dabchick** (dāb'chik) [DIP], *n.* The little grebe.  
**dace** (dās) [O.F. *dars*], *n.* A small river fish.  
**dachshund** (daks'hund) [G., badger-hound] *n.* A short-legged breed of dog.  
**dacoit** (dā-koit') (Hind, *dākā*, robbery by a gang), *n.* One of an Indian band of armed robbers. **dacoity**, *n.*  
**dactyl** (dāk'til) [Gr. a finger], *n.* A metrical foot consisting of one long followed by two short syllables. **dactyl'ic**, *a.*  
**dado** (dā'dō) [It., a cube], *n.* A wainscoting or decoration round the lower part of walls.  
**daffodil** (dāf'ō-dil) [Gr. *asphodelos*], *n.* The Lent lily or other varieties of narcissus.  
**daft** (daft) [A.-S. *gedæfte*, gentle], *a.* Weak-minded, imbecile; silly.  
**dagger** (däg'ér) [F. *daguer*], *n.* A short two-edged stabbing weapon.  
**daguerreotype** (dā-ger'ró-tip) [*Daguerre*, the inventor (d. 1851)], *n.* A photograph on a polished metal plate.  
**dahlia** (dā'li-ā) [*Dahl*, a pupil of Linnæus], *n.* A genus of composite plants.  
**daily** (dā'li) [DAY, -LY], *a.* Happening, done, recurring, or necessary for every day. *adv.* Day by day. *n.* A newspaper published every week-day.  
**dainty** (dān'ti) [O.F. *daintié*, L. *dignus*, worthy], *n.* A delicacy; a choice morsel. *a.* Pleasing to the taste, choice; pretty, delicate; fastidious, over-nice.  
**dairy** (dār'i) [A.-S. *dæge*, a maid-servant], *n.* The place where milk is kept and converted into butter or cheese, or where milk,



cream, and butter are sold. *a.* Belonging to a dairy or its business. **dairy-farm**, *n.* **dairying**, *n.* Dairy-farming. **dairy-maid**, *n.*

**dais** (dā'is) [A.-F. *dais*], *n.* The raised floor at the upper end of a dining-hall; the principal table or seat at it; a platform.

**daisy** (dā'zi) [A.-S. *dæges æge*, day's eye], *n.* A small composite flower.

**dale** (dāl) [A.-S. *dæl*, a valley], *n.* A valley. **dalesman**, *n.* A dweller in a dale.

**dally** (dāl'i) [O.F. *dalier*, to chat], *v.i.* To exchange caresses; to idle, delay, waste time. **dalliance**, *n.*

**dam** (1) (dām) [DAME], *n.* A mother (of beasts).

**dam** (2) [Teut.], *n.* A bank to keep back water; a causeway. *v.t.* To keep back or confine by a dam; to obstruct, hinder.

**damage** (dām-āj) [L. *damnum*, cost, loss], *n.* Hurt, injury, detriment; loss or harm incurred; (*pl.*) value of or reparation for injury done. *v.t.* To cause damage to. **damageable**, *a.* Susceptible of damage.

**damascene** (dām-a-sēn') [Gr. *Damaskēnos*, of Damascus], *v.t.* To ornament steel, etc., by inlaying with another metal.

**damask** (dām'ask) [as prec.], *n.* A silk or linen fabric with raised figures woven in the pattern; pink, the colour of the damask rose. *a.* Made of damask; like the damask rose. *v.t.* To work or imprint flowers on; to damascene. **damask rose**, *n.* An old-fashioned pink rose.

**dame** (dām) [O.F. L. *domina*], *n.* A lady; a female title of honour.

**damn** (dām) [L. *damnum*, loss, fine], *v.t.* To condemn; to call down curses on. *v.i.* To swear profanely. *n.* A profane oath; a negligible amount. **damnable**, *a.* Deserving damnation; odious, execrable. **damnably**, *adv.* **damnation**, *n.* Eternal punishment or condemnation to it; the damning of a play, etc.; a profane oath. **dam'natory**, *a.* Causing or implying condemnation. **damned**, *a.* Condemned; execrable, damnable. **damning**, *a.* Involving damnation; damnable.

**damp** (dāmp) [Teut.], *a.* Moist, humid; clammy. *n.* Humidity, moisture; chill, discouragement; depression. *v.t.* To moisten; to depress, discourage. **dampen**, *v.t.* To make damp, to dull, deject. *v.i.* To become damp. **dampener**, *n.* One who or that which damps or deadens; a valve in a flue for regulating a fire; (*Austral.*) a hastily baked unfermented cake.

**damsel** (dām'zél) [O.F. *damoisele*], *n.* A young unmarried woman.

**damson** (dām'zón) [L. *Damascēnum*, of Damascus], *n.* A small black plum; the tree that bears it.

**dance** (dans) [O.F. *danser*], *v.t.* To move or trip, usu. to music with rhythmical steps; to skip, frolic. *v.t.* To express or accomplish by dancing; to toss up and down, dandle, cause to dance. *n.* A rhythmical stepping with motions of the body, usu.

to music; the tune by which such movements are regulated; a figure or set of figures in dancing; a ball. **dancer**, *n.* **dandelion** (dān-dé-lí'ón) [F. *dent de lion*, lion's tooth], *n.* A well-known composite plant with yellow flower.

**dandle** (dāndl) [It. *dandola*, doll], *v.t.* To dance up and down or toss in the arms (as a child); to pet.

**dandruff** (dān'drūf) [?], *n.* Scurf on the head.

**dandy** (dān'di) [?], *n.* One extravagantly fond of dress; a top, a coxcomb.

**danger** (dān'jér) [O.F. *danger*], *n.* Risk, hazard; exposure to injury or loss; anything that causes peril. **dangerous**, *a.*

**dangle** (dāngl) [?], *v.t.* To hang loosely; to swing or wave about, hang about, hover. *v.t.* To cause to dangle; to hold out (as a bait, etc.).

**dank** (dānk) [Scand.], *a.* Damp; chilly, or soaked with moisture.

**danseuse** (dan-serz') [F.], *n.* A female professional dancer.

**dapper** (dāp'ér) [Teut.], *a.* Spruce, smart, active. **dapperness**, *n.*

**dapple** (dāpl) [Icel. *deþill*, a spot], *n.* A spot; a mottled marking.

**dare** (dār) [A.-S. *durran*], *v.t.* (*past and conditional* **durst**, **dared**) To venture; to have the courage or impudence; to be bold or adventurous. *v.t.* To attempt, to venture on, to defy. **dare-devil**, *n.* A fearless, reckless fellow. **daring**, *a.*

**dark** (dārk) [A.-S. *deorc*], *a.* Destitute of light; shaded; brown-complexioned; gloomy, sombre; obscure, ambiguous. *n.* Darkness, absence of light; night; shadow, the dark part of a picture; lack of knowledge. **darken**, *v.t.* To become dark or darker; obscure, gloomy, or displeased. *v.t.* To make dark or darker; to render gloomy or obscure. **darkish**, *a.* **darkling**, *adv.* In the dark. **darkly**, *adv.* **darkness**, *n.* The state or quality of being dark; obscurity; ignorance; the powers of hell. **darksome**, *a.* Dark, gloomy. **darky**, *n.* A negro.

**darling** (dar'ling) [A.-S. *deorling*], *n.* One who is dearly beloved; a pet. *a.* Dearly beloved.

**darn** (dārn) [A.-S. *gedyrnan*, to stop up a hole], *v.t.* To mend cloth, etc., by imitating the texture. *n.* A place mended by darning.

**darnel** (dar'nél) [?], *n.* A grass which grows among corn.

**dart** (dārt) [O.F. *dars*], *n.* A pointed missile thrown by the hand; the act of throwing; a sudden or rapid movement. *v.t.* To shoot or send forth suddenly. *v.t.* To run or move swiftly.

**Darwinian** (dar-win'i-ān) [Darwin, -IAN, *a.* Pertaining to Charles Darwin (1809-82), or to his doctrines. *n.* A believer in Darwin's doctrines.

**dash** (dāsh) [Scand.], *v.t.* To strike, knock, etc., with violence; to cause to collide; to throw violently or suddenly; to bespatter; to dilute by throwing in some other sub-

stance; to sketch hastily; to confound, abash, daunt. *v.t.* To rush, fall, or throw oneself with violence; to strike against something and break; to go smartly or spiritedly. *n.* A sharp collision; the sound of this, the sound of water in commotion; a rapid movement; a rush, onset; a slight admixture; activity, daring; brilliancy, display; a mark (—) denoting a break in a parenthesis, omission, etc.; a hasty stroke with a pen, etc. **dashing, a.** Daring, spirited; showy.

**dastard** (dās'tārd) [DAZED, -ARD]. *n.* A coward, poltroon. *a.* Cowardly.

**date** (1) (dāt) [L. *data*, given], *n.* A fixed point of time; the specification of this in a book, document, etc.; period, age. *v.t.* To affix a date to. *v.i.* To reckon; to begin, be dated.

**date** (2) [O.F., Gr. *daktulos*, a finger, a date], *n.* The fruit of the date-palm. **date-palm, -tree, n.** The palm-tree of Scripture, common in N. Africa and Asia Minor.

**dative** (dā'tiv) [L. *dativus*, pertaining to giving], *a.* Denoting the grammatical case used to represent the remoter object.

**datum** (dā'tum) [L., given], *n.* (*pl.* *data*) A quantity, fact, or other premise, given or admitted, from which results may be found.

**daub** (dawb) [O.F. *dauber*, to plaster], *v.t.* To smear with a soft adhesive substance; to paint coarsely; to stain, soil. *v.i.* To paint in a crude style.

**daughter** (daw'tēr) [A.-S. *dohtor*], *n.* A female child; a female in a child-like relation, as a penitent to her confessor. **daughter-in-law, n.** A son's wife. **daughteryly, a.**

**daunt** (dawnt) [O.F. *donter*], *v.t.* To intimidate, to check by frightening. **dauntless, a.** Fearless, intrepid.

**dauphin** (daw'fin) [O.F. *daulphin*, DOLPHIN] *n.* The title of the heir-apparent to the French kings.

**davit** (dāv'it) [?], *n.* A beam projecting over a ship's side, with tackle to hoist or lower a boat.

**daw** (daw) [Tent.], *n.* A jackdaw.

**dawdle** (dawdl) [?], *v.i.* To trifle, idle about, waste time.

**dawn** (dawn) [Scand.], *v.i.* To grow light, to break (as day); to begin to open or appear. *n.* The break of day; the first rise or appearance.

**day** (dā) [A.-S. *dæg*], *n.* The time the sun is above the horizon; daylight; the space of twenty-four hours, commencing at midnight, roughly the time in which the earth revolves on its axis; day-time; the day for receiving visitors; (*often in pl.*) life, lifetime, period of vigour or prosperity. **day-break, n.** The first appearance of daylight. **day-dream, n.** A reverie, a castle in the air. **daylight, n.** The light of day; dawn; (*fig.*) openness, publicity.

**day-spring, n.** The dawn; daybreak.

**daze** (dāz) [M.E. *dasen*], *v.t.* To stupefy,

dazzle, overpower with light. *n.* The state of being dazed.

**dazzle** (dāzl) [freq. of prec.], *v.t.* To overpower with a glare of light; to dazzle with rapidity of motion, brilliant display, etc. *v.i.* To be dazzled; to be excessively bright. *n.* A fantastic method of painting, esp. to disguise the principal lines of ships and give a false impression of their build, direction, speed, etc. **dazzling, a.** **de-, pref.** From; down; away; out; (*intens.*) completely, thoroughly; (*priv.*) UN- (expressing undoing, deprivation; reversal, or separation).

**deacon** (dē'kōn) [Gr. *diakonos*, a servant], *n.* A cleric next below a priest; an official among the Presbyterians and dissenters. **deaconess, n.** A female deacon.

**dead** (ded) [A.-S.], *a.* Having ceased to live; lifeless; temporarily deprived of the power of action; unconscious or unappreciative; cooled, obsolete, effete, useless; lustreless, motionless, soundless; flat, vapid, dull; certain, unerring. **dead-eye, n.** A flat round block by which rigging is set up. **dead-lights, n.pl.** (*Naut.*) Shutters for port-holes or cabin windows in rough weather. **deadlock, n.** A complete standstill, a position whence there is no exit. **dead reckoning, n.** The calculation of a ship's position from the log and compass, when observations cannot be taken.

**deadened** (dedn) [from prec.], *v.t.* To diminish the brightness, force, or power of; to make insensible, to dull.

**deadly** (ded'li) [DEAD, -LY], *a.* Causing death; fatal; like death; implacable, irreconcilable; very, excessive. *adv.* As if dead; extremely; to death, mortally.

**deaf** (def) [A.-S.], *a.* Incapable or dull of hearing; disregarding, refusing to listen or to comply. **deafly, adv.** **deafness, n.** **deaf-mute, n.** One who is deaf and dumb. **deaf-mutism, n.**

**deafen** (defn) [from prec.], *v.t.* To make deaf; to stun with noise.

**deal** (1) (dēl) [A.-S. *dæl*, a share], *n.* An indefinite quantity; the distribution of playing-cards; a part, portion; a piece of business. *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* *dealt*, *delt*) To distribute; to award as one's proper share; to distribute. *v.i.* To have business or traffic (with); to associate or occupy oneself (with); to distribute cards to players. **dealer, n.** A trader; one who deals the cards. **dealing, n.**

**deal** (2) [A.-S. *thille*], *n.* Fir or pine wood; a plank of this.

**dean** (dēn) [L. *decānus*, one set over ten], *n.* A dignitary presiding over the chapter of a cathedral or collegiate church; a clergyman having jurisdiction over a part of an archdeaconry (as the head of a faculty or a resident fellow at a University). **deanery, n.** The office, district, or residence of a dean.

**dear** (dēr) [A.-S. *dēore*], *a.* Beloved, cherished; costly, of a high price; characterized by high prices. *n.* A darling, a



loved one. *adv.* Dearly, at a high price.  
**dearly**, *adv.* **deariness**, *n.*  
**dearth** (derth) [as prec.], *n.* Scarcity.  
**death** (deth) [A.-S. *dēaðh*], *n.* Extinction of life; the act of dying; decay, destruction.  
**death-bed**, *n.* The bed on which a person dies; a last illness.  
**deathless**, *a.* Immortal, imperishable.  
**deathlike**, *a.* Resembling death.  
**deathly**, *a.* Like death; deadly; pertaining to death.  
**death's-head**, *n.* A human skull, or a representation of one, as an emblem of mortality.  
**death-warrant**, *n.* An order for the execution of a criminal; an act or measure putting an end to something.  
**debar** (dē-bar') [DE-, BAR], *v.t.* To hinder or exclude; to prohibit, forbid.  
**debase** (dē-bās') [DE-, ABASE], *v.t.* To lower in condition, value, etc.; to adulterate, degrade.  
**debasingly**, *adv.*  
**debate** (dē-bāt') [O.F. *debatre*], *v.t.* To contend about by words or arguments; to discuss, consider, *v.i.* To engage in argument; to fight. *n.* A discussion, argumentative contest; contention, strife.  
**debatable**, *a.* **debater**, *n.*  
**debauch** (dē-bawch') [F. *débaucher*], *v.t.* To corrupt, pervert. *n.* An act of debauchery; a carouse.  
**debauchee**, (debaw-shē'), *n.* A profligate.  
**debauchery**, *n.* Vicious indulgence of the sensual appetites; seduction from duty.  
**debenture** (dē-ben'chūr) [L. *dēbentē*, they are due], *n.* A deed issued as security for a loan of money on which interest is payable till it is redeemed.  
**debilitate** (dē-bil'i-tāt) [L. *dēbilitātus*, weakened], *v.t.* To weaken, enervate.  
**debility**, *n.* Weakness, feebleness.  
**debit** (deb'it) [L. *dēbitum*, debt], *n.* An amount set down as a debt; the left-hand side of an account. *v.t.* To charge to as a debt; to enter on the debit side.  
**debonair** (deb-ō-nār') [O.F. *debonaire*, of good disposition], *a.* Courteous, pleasing.  
**debouch** (dē-boosh') [F. *déboucher*], *v.i.* To march out from a confined place.  
**debris** (deb'ri) [F. *débris*, fragments], *n.* Broken rubbish, fragments.  
**debt** (det) [M.E. and O.F. *dette*, L. *dēbitum*], *n.* That which is owing from one person to another; obligation, liability.  
**debtor**, *n.* One who is indebted to another; the left-hand or debit side of an account.  
**debut** (dē-bu') [F.], *n.* A first appearance in public; a first attempt.  
**debutant**, *n.* fem. *debutante*, *n.*  
**deca-**, **dec-** [Gr. *deka*], *comb. form.* Ten; consisting of ten parts.  
**decade** (dek'ad) [Gr. *dekas* -ados], *n.* A group of ten; a period of ten years.  
**decadence** (dē-kā'dēns, dek'-) [F. *décadence*, DE-, L. *cadere*, to fall], *n.* Decay, deterioration.  
**decadent**, *a.*  
**decagon** (dek'ā-gōn) [DECA-, Gr. *gōnos*, angled], *n.* A plane figure with ten sides and ten angles.  
**decahedron** (dek'ā-hē'drōn) [DECA-, Gr. *hedra*, a base], *n.* A solid figure with ten sides.

**decadence** (dek'ā-log) [DECA-, Gr. *logos*, word], *n.* The ten commandments.  
**decamp** (dē-kāmp') [DE-, CAMP], *v.i.* To depart quickly; to take oneself off.  
**decant** (dē-kānt') [F. *décanter*], *v.t.* To pour from one vessel into another without disturbing the sediment.  
**decanter**, *n.* An ornamental bottle for holding wine or spirit.  
**decapitate** (dē-kāp'i-tāt) [DE-, L. *caput*, head], *v.t.* To behead.  
**decapitation**, *n.*  
**decasyllabic** (dek-ā-sil-lāb'ik) [DECA-SYLLABIC], *a.* Ten-syllabled.  
**decay** (dē-kā') [DE-, L. *cadere*, to fall], *v.i.* To fall away, deteriorate; to waste away. *v.t.* To impair, cause to fall away. *n.* Gradual failure or decline; a state of ruin; gradual dissolution; decomposition.  
**decease** (dē-sēs') [DE-, L. *cedere*, to go], *n.* Death.  
**deceased**, *a.*  
**deceit** (dē-sēt') [O.F. *deceite*], *n.* The act of deceiving; trickery, duplicity; delusive appearance.  
**deceitful**, *a.*  
**deceive** (dē-sēv') [O.F. *decevoir*], *v.t.* To mislead, impose upon; to cheat, delude. *v.i.* To act deceitfully.  
**deceiver**, *n.*  
**December** (dē-sem'bér) [L.], *n.* The twelfth and last month of the year (originally the tenth).  
**decency** (dē'sēn-si) [L. *decentia*], *n.* Propriety; decorum.  
**decennial** (dē-sen'i-āl) [L. *decem*, ten, *annus*, year], *a.* Lasting ten years; occurring every ten years.  
**decent** (dē'sent) [L. *decens* -ntem, becoming], *a.* Becoming, seemly; modest; decorous; passable.  
**decently**, *adv.*  
**decentralize** (dē-sen'trā-liz) [DE-, CENTRALIZE], *v.t.* To distribute; to organize on the principle of local management.  
**decentralization**, *n.*  
**deception** (dē-sep'hūn) [F. *déception*], *n.* The act of deceiving; the state of being deceived; a deceit, fraud.  
**deceptive**, *a.*  
**decide** (dē-sid') [DE-, L. *cadere*, to cut], *v.t.* To determine; to adjudge, settle by adjudging. *v.i.* To come to a decision.  
**decided**, *a.* Settled; evident, unmistakable; resolute, unwavering.  
**deciduous** (dē-sid'ū-ūs) [L. *dēciduus*, DE-, *cadere*, to fall], *a.* Falling off, not permanent.  
**decimal** (des'i-māl) [L. *decimus*, tenth], *a.* Of or pertaining to ten or tenths; counting by tens. *n.* A decimal fraction, *i.e.*, one having some power of 10 for its denominator.  
**decimate** (des'i-māt) [as prec.], *v.t.* To take the tenth part of; to slay every tenth man or a large proportion.  
**decimation**, *n.*  
**decipher** (dē-si'fēr) [DE-, CIPHER], *v.t.* To turn from cipher into ordinary language; to detect; to read bad or indistinct writing.  
**decision** (dē-sizh'ūn) [F. *décision*, as DECIDE], *n.* The act or result of deciding; resolution, firmness of character.  
**decisive**, *a.* Having the power of deciding; conclusive; characterized by decision.  
**deck** (dek) [Teut.], *v.t.* To adorn, beautify; to put a deck to. *n.* The flooring of a

**ship, deck-chair, n.** A collapsible chair.

**declaim** (dè-klām') [DE-, L. *clāmāre*, to cry out], *v.t.* To utter rhetorically. *v.t.* To deliver an oration in public; to inveigh, harangue. **declamā'tion, n.** declamatory (dèklām'ā-tō-ri), *a.*

**declare** (dè-klār') [DE-, L. *clārus*, clear], *v.t.* To make known; to announce publicly; to assert or affirm positively. *v.t.* To make a declaration; to make an affirmation in lieu of oath. **declara'tion, n.** The act of declaring; that which is declared or proclaimed, the document by which this is done; a manifesto; an affirmation in lieu of oath.

**declension** (dè-klen'shùn) [as DECLINE], *n.* Declining, falling-off; the case-inflection of nouns, adjectives, and pronouns; a class of nouns declined in the same way.

**declination** (dek-li-nā'shùn) [O.F. as DECLINE], *n.* Bending or moving downwards.

**decline** (dè-klīn') [F. *décliner*, L. *dēclīnāre* (DE-, *clīnāre*, to lean)], *v.i.* To slop downwards; to droop. *v.t.* To lower; to direct to one side; to refuse, reject; to inflect (as a noun); to recite the cases of a noun in order. *n.* A falling-off; deterioration, diminution; consumption. **declinable, a.**

**declivity** (dè-kliv'i-ti) [DE-, L. *clivus*, a slope], *n.* A gradual slope.

**decoct** (dè-kokt') [DE-, L. *coctus*, cooked], *v.t.* To boil down or extract the virtue of by boiling. **decoction, n.**

**decode** (dè-kōd') [DE-, CODE], *v.t.* To translate (a telegraphic message) from code into plain language.

**decollate** (dè-kol'āt) [DE-, L. *collum*, the neck], *v.t.* To behead. **decolla'tion, n.**

**decompose** (dè-kōm-pōz') [DE-, COMPOSE], *v.t.* To resolve into constituent elements; to analyse; to cause to rot. *v.i.* To become decomposed; to putrefy. **decomposable, a.** **decomposit'ion, n.**

**decorate** (dek'ō-rāt) [L. *decorātus*, ornamented], *v.t.* To adorn, beautify; to confer an honour on. **decora'tion, n.** The act of decorating; ornamentation; a badge of honour. **dec'orative, a.** **decorator, n.**

**decorous** (dè-kōr'ūs) [L. *decōrus*, seemly], *a.* Becoming, seemly; decent. **decorously, adv.** **decor'um, n.**

**decoy** (dè-koi') [formerly *coy*], *v.t.* To lure into a snare; to entrap. *n.* A place for entrapping wild-fowl; a bait, attraction.

**decrease** (dè-krēs') [DE-, L. *crēscere*, to grow], *v.t.* To become less, to wane, fail. *v.t.* To make less; to reduce in size gradually. *n.* Lessening, diminution; the waning of the moon. **decreasingly, adv.**

**decree** (dè-krē') [DE-, L. *crētus*, sifted], *n.* An edict, law, or ordinance; the predetermined purpose of God; the award of an umpire. *v.t.* To command by a decree; to decide by law or authoritatively. *v.i.* To make an edict; to resolve, determine.

**decrepit** (dè-krep'it) [*dēcrepītus* (DE-, L.

*crepītus*, crackled)], *a.* Broken down by age and infirmities; decayed. **decrepitude, n.**

**decretal** (dè-krē'tāl) [as DECREE], *a.* Pertaining to a decree. *n.* A decree, esp. of the Pope.

**decry** (dè-krī') [DE-, CRY], *v.t.* To cry down; to clamour against; to depreciate.

**dedicate** (ded'i-kāt) [DE-, L. *dicātus*, devoted], *v.t.* To apply wholly to some purpose or person; to inscribe or address (as a literary work to a patron); to consecrate solemnly to God. **dedica'tion, n.** **dedicatory, a.**

**deduce** (dè-dūs') [DE-, L. *dūcere*, to lead], *v.t.* To draw a conclusion, to infer; to trace the descent (from). **deducible, a.**

**deduct** (dè-dūkt') [as prec.], *v.t.* To take away, subtract. **deduction, n.** **deductive, a.** Deduced from premises.

**deed** (dēd) [A.-S. *dæd*], *n.* A thing done with intention; an achievement; reality; a document comprehending the terms of a contract, and the evidence of its execution.

**deed-poli, n.** A deed made by one person only.

**deem** (dēm) [A.-S. *dēman*], *v.t.* To suppose, think; to judge. *v.i.* To come to a decision; to estimate. **deemster, n.** One of two judges in the Isle of Man.

**deep** (dēp) [A.-S. *dēop*], *a.* Extending far down; having a thickness down; dark-coloured; profound, abstruse; heartfelt; intense, heinous; low in pitch, sonorous; well-versed; artful, scheming. *adv.* Deeply, far down; far on; intensely. *n.* The sea; a deep place, abyss, cavity; the bottom of the heart. **deepen, v.** To make or become deeper.

**deer** (dēr) [A.-S. *dēor*], *n.* A ruminant quadruped, stag, roebuck, fallow deer, reindeer, etc.; (*Shak.*) small, insignificant animals.

**deface** (dè-fās') [DE-, FACE], *v.t.* To disfigure; to spoil the appearance of; to erase. **defacement, n.**

**defalcate** (dè-fāl-kāt) [DE-, L. *falcātus*, cut with a sickle], *v.t.* To take away fraudulently, to embezzle. **defalca'tion, n.** Embezzlement. **defalcator, n.**

**defame** (dè-fām') [O.F. *defamer*], *v.t.* To slander, asperse the character of. **defamation** (def-ā-mā'shùn), *n. **defam'a-tory, a.***

**default** (dè-fawlt') [O.F. *defaute*], *n.* Omission or failure to do any act; neglect; failure to appear in court on the day assigned, or to meet liabilities. *v.i.* To fail in duty, etc. **defaulter, n.**

**defeat** (dè-fēt) [O.F. *defait*], *v.t.* To overthrow; to frustrate; to baffle. *n.* Overthrow, discomfiture; a rendering null.

**defect** (dè-fekt') [L. *defectus*, a want], *n.* Absence of something essential; blemish; moral imperfection. **defection, n.** A falling away from allegiance. **defective, a.** Imperfect, faulty.

**defence** (dè-fens') [M.E. and O.F. *defens*, L. *dēfens*, forbidden], *n.* The state or act of defending; that which defends; justi-



- floation; defendant's reply to plaintiff.  
**defenceless**, *a.* defencelessness, *n.*  
**defend** (dè-fend') [DE-, *L. fendere*, to strike], *v.t.* To protect, guard; to keep safe against attack; to maintain by argument, to vindicate; to plead in justification of. *v.i.* To plead on behalf of the defendant; to contest a suit. **defendable**, *a.* **defendant**, *n.* One who has to answer some charge. **defender**, *n.* One who defends, supports, or vindicates. **defensible**, *a.* Capable of being defended. **defensive**, *a.* Serving to defend; done in self-defence. *n.* An attitude or condition of defence.  
**defer** (dè-fèr') [O.F. *differer*, *F. déferer*], *v.t.* To put off; to postpone. *v.i.* To delay; to procrastinate; to yield to the opinion of another. **deference**, *n.* Submission to the opinions of another; compliance; courteous submissiveness. **deferential**, *a.* With deference.  
**defiance** (dè-f'ians) [DEFY, -ANCE], *n.* Challenge to any contest; opposition; open disobedience. **defiant**, *a.*  
**deficiency** (dè-fish'én-si) [late *L. deficientia*, from *L. deficiens*, as DEFECT], *n.* Deficit, lack, want. **deficient**, *a.* deficit (dèf'i-sit), *n.* A falling short (of estimated receipts); a deficiency.  
**defile** (1) (dè-fil') [O.F. *defouler*, to trample on], *v.t.* To make foul; to soil, stain, to violate the chastity of; to pollute. **defilement**, *n.*  
**defile** (2) [*F. défiler*], *v.t.* To march in a file. *n.* A narrow pass between hills, etc., along which men can march only in file.  
**define** (dè-fín') [DE-, *L. finire*, to set a bound], *v.t.* To limit; to mark out; to describe a thing by its qualities and circumstances. *v.i.* To give a definition. **definable**, *a.*  
**definite** (dèf'i-nit) [*L. definitus*, bounded], *a.* Limited; exact, distinct; positive. **definitely**, *adv.* definiteness, *n.*  
**definition** (dèf-i-nish'ün) [as DEFINE], *n.* The act of defining, an exact description of a thing by its qualities, etc.; distinctness.  
**definitive** (dè-fín'i-tiv) [as prec.], *a.* Decisive, positive. *n.* A word used to limit the application of a noun.  
**deflate** (dè-flät') [DE-, *L. flatus*, blown], *v.t.* To let down by allowing the air to escape. **deflation**, *n.*  
**deflect** (dè-flekt') [DE-, *L. flectere*, to bend], *v.t.* To turn to one side, to deviate. *v.i.* To cause to turn or bend.  
**deflower** (dè-flou'ér) [DE-, FLOWER], *v.t.* To deprive of virginity, to ravish.  
**deform** (dè-förm') [DE-, *L. forma*, beauty, form], *v.t.* To disfigure, distort; to mar. **deformation**, *n.* A disfigurement, distortion. **deformed**, *a.* deformity, *n.*  
**defraud** (dè-frawd') [DE-, FRAUD], *v.t.* To deprive by deception; to cheat.  
**defray** (dè-frä') [DE-, *F. frais*, cost], *v.t.* To bear the charge of; to settle.  
**deft** (deft) [A.-S. *gedæfte*, see DAFT], *a.* Neat in handling; dexterous, clever. **deftly**, *adv.* deftness, *n.*  
**defunct** (dè-fünk't') [DE-, *L. functus*, per-

formed], *a.* Dead, deceased. *n.* A dead person.

**defy** (dè-fí') [DIS-, *L. fidus*, faithful], *v.t.* To challenge; to dare, brave; to disregard openly.

**degenerate** (dè-jen'ér-át) [DE-, *L. genus -eris*, race], *a.* Fallen from a better to a worse state; declined in natural or moral growth; mean, corrupt. *n.* One that has sunk below the normal type. *v.i.* (-át). To fall off in quality; to deteriorate. **degeneracy**, *n.* **degeneration**, *n.* The act or process of degenerating; the state of being degenerated.

**degrade** (dè-gräd') [DE-, *L. gradus*, a step], *v.t.* To reduce in rank; to strip of rank, office, or dignity; to debase, bring into contempt. **degradation**, *n.* **degraded**, *a.* reduced in rank, estimation, etc.; low, mean. **degrading**, *a.* Lowering the level or character.

**degree** (dè-grē') [as prec.], *n.* A stage in progression, elevation, quality, rank, etc.; relative position, condition, quantity, intensity, etc., a grade of academic proficiency conferred by Universities; the 360th part of the circumference of a circle or of the earth; the unit of measurement of temperature; a grade of comparison of adjectives and adverbs.

**deify** (dè'i-fí) [*L. deus*, god, *facere*, to make], *v.t.* To make a god of; to adore as a god.

**deification**, *n.*

**deign** (dän) [O.F. *degnier*], *v.i.* To condescend, to vouchsafe.

**deism** (dè'izm) [*L. deus*, god, -ISM], *n.* The belief in the being of a god without accepting divine revelation. **deist**, *n.* **deistic**, -ical, *a.*

**deity** (dè'i-ti) [*L. deitas*, from *deus*, god], *n.* Divine nature; the Supreme Being.

**deject** (dè-jekt') [DE-, *L. jectus*, thrown], *v.t.* To depress in spirit; to dishearten.

**dejectedly**, *adv.* **dejection**, *n.*

**delay** (dè-lä') [O.F. *delaier*], *v.t.* To postpone; to hinder, retard. *v.i.* To put off action; to linger. *n.* A stopping; postponement, retardation; hindrance.

**delectable** (dè-lek'tabl) [*L. delectare*, to delight], *a.* Delightful, highly pleasing.

**delectation**, *n.* Delight, enjoyment.

**delegate** (del'è-gät) [DE-, *L. legatus*, deputed], *n.* A representative, deputy, agent. *v.t.* (-gät). To depute as delegate with authority to transact business. **delegation**, *n.* The act of delegating; a body of delegates.

**delete** (dè-lèt') [*L. delētus*, erased], *v.t.* To strike out, to erase. **deletion**, *n.*

**deleterious** (del-è-tër'i-üs) [Gr. *dēlētrios*, *dēlēter*, a destroyer], *a.* Noxious; injurious to health or mind.

**deliberate** (dè-lib'ér-át) [DE-, *L. liberātus*, weighed], *a.* Circumspect, cautious; leisurely, not hasty. *v.i.* (-ät). To weigh matters in the mind, to ponder; to discuss, take counsel. *v.t.* To weigh in the mind. **deliberately**, *adv.* **deliberateness**, *n.* **deliberation**, *n.*

**delicacy** (del'i-kä-si) [DELICATE, -CY], *n.*

The quality of being delicate; a luxury, a dainty; fineness of texture, workmanship, etc.; fragility, susceptibility to injury; nicety of perception; sensitiveness.

**delicate** (del'i-kát) [L. *delicātus*], *a.* Highly pleasing to the taste; dainty, palatable; fine, smooth; fastidious, effeminate; sensitive, subtle in colour, form, or style; easily injured, fragile; weak or feeble; critical, ticklish; refined, gentle, considerate.

**delicious** (dè-lish'ús) [L. *deliciā*, delight], *a.* Yielding great pleasure to the senses or taste. **deliciously**, *adv.*

**delight** (dè-lit') [L. *delectāre*], *v.t.* To please greatly, to charm. *v.i.* To be highly pleased. *n.* A state or source of great pleasure and satisfaction. **delightedly**, *adv.* **delightful**, *a.*

**delineate** (dè-lin'è-àt) [DE-, L. *lineātus*, marked out], *v.t.* To sketch out; to describe, depict. **delinea'tion**, *n.*

**delinquent** (dè-ling'kwènt) [L. *delinquens*], *a.* Failing, neglecting. *n.* One who fails in his duty, a culprit. **delinquency**, *n.*

**delirious** (dè-lir'i-ús) [see foll.], *a.* Wandering in mind; raving, madly excited.

**delirium** (dè-lir'i-úm) [L.], *n.* A wandering of the mind; frantic excitement or enthusiasm, rapture, ecstasy.

**deliver** (dè-liv'ér) [DE-, L. *liberāre*, to set free], *v.t.* To free from danger or restraint, to rescue; to disburden of a child; to send forth; to utter, esp. formally or officially; to surrender, to give over, to hand over or on. **deliverance**, *n.* The act of delivering, the state of being delivered; acquittal; the decision of a judge. **deliverer**, *n.*

**delivery** (dè-liv'ér-i) [A.-F. *delivree*, as DELIVER], *n.* The act of delivering; rescue, surrender; a distribution from the post; utterance or style or manner of speaking; child-birth; discharge of a blow or missile.

**dell** (del) [A.-S.], *n.* A small narrow valley.

**delta** (del'tá) [Gr.], *n.* The fourth letter of the Greek alphabet ( $\Delta$ ); the delta-shaped alluvial deposit at the mouth of a river. **deltoid**, *a.* Shaped like a delta.

**delude** (dè-lüd') [DE-, L. *ludere*, to play], *v.t.* To deceive, to impose upon. **deluder**, *n.*

**deluge** (del'új) [F. *déluqe*], *n.* A general flood, esp. that of Noah; (*fig.*) a heavy downpour of rain. *v.t.* To flood.

**delusion** (dè-lú'zhún) [as DELUDE], *n.* The act of deluding; the state of being deluded; an imposition, error, fallacy; a persistent illusion. **delusive**, *a.* Deceptive, unreal.

**delve** (delv) [A.-S. *delfan*], *v.* To dig; to fathom, get to the bottom of; to carry on laborious research; to descend suddenly.

**demagnetize** (dè-mág'né-tiz) [DE-, MAGNETIZE], *v.t.* To deprive of magnetism.

**demagogue** (dè-má-gog) [Gr. *démagōgos*], *n.* A leader of the people; an agitator.

**demand** (dè-mand') [DE-, L. *mandāre*, to order], *n.* An authoritative claim or request; the thing demanded, esp. price; a peremptory question; desire to purchase or possess. *v.t.* To ask or claim

with authority or as a right; to question or ask, esp. in a peremptory or insistent manner; to need, require. **demandable**, *a.* **demean** (dè-mèn') [O.F. *demener*], *v.t.* To conduct (oneself), to behave; to debase, lower. **demeanour**, *n.* Conduct, behaviour, deportment.

**demented** (dè-men'téd) [DE-, L. *mens mentis*, mind], *a.* Deprived of reason; insane. **dementia**, *n.* Infatuation; loss or feebleness of the mental faculties.

**demerit** (dè-mer'it) [DE-, L. *merēre*, to deserve], *n.* Fault, vice.

**demesne** (dè-mān) [O.F. *demeine*, as DOMAIN], *n.* The manor-house and adjoining lands which a lord retains; a region, territory.

**demi-** [F., half], *pref.* Half, partially.

**demigod**, *n.* An inferior deity; the offspring of a god and a human; a deified man.

**demise** (dè-miz') [O.F., dismissed], *n.* Decease, esp. of a sovereign or nobleman; a transfer or conveyance for a term of years or in fee simple. *v.t.* To bequeath; to transfer or convey by lease or will.

**demobilize** (dè-mó-bi-liz) [DE-, MOBILIZE], *v.t.* To disband, to dismiss (as troops) from a war footing. **demobiliza'tion**, *n.*

**democracy** (dè-mok'rā-si) [Gr. *demos*, -CRACY], *n.* Government by the people directly or indirectly; a democratic State; the people at large. **demo'crat**, *n.* One in favour of democracy. **democrat'ic**, *a.*

**demolish** (dè-mol'ish) [DE-, L. to *mōliri*, construct], *v.t.* To throw down; to ruin, destroy. **dem'olition**, *n.* Ruin.

**demon** (dè'món) [Gr. *daimōn*, a deity], *n.* A spirit, esp. an evil spirit able to take possession of human beings; a fallen angel, a devil, a very cruel or malignant person. **demoniac** (dè-mō'ni-ák), *a.* Pertaining to demons; possessed by a demon; devilish. *n.* One possessed by a demon.

**demonstrate** (dè-món-strāt) [DE-, L. *monstrātus*, shown], *v.t.* To prove beyond the possibility of doubt; to exhibit, describe, and prove; to indicate. **demon'strable**, *a.* That may be proved beyond doubt.

**demonstrably**, *adv.* **demonstra'tion**, *n.* The act of demonstrating; indubitable proof, a manifestation of feeling, public exhibition or declaration of principles, exhibition and description of objects for teaching, etc.; a movement of troops as if to attack. **demon'strative**, *a.* Pertaining to proof, serving to make clear; manifesting the feelings strongly and openly. **dem'onstrator**, *n.* One who teaches by means of exhibition and experiment; one who takes part in a public demonstration.

**demoralize** (dè-mor'á-liz) [DE-, MORALIZE], *v.t.* To subvert and corrupt the principles, discipline, or moral of. **demoraliza'tion**, *n.*

**demur** (dè-mēr') [O.F. *demeurer*], *v.i.* To hesitate; to have or express scruples; to take exception. *n.* The act of demurring; scruple, objection. **demur'rage**



- (dè-mūr'áj), *n.* Compensation for delay in loading or unloading a vessel, railway truck, etc.; the period of such delay; a discount paid in exchanging notes or coin for bullion. **demurrer** (dè-mūr'ér), *n.* An objection, esp. one made on a point of law.
- demure** (dè-mūr') [DE-, M.E. *mure*], *a.* Sober, staid; grave; prudish. **demurely**, *adv.* **demureness**, *n.*
- den** (den) [A.-S. *denn*], *n.* A lair, retreat, lurking-place.
- deniable** (dè-ní'ábl) [DENY, -ABLE], *a.* That may be denied. **denial**, *n.* The act of contradicting, or refusing; a negation.
- denizen** (den'i-zén) [A.-F. *denizein*], *n.* A dweller, resident.
- denominate** (dè-nom'i-nāt) [DE-, NOMINATE], *v.t.* To give a name, epithet, or title to; to designate. **denomina'tion**, *n.* The act of naming; a designation; a class, kind, esp. of particular units (coins, weights, etc.); a sect. **denominational**, *a.* **Sec-tarian**. **denominationalism**, *n.* **denominator**, *n.* One who or that which denominates; the number below the line in a vulgar fraction.
- denote** (dè-nōt') [DE-, L. *notāre*, to mark], *v.t.* To indicate, signify; to mark out. **denotable**, *a.* **denotation** (-tā'shūn), *n.* **dénouement** (dā-nōo'man) [F.], *n.* The unravelling of a plot or story; the final solution of a plot, upshot.
- denounce** (dè-nouns') [DE-, L. *nuntiāre*, to announce], *v.t.* To accuse publicly; to inform against; to terminate a treaty or convention. **denouncement**, *n.*
- dense** (dens) [L. *densus*], *a.* Thick, compact; stupid, obtuse; opaque. **densely**, *adv.* **denseness**, *n.* **density**, *n.*
- dent** (dent) [DINT], *n.* A depression such as is caused by a blunt instrument; an indentation. *v.t.* To make a dent in.
- dental** (den'tál) [L. *dens dentis*, a tooth], *a.* Pertaining to or formed by the teeth. *n.* A letter or sound formed by placing the tip of the tongue against the upper teeth. **den'tate**, -tā'ted, *a.* Toothed; indented. **denta'tion**, *n.*
- denti-** [as prec.], *comb. form.* Pertaining to the teeth. **dentifrice**, [L. *fricāre*, to rub], *n.* Material for cleansing the teeth.
- dentist** (den'tist) [F. *dentiste*, as prec.], *n.* A dental surgeon. **dentistry**, *n.* **denti'tion**, *n.* Teething.
- denunciate** (dè-nūn'si-āt) [as DENOUNCE], *v.t.* To denounce. **denuncia'tion**, *n.* **denunciatory**, *a.*
- deny** (dè-ní') [L. *dēnegāre*], *v.t.* To assert to be untrue or non-existent; to reject, refuse to grant, refuse access to.
- deodorize** (dè-ō'dōr-iz) [DE-, L. *odor*, smell], *v.t.* To deprive of odour; to disinfect. **deodorizer**, **deodorant**, *n.*
- depart** (dè-part') [DE-, L. *partīre*, to part], *v.i.* To go away; to diverge, to deviate; to die. **the departed**: The dead.
- department** (dè-part'mént) [F. *département*], *n.* A branch of a business, an administration, duty, study, science, etc.; an administrative division. **departmen'tal**, *a.*
- departure** (dè-par'chūr) [DEPART, -URE], *n.* The act of departing; leaving; starting; death; a deviation.
- depend** (dè-pend') [DE-, L. *pendēre*, to hang], *v.i.* To hang from; to be contingent on something else; to trust, to reckon (upon); to be pending. **dependable**, *a.* That may be depended upon.
- dependant**, *n.* One depending upon another; a retainer. **dependence**, *n.* The state of being dependent; connection; trust, confidence. **dependency**, *n.* Something dependent, esp. a state subject to another. **dependent**, *a.*
- depict** (dè-pikt') [DE-, L. *pictus*, painted], *v.t.* To portray.
- deplete** (dè-plēt') [DE-, L. *plētus*, filled], *v.t.* To empty, to exhaust. **depletion**, *n.*
- deplore** (dè-plōr') [DE-, L. *plorāre*, to wail], *v.t.* To lament over; to grieve, regret.
- deplorable**, *a.* **deplorably**, *adv.*
- deploy** (dè-ploí') [F. *déployer*], *v.t.* (Mil.) To open out; to extend from column into line. *v.i.* To form a more extended front.
- deponent**, [DE-, L. *pōnere*, to put], *n.* One who makes an affidavit to any statement of fact; applied to a Latin verb with a passive form and active meaning.
- depopulate** (dè-pop'ū-lāt) [L. *dēpopulātus*, laid waste], *v.t.* To clear of inhabitants. **depopula'tion**, *n.*
- deport** (dè-pōrt') [DE-, L. *portāre*, to carry], *v.t.* To transport, send away from one country to another; to demean, behave (oneself, etc.). **deporta'tion**, *n.* The act of transporting to a foreign land; exile.
- deportment**, *n.* Demeanour, manners.
- depose** (dè-pōz') [DE-, L. *pausāre*, to pause], *v.t.* To remove from a throne or other high office; to testify on oath. *v.i.* To bear witness. **deposable**, *a.*
- deposit** (dè-poz'it) [L. *depositum*], *v.t.* To lay down, to place; to lodge for safety or as a pledge; to lay (as eggs); to leave as precipitation. *n.* Anything deposited or laid down; a pledge, a first instalment, security; money lodged in a bank; matter precipitated and left behind. **depository**, *n.* One with whom anything is deposited for safety; a trustee. **depositor**, *n.* One who makes a deposit, esp. of money.
- depository**, *n.* A place where anything is deposited for safety; a repository.
- deposition** (dè-pō-zish'ūn) [as prec.], *n.* The act of depositing or depositing; a statement, declaration; the act of bearing witness on oath; the evidence of a witness in writing.
- depot** (dèp'ō) [F. *dépôt*], *n.* A storehouse; the headquarters of a regiment.
- deprave** (dè-prāv') [DE-, L. *prāvus*, crooked], *v.t.* To make bad or corrupt; to vitiate. **lepravity** (dè-prāv'i-ti), *n.* Viciousness.
- deprecate** (dèp'rè-kāt) [DE-, L. *precātus*, prayed], *v.t.* To try to avert by prayer; to express disapproval of or regret for.

**depreciate** (dè-prê'shi-ât) [DE-, L. *pretiâtus*, valued], *v.t.* To lower the value of; to disparage, decry. *v.i.* To fall in value. **deprecia'tion**, *n.*

**degradation** (dep-rê-dâ'shùn) [DE-, L. *proddâri*, to rob], *n.* Plundering, spoliation. **dep'redator**, *n.* A pillager, a plunderer.

**depress** (dè-pres') [DE-, L. *pressus*, pressed], *v.t.* To press down, lower; to humble, abase; to keep down the energy of; to dispirit. **depressing**, *a.* **depression** (dè-presh'un), *n.* The act of depressing; the state of being depressed; dejection; lowering of energy or activity, slackness of business; a hollow place on a surface; a low state of the barometer indicative of bad weather; the centre of low pressure in a cyclone.

**deprive** (dè-priv') [DE-, L. *privâre*], *v.t.* To take from, dispossess, to bereave. **de-priv'a'tion**, *n.*

**depth** (depth) [DEEP, -TH], *n.* Deepness; measurement from the surface or front downwards or backwards; an abyss; the innermost part; the middle of a season; abstruseness, profundity; intensity of colour, etc.

**depute** (dè-pût') [DE-, L. *putâre*, to consider], *v.t.* To appoint as a substitute or agent; to give as a charge. **deputa'tion**, *n.* The act of deputing; an authority or commission to act; the person or persons sent as representatives. **dep'utize**, *v.i.* To act as deputy. **deputy**, *n.* One who is appointed to act for others.

**derail** (dè-râl') [DE-, RAIL], *v.* To throw or run off the rails. **derailment**, *n.*

**derange** (dè-rânj') [DE-, RANGE], *v.t.* To put out of order; to disorganize, disturb, unsettle. **deranged**, *a.* Slightly insane. **derangement**, *n.*

**derelict** (der'é-lik't) [DE-, L. *relictus*, relinquished], *a.* Forsaken, abandoned. *n.* Anything abandoned, esp. a vessel at sea. **derelic'tion**, *n.* Omission or neglect (as of a duty).

**deride** (dè-rid') [DE-, L. *ridere*, to laugh], *v.* To laugh at, to mock, ridicule. **derision** (dè-rizh'un), *n.* The act of deriding; the state of being derided; ridicule, contempt. **derisive**, -sory, *a.* Scoffing, deriding.

**derive** (dè-riv') [L. *dêrivâre*, to draw off water], *v.t.* To obtain as by logical sequence; to deduce; to draw, as from a source, root or principle; to trace. *v.i.* To come from; to originate. **derivable**, *a.* That may be derived; deducible. **deriva'tion**, *n.* The act of deriving; deduction; the etymology of a word or process of tracing it. **deriv'ative**, *a.* Derived; secondary, not original. *n.* Anything derived from a source, as a word from another. **derivatively**, *adv.*

**derogate** (der'ô-gât) [DE-, L. *rogâtus*, asked], *v.t.* To detract. *v.i.* To lessen the effect of; to detract from, disparage. **deroga'tion**, *n.* **derog'atory**, *a.* Tending to detract; disparaging, depreciatory.

**derrick** (der'ik) [*Derrick*, a 17th-cent. Tyburn hangman], *n.* A crane for raising heavy weights.

**dervish** (dêr'vish) [Pers.], *n.* A Moham-medan friar who vows poverty.

**descant** (des'kânt) [DIS-, L. *cantus*, song], *n.* A song, a melody. *v.i.* (des-kânt') To comment or discourse at large, to dilate (on).

**descend** (dè-send') [DE-, L. *scandere*, to climb], *v.i.* To come or go down, to sink, to slope downwards; to attack, fall upon suddenly; to be derived; to be handed down; to lower or humble oneself. *v.t.* To walk, move, or pass along downwards. **descendant**, *n.* One who descends from an ancestor; offspring.

**descent** (dè-sent') [as prec.], *n.* The act of descending; a declivity, way of descending; decline in rank or prosperity; a sudden attack; pedigree, lineage; transmission by succession or inheritance.

**describe** (dè-skrib') [DE-, L. *scribere*, to write], *v.t.* To draw, to trace out; to portray in words, to relate. *v.i.* To give a description. **describable**, *a.* **descrip'tion**, *n.* The act of describing; an account of anything; a kind, sort.

**descry** (dè-skri') [O.F. *descrire*], *v.t.* To make out, to spy.

**desecrate** (des'è-krât) [L. *dêsecrâtus*], *v.t.* To divert from any sacred purpose; to profane. **desecra'tion**, *n.* **des'ecrator**, *n.* **desert** (1) (dez'ért) [L. *dêsertus*], *a.* Uninhabited, waste. *n.* A waste, uninhabited, uncultivated place.

**desert** (2) (dè-zêrt') [as prec.], *v.t.* To forsake, to abandon; to quit, fail to help. *v.i.* To abandon a service without leave. **deserter**, *n.* **desertion**, *n.*

**desert** (3) (dè-zêrt') [as foll.], *n.* What one deserves, reward or punishment; merit or demerit; state of deserving; (*pl.*) deserved reward or punishment.

**deserve** (dè-zêrv') [DE-, L. *servire*, to serve], *v.t.* To be worthy of, to merit by conduct or qualities. *v.i.* To be worthy or deserving. **deservedly**, *adv.* **deserving**, *a.*

**deshabille** (des-â-bêl') [F. *dêshabillé*, undressed], *n.* Undress, being partly or carelessly attired.

**desiccate** (des'i-kât) [DE-, L. *siccâtus*, dried], *v.t.* To dry, to exhaust of moisture.

**desiderate** (dè-zid'é-ât) [L. *dêsiderâtus*, desired], *v.t.* To feel the loss of; to want, to miss. **desiderative**, *a.* Expressing or having desire. **desidera'tum**, *n.* (*pl.* -ta) Anything desired.

**design** (dè-zîn') [DE-, L. *signâre*, to mark], *v.t.* To contrive, project; to draw, plan, sketch out; to purpose, intend. *v.i.* To draw, esp. decorative figures. *n.* A plan, a scheme; a purpose, intention, project; a sketch of something intended to be executed in durable material; the art of designing; artistic structure or invention; plot, construction, general idea. **de-signedly** (dè-zî'nêd-li), *adv.* Intentionally. **designer**, *n.* One who designs, esp. artistic patterns. **designing**, *a.* Crafty, scheming.

**designate** (dez'ig-nât) [L., as prec.], *v.t.* To point out, to specify by a distinctive



- mark or name; to indicate, nominate, appoint. **designa'tion**, *n.*
- desire** (dè-zîr') [O.F. *desirer*], *v.t.* To covet, wish for the attainment or possession of; to request, command. *n.* An eagerness to obtain or enjoy some object; a request, entreaty; the object of desire; sensual appetite. **desirable**, *a.* Worthy of being desired; agreeable. **desirabil'ity**, *n.* **desirous**, *a.* Desiring, wishful.
- desist** (dè-zist', -sist') [DE-, *L. sistere*, to put, stop], *v.i.* To cease, to forbear.
- desk** (desk) [med. *L. desca*, *L. discus*, a DISK], *n.* A table, frame, or case for a writer or reader, usually with a sloping top; a reading-stand, lectern.
- desolate** (des'ô-lât) [DE-, *L. sôlâtus*, made lonely], *a.* Uninhabited, deserted, forlorn, comfortless. *v.t.* To deprive of inhabitants; to lay waste, to make wretched.
- desolating**, *a.* Wasting, ruining, ravaging. **desola'tion**, *n.*
- despair** (de-spâr') [DE-, *L. spērâre*, to hope], *v.i.* To be without or to give up hope. *n.* Hopelessness.
- desperado** (des-pér-â'dô) [O.Sp., as foll.], *n.* A desperate or reckless ruffian.
- desperate** (des-pér-ât) [L. *désperâre*, to despair], *a.* Reckless, regardless of danger or consequences; extremely dangerous. **despera'tion**, *n.*
- despicable** (des'pik-âbl) [as DESPISE], *a.* Contemptible; vile, mean.
- despise** (dè-splz') [DE-, *L. specere*, to look at], *v.t.* To regard with contempt.
- despite** (dè-spît') [as DESPISE], *n.* Spite, malice; outrage, contumely. *prep.* Notwithstanding; in spite of.
- despoil** (dè-spoil') [DE-, *L. spoliâre*, to spoil], *v.t.* To take away from by force.
- despond** (dè-spond') [DE-, *L. spondere*, to promise], *v.t.* To be cast down in spirits.
- despondency**, *n.* **despondent**, *a.*
- despot** (des'pôt) [O.F.], *n.* An absolute ruler; a tyrant, oppressor. **despot'ic**, *a.* **des'potism**, *n.* Absolute authority; autocracy; tyranny.
- dessert** (dè-zêrt') [F. *desservir*, to clear the table], *n.* The last course at dinner, fruit, sweetmeats, etc.
- destination** (des-tin-â'shûn) [L. *destinâtus*, destined], *n.* The act of destining; ultimate purpose; the place to which one is bound, or a thing is sent.
- destine** (des'tin) [F. *destiner*], *v.t.* To appoint, fix, or determine to a use, etc.
- destiny**, *n.* The end to which any person or thing is appointed; fate, fortune; invincible necessity.
- destitute** (des'ti-tût) [DE-, *L. stitâtus*, placed], *a.* In want of the necessities of life; forlorn.
- destroy** (dè-stroi') [DE-, *L. struere*, to build], *v.t.* To pull down, demolish; to lay waste, kill, extirpate; to disprove, to put an end to. **destroyer**, *n.* One who destroys; a war-vessel for destroying torpedo-boats.
- destructible**, *a.* **destructibil'ity**, *n.* **destruc'tion**, *n.* Demolition; death, slaughter; that which destroys. **destruc'tive**, *a.* Causing destruction.
- desultory** (des'ûl-tôr-i) [L. *désultôrius*], *a.* Following no regular plan; loose, discursive. **desultorily**, *adv.* **desultoriness**, *n.*
- detach** (de-tâch') [F. *détacher*], *v.t.* To disconnect, separate, disengage. **detachable**, *a.* **detached**, *a.* Separated, free from prejudice; disinterested. **detachment**, *n.* The act of detaching; state of being detached; a body of troops or a number of ships detached from the main body for special service; freedom from prejudice.
- detail** (de-tâl') [DE-, *F. tailler*, to cut], *v.t.* To relate minutely; (*Mil.*) to appoint for a particular service. *n.* (dè'tâl) An item, a minor matter; a minute account; (*pl.*) a number of particulars; men selected for a special duty. **detailed**, *a.* Related in detail; minute; complete.
- detain** (dè-tân') [DE-, *L. tenere*, to hold], *v.t.* To keep back or from; to withhold; to hinder, restrain, keep in custody.
- detect** (de-tek't') [DE-, *L. lectus*, covered], *v.t.* To discover, find out, bring to light.
- detection**, *n.* The act of detecting; the discovery of crime, etc. **detective**, *a.* Employed in or suitable for detecting. *n.* One employed to investigate cases of crime, etc.
- detention** (dè-ten'shûn) [as DETAIN], *n.* The act of detaining; state of being detained; arrest; restraint.
- deter** (dè-têr') [DE-, *L. terrere*, to frighten], *v.t.* To discourage, hinder, or prevent.
- deterrent**, *a.* Tending to deter. *n.* That which deters.
- deteriorate** (dè-têr'i-ôr-ât) [L. *deterior*, worse], *v.* To make or become worse; to degenerate; to reduce in value. **deteriora'tion**, *n.*
- determinate** (dè-têr'mi-nât) [as DETERMINE], *a.* Limited, definite; distinct.
- determination** (dè-têr'mi-nâ'shûn) [as DETERMINE], *n.* The act of determining; that which is determined on; a fixed intention; resolution, strength of mind; direction to a certain end; settlement by a judicial decision; final conclusion.
- determinative**, *a.* That limits or defines.
- determine** (dè-têr'min) [DE-, *L. terminâre*, to bound], *v.t.* To terminate, conclude; to fix the limits of, define; to decide finally; to direct, shape; to ascertain exactly. *v.i.* To decide, resolve. **determinable**, *a.* **determined**, *a.* Resolute; having a fixed purpose; ended.
- detest** (dè-test') [DE-, *L. testâri*, to testify], *v.t.* To hate exceedingly, abhor. **detestable**, *a.* **detesta'tion**, *n.*
- dethrone** (dè-thrôn') [DE-, *THRONE*], *v.t.* To depose; to drive from power or pre-eminence. **dethronement**, *n.*
- detonate** (dè'tô-nât) [DE-, *L. tonâre*, thunder], *v.t.* To cause to explode with a report. *v.i.* To explode. **detonation**, *n.* An explosion with a loud report.
- detour** (dè-toor') [F. *détour*], *n.* A round-about way; a deviation, digression.
- detract** (dè-trâkt') [DE-, *L. tractus*, drawn],

**v.t.** To take (something) away from.  
**v.i.** To disparage. **detract**, *n.* The act of detracting; depreciation, slander.  
**detrain** (dè-trân') [DE-, TRAIN], *v.* To alight from or cause to alight from a train.  
**detriment** (det'-ri-mént) [L. *detrimentum*], *n.* Loss; injury, damage. **detrimental**, *a.* Causing detriment.  
**detritus** (det'-ri-tús) [L., rubbed down], *n.* Accumulated matter produced by the disintegration of rock.  
**deuce** (dús) [F. *deux*], *n.* A card or die with two spots; (Tennis) a score of 40 all; the devil, invoked as a mild oath.  
**devastate** (dev'-à-stát) [DE-, L. *vastatus*, wasted], *v.t.* To lay waste, ravage.  
**devastat'ion**, *n.* **devastator**, *n.*  
**develop** (de-vel'óp) [F. *développer*], *v.t.* To unfold, to bring to light gradually; to work out, bring to completion. *v.i.* To expand; to be evolved; to come to light or maturity. **development**, *n.*  
**deviate** (dè'-vi-át) [DE-, L. *via*, way], *v.t.* To turn aside; to stray from the path of duty. *v.i.* To cause to stray or err.  
**deviat'ion**, *n.* The act of deviating; error; the deflexion of a compass, etc.  
**device** (dè'-vis') [O.F. *devis*, as **DIVIDE**], *n.* A scheme, stratagem, trick; an invention; inventive skill, a design, pattern; a motto; (*pl.*) will, inclination.  
**devil** (devl) [A.-S. *dēoful*, L. *diabolus*], *n.* Satan, the tempter, any evil spirit, as one possessing a demoniac; a wicked, malignant, or cruel person; a wretch; energy, dash, unconquerable spirit; a device for tearing rags; one who does literary or legal work for which another takes the credit or fees; a printer's errand-boy. *v.t.* To make devilish; to grill with pepper; to tear up rags with a devil. *v.i.* To act as a literary or legal devil. **devil-may-care**, *a.* Reckless. **devilish**, *a.* **devilment**, *n.* **devilry**, *n.*  
**devious** (dè'-vi-ús) [DE-, L. *via*, way], *a.* Sequestered; wandering out of the way; circuitous; rambling. **deviously**, *adv.*  
**devise** (dè'-viz') [O.F. *deviser*, as **DIVIDE**], *v.t.* To invent, contrive; to scheme, plot; to give or assign by will. *n.* The act of bequeathing landed property by will; a will or clause doing this. **deviser**, *n.* One who devises. **devisor**, *n.* One who bequeaths.  
**devoid** (dè-void') [DE-, **VOID**], *a.* Vacant, destitute, empty (of).  
**devolution** (dè-vó-loo'shùn) [DE-, L. *volūtus*, rolled], *n.* Transference or delegation of authority; passage from one to another; descent in natural succession.  
**devolve** (dè-volv') [DE-, L. *volvere*, to roll], *v.t.* To cause to pass to another, to transfer. *v.i.* To be transferred or delegated; to fall by succession.  
**devote** (dè-vót') [DE-, L. *vōtus*, vowed], *v.t.* To consecrate; to give wholly up (to); to doom, consign (to ruin, etc.). **devoted**, *a.* Dedicated, consecrated; wholly given up, zealous. **devotee**, *n.* A votary, a person devoted to; a bigot, enthusiast. **de-**

**votion**, *n.* The act of devoting; state of being devoted; deep, self-sacrificing attachment, intense loyalty; (*pl.*) prayer, religious worship. **devotional**, *a.*  
**devour** (dè-vour') [DE-, L. *vorare*, to swallow], *v.t.* To eat up ravenously or swiftly; to swallow up.  
**devout** (dè-vout') [as **DEVOTE**], *a.* Pious, filled with or expressing devotion; heartfelt, earnest. **devoutness**, *n.*  
**dew** (dū) [A.-S. *dēaw*], *n.* Moisture condensed from the atmosphere upon cold surfaces after sunset; anything falling cool and light, so as to refresh; tears, sweat. *v.t.* To wet with dew. **dew-drop**, *n.* A drop of dew. **dewy**, *a.*  
**dewlap** (dū'lāp) [?; A.-S. *læppa*, a skirt], *n.* The flesh that hangs loosely from the throat of oxen.  
**dexter** (deks'tér) [L.], *a.* Pertaining to or situated on the right-hand side. **dexter'ity**, *n.* Skill, expertness; readiness and ease; cleverness, quickness, tact. **dexterous**, *a.* Expert in any manual employment; quick, skilful, able. **dexterously**, *adv.*  
**dhow** (dou) [?], *n.* An Arab vessel, esp. one used in the slave-trade.  
**di-** (1) [see **DIS-**], *pref.*  
**di-** (2) [Gr. *di-*, double], *pref.* Twice, double.  
**di-** (3), **dia-** [Gr. *dia*], *pref.* Through; thorough.  
**diabetes** (di-à-bē'tēz) [DIA-, Gr. *bainein*, to go], *n.* A disease marked by excessive discharge of urine containing glucose.  
**diabolic**, **-ical** (di-à-bol'ik, -ál) [Gr. *diabolos*, devil], *a.* Pertaining to the devil, fiendish, devilish. **diabolically**, *adv.* **diabolism**, *n.* Devil-worship, belief in the Devil or in devils; black magic.  
**diaconal** (di-āk'ó-nál) [F.], *a.* Pertaining to a deacon. **diac'onate**, *n.* The office, dignity, etc., of a deacon; deacons collectively.  
**diadem** (di-à-dem) [DIA-, Gr. *decin*, to bind], *n.* An ornamental head-band as an emblem of sovereignty, a crown, wreath.  
**diæresis** (di-ēr'è-sis) [Gr., from *diarecin*, to divide], *n.* (*pl.* -eses) The resolution of one syllable into two; a mark indicating this, as *Lais*.  
**diagnosis** (di-ág-nō'sis) [DIA-, Gr. *gnōsis*, inquiry], *n.* Determination of diseases by their symptoms; a summary of these. **diagnose**, *v.t.* To ascertain the nature (esp. of a disease) from the symptoms. *v.i.* To make a diagnosis.  
**diagonal** (di-ág'ó-nál) [DIA-, Gr. *gōnia*, an angle], *a.* Extending from one angle of a figure to a non-adjacent angle; oblique, crossing obliquely. *n.* A right line or plane extending from one angle or edge to a non-adjacent one. **diagonally**, *adv.*  
**diagram** (di-à-grām) [L. and Gr. *diagramma*], *n.* A drawing demonstrating some proposition, statement, or definition; a rough outline. **diagrammatic**, *a.*  
**dial** (di'ál) [L. *diālis*, daily], *n.* An instrument for showing the time by the sun's shadow; the face of a time-piece, a similitude



plate on which a pointer marks revolutions, indicates steam-pressure, etc.

**dialect** (dī'á-lekt) [Gr. *dialektos*], *n.* A form of speech peculiar to a limited district or people. **dialect'al**, *a.*

**dialectic** (dī-á-lek'tik) [Gr. *dialektikē* (*technē*), the dialectic (art)], *a.* Dialectal; pertaining to logic; argumentative. *n.* (often in *pl.*) The rules and methods of reasoning; hair-splitting; logic of probabilities. **dialectically**, *adv.* In a logical manner; dialectally.

**dialogue** (dī'á-log) [DIA-, Gr. *logos*, discourse], *n.* A conversation between two or more persons; a literary composition in conversational form.

**diameter** (dī-ám'è-tér) [DIA-, -METER], *n.* A straight line passing through the centre of a circle and terminating each way in the circumference; the length of such a line; the length of a straight line extending from side to side of anything. **diamet'rical**, *a.* Pertaining to or along a diameter, direct; directly opposed; as far removed as possible. **diametrically**, *adv.*

**diamond** (dī'á-mónd) [Gr. *adamas*, ADAMANT], *n.* The hardest, most brilliant, and most valuable of the precious stones; a playing-card with figures of this shape; a very small printing type. *a.* Made of, or set with, diamonds.

**diaphanous** (dī-á-pā'zón) [Gr.], *n.* An harmonious combination or melodious succession of notes; the foundation stops of an organ; harmony, concord; range, pitch.

**diaper** (dī'á-pér) [DIA-, Gr. *aspros*, white], *n.* A silk or linen cloth woven with geometric patterns; a towel or napkin made of this. *v.t.* To decorate thus.

**diaphanous** (dī-á-pā'zón) [DIA-, Gr. *phain-ein*, to show], *a.* Transparent; having the power of transmitting light.

**diaphragm** (dī'á-frám) [Gr. *diaphragma*], *n.* The muscle separating the thorax from the abdomen; a dividing membrane or partition.

**diarrhoea** (dī-á-rē'á) [DIA-, Gr. *rheein*, to flow], *n.* Excessive discharge of fluid evacuations from the intestines.

**diary** (dī'á-ri) [L. *diarium*, *diēs*, a day], *n.* An account of daily occurrences; the book in which these are registered, a journal.

**diastole** (dī-ás'tó-lē) [DIA-, Gr. *stellein*, to send], *n.* Dilatation of the heart and arteries alternating with systole.

**diatom** (dī'á-tóm) [DIA-, Gr. *temnein*, to cut], *n.* One of the microscopic algae with siliceous coverings which exist in immense numbers at the bottom of the sea.

**diatribe** (dī'á-trib) [Gr. *diatribē*, a wearing away], *n.* An invective discourse.

**dibble** (dibl) [?], *n.* A pointed instrument used to make a hole to receive seed.

**dice** (dis) [DIE (2)], *v.t.* To gamble (away) at dice; to ornament with squares.

**dicer**, *n.*

**dicky** (dik'i) [?], *n.* A bib; a front separate from the shirt; a seat behind the body of a carriage; a bird. *a.* Doubtful, questionable; queer, unwell.

**dictaphone** (dik'tá-fōn) [foll., -PHONE], *n.* An apparatus for recording and audibly reproducing dictated letters, etc.

**dictate** (dik-tát') [L. *dictatus*], *v.t.* To read or recite words to be written or repeated; to prescribe, to lay down with authority, to impose, as terms. *v.i.* To give orders; to utter words to be written or repeated by another. *n.* (dik'tát). An order, injunction. **dicta'tion**, *n.* **dicta'tor**, *n.* One who dictates; one invested with supreme authority, esp. in a time of civil disorder or after a revolution. **dictator'ial**, *a.* Imperious, overbearing. **dictatori'ally**, *adv.* **dictatorship**, *n.*

**diction** (dik'shùn) [L. *dictio*], *n.* The use of words; manner of expression; style.

**dictionary** (dik'shùn-ár-i) [L. *dictionarium*], *n.* A book containing the words of a language in alphabetical order, with their definitions; a work of information arranged alphabetically.

**dictum** (dik'túm) [L., neut. p.p. of *dicere*, to say], *n.* (*pl.* -*ta*) A dogmatic assertion.

**didactic** (di-dák'tik) [Gr. *didaktikos*, from *didaskain*, to teach], *a.* Adapted or tending to teach; in the manner of a teacher. *n.pl.* The science of teaching.

**die** (1) (dī) [M.E. *degen*], *v.i.* To lose life, to expire; to come to an end; to wither, lose vitality, decay; to go out, disappear; to fade away, to languish with affection.

**die** (2) (dī) [O.F. *de, del*], *n.* A small cube marked on the sides, used in gaming; hazard, chance; (*pl.* **dice**) the game played with these; (*pl.* **dies**) a machine for cutting out, shaping, or stamping; a stamp for coining money, or for impressing upon metal, paper, etc. **die-sinker**, *n.* One who cuts dies for coins, medals, etc.

**diet** (dī'et) [O.F. *diete*], *n.* A prescribed course of food; a legislative assembly or federal parliament holding its meetings from day to day; a conference or congress. *v.t.* To feed according to rules. *v.i.* To take food as prescribed. **diet'ary**, *a.* Pertaining to a rule of diet; *n.* A prescribed course of diet, fixed daily allowance of food. **dietet'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to diet. **dietetics**, *n.pl.* The science or rules of diet.

**dif-** [DIS-], *pref.*, before *f* in words from Latin.

**differ** (dif'ér) [DIF-, L. *ferre*, to bear], *v.i.* To be dissimilar; to disagree, dissent. **difference**, *n.* The state of being unlike or distinct; that by which one differs from another; the remainder of a quantity after another quantity has been subtracted from it; a distinction, differential mark; a point in dispute, a disagreement in opinion, a controversy. *v.t.* To distinguish between; to make different. **different**, *a.* **differential**, *a.* Consisting of, depending on, or creating a difference; relating to specific differences.

**differentiate** (dif-ér-en'shi-át) [as DIFFER], *v.t.* To make different; to constitute difference between, of, or in, to mark off as different. **differentia'tion**, *n.*

**difficult** (dif'i-kult) [L. *difficultās* (DIF-, *facilis*, easy)], *a.* Hard to do, to please, or to understand; not easily managed; troublesome; perplexing. **difficultly**, *adv.* **difficulty**, *n.* The quality of being difficult; anything difficult; an obstacle; reluctance, scruple; (*pl.*) pecuniary embarrassment.

**diffident** (dif'i-dént) [DIF-, L. *fidens*, trusting], *a.* Distrustful of oneself or of one's powers; shy. **diffidence**, *n.* Distrust of oneself; bashfulness, shyness.

**diffract** (di-frákt') [DIF-, L. *fractus*, broken], *v.t.* To break, esp. as in a prism.

**diffuse** (1) (di-fúz') [DIF-, L. *fusus*, poured], *v.t.* To pour forth; to circulate, spread.

**diffuse** (2) (di-fús') [as prec.], *a.* Diffused, spread out; copious, prolix, not concise. **diffusely**, *adv.* Copiously, verbosely. **diffu'sion**, *n.* The act of diffusing; a spreading abroad of news, etc.

**dig** (dig) [?], *v.t.* To excavate or turn up with a spade, etc.; to obtain or make by digging. *v.i.* To work with a spade; to search, make one's way, pierce, or make a hole by digging. *n.* A thrust, a poke.

**digger**, *n.* One who digs, esp. a gold-miner; a machine that digs. **digging**, *n.*

**digest** (di-jest') [DI- (1), L. *gestus*, carried], *v.t.* To arrange under proper heads, to classify; to think over; to soften and prepare by heat; to concoct in the stomach in order to assimilate; to assimilate. *v.i.* To be digested; to be prepared by heat. *n.* (di'jest). A compendium or summary arranged under proper heads or titles, esp. a collection of Roman laws. **digestible**, *a.* **digestibility**, *n.* **digestibly**, *adv.* **digestion**, *n.* The act or process of assimilating food in the stomach; the power of digesting; mental reduction to order and method. **digestive**, *a.* and *n.* Any substance which aids digestion.

**digit** (dij'it) [L. *digitus*], *n.* A finger.

**dignify** (dig'ni-fi) [L. *dignus*, worthy, -FY], *v.t.* To invest with dignity; to make illustrious; to exalt. **dignified**, *a.* Stately; gravely courteous.

**dignity** (dig'ni-ti) [as prec.], *n.* Rank; the importance due to rank or position; elevation of mien or manner, stateliness; a high office. **dignitary**, *n.* One who holds a high office or rank.

**digress** (di-gres') [DI- (1), L. *gressus*, stepped], *v.i.* To turn aside from the direct path; to wander from the main topic. **digression**, *n.* A deviation; a part of a discourse, etc., which wanders from the main subject. **digressive**, *a.*

**dike** (dik) [A.-S. *dīc*], *n.* A ditch, a natural or artificial channel; a dam to protect low-lying lands; a vein of volcanic or igneous rock.

**dilapidate** (di-láp'i-dāt) [L. *dilapidātus*], *v.t.* To damage, to bring into decay or ruin. *v.i.* To fall into decay or ruin.

**dilapidation**, *n.* Decay for want of repair; decay of buildings, etc.; charge for making this good.

**dilate** (di-lāt') [DI-, L. *lātus*, broad], *v.t.*

To expand, widen, enlarge in all directions. *v.i.* To be enlarged; to expand, swell; to expatiate, to speak fully and copiously (upon a subject). **dilatation**, *n.*

**dilatory** (dil'a-tór-i) [L. *dilatōr*, a delayer], *a.* Causing delay; marked by procrastination; tardy; wanting in diligence. **dilatorily**, *adv.* **dilatoriness**, *n.*

**dilemma** (di-lem'a) [DI-, (2), Gr. *lēmna*, an assumption], *n.* (*Log.*) An argument in which the only two alternatives are equally fatal; a position in which one is forced to choose between such alternatives.

**dilettante** (dil-é-tán'ti) [It.], *n.* (*pl.* -ti). An amateur of the fine arts; a would-be connoisseur, a dabbler. *a.* Amateurish.

**diligent** (dil'i-jént) [DI-, L. *līgens*, chosen], *a.* Assiduous, persevering, industrious, painstaking. **diligently**, *adv.* **diligence**, *n.* Steady application or assiduity in business of any kind; a public stage-coach.

**dill** (dit) [A.-S. *dīle*], *n.* An annual umbellifer, cultivated for its carminative seeds.

**dilly-dally** (dil'i-dāl'i) [redupl. of DALLY], *v.i.* To loiter about, waste time, hesitate.

**dilute** (di-lūt') [DI-, (1), L. *lūtus*, washed], *v.t.* To make thin or weaken by the admixture of water; to reduce the strength. *a.* Weakened, washed out, faded. **dilution**, *n.*

**diluvial** (di-lū'vi-ál), -vian (-vi-án) [L. *diluvium*, a deluge], *a.* Pertaining to a deluge, esp. that of Noah; produced by or resulting from a flood.

**dim** (dim) [A.-S.], *a.* Obscure; not clear, not bright; faint, misty; tarnished, dull; not clearly heard, or understood. *v.t.* To render dim. **dimly**, *adv.* **diminish**, *a.* **dimness**, *n.*

**dimension** (di-men'shún) [DI-, (1), *mensus*, measured], *n.* Measurable extent, magnitude, or capacity (*usu. in pl.*). **dimensional**, *a.*

**diminish** (di-min'ish) [L. *diminuere*, to break small], *v.t.* To make smaller or less, to reduce; to degrade; to subtract from. *v.i.* To become less, to decrease; to taper.

**diminished**, *a.* Made less or smaller; reduced in size or quality. **diminution**, *n.* The act of diminishing; subtraction; amount subtracted; the state of becoming less or smaller. **diminutive**, *a.* Small, tiny. *n.* A word formed from another to express diminution in size or importance.

**dimity** (dim'i-ti) [DI-, (2), Gr. *mitos*, a thread], *n.* A stout figured cotton fabric.

**dimple** (dimpl) [?], *n.* A little depression or hollow, esp. on the cheek or chin; a ripple.

**din** (din) [A.-S. *dȳn*], *n.* A loud and continued noise; a rattling or clattering.

**dine** (dīn) [F. *dîner*], *v.t.* To take dinner. *v.t.* To give or provide a dinner for. **diner**, *n.* One who dines; a railway dining-car.

**ding-dong** (ding-dong) [onomat.], *n.* The sound of a bell; a jingle.

**dinghy** (ding'gi) [Hind. *ḍēngī*], *n.* A small ship's boat; any small boat.

**dingle** (dingl) [?], *n.* A dell.

**dingy** (din'ji) [?], *a.* Soiled; of a dusky colour; faded. **dinginess**, *n.*



**dinner** (din'ér) [F. *dîner*, to dine], *n.* The principal meal of the day; a feast, banquet.

**dinosaur** (dī'nó-sawr) [Gr. *deinos*, terrible, *sauros*, lizard], *n.* A gigantic extinct reptile.

**dint** (dint) [A.-S. *dynn*], *n.* A blow; the mark or dent caused by a blow. *v.* To mark with or make a dint. **by dint of:** By force of, or by means of.

**diocese** (dī'ó-ses) [DI-, Gr. *oikein*, to inhabit], *n.* The district under the jurisdiction of a bishop. **dioc'esan**, *a.*

**dioptric** (di-op'trik) [Gr. *dioptra*, an optical instrument], *a.* Refractive; pertaining to dioptries. *n.* The unit of refractive power; (*pl.*) the science which treats of the refraction of light in passing through different mediums.

**dioxide** (dī'ók'sid) [DI (2), OXIDE], *n.* A combination of a metal with oxygen.

**dip** (dip) [A.-S. *dyppan*], *v.t.* To plunge into a liquid, to immerse; to baptize by immersion, to lower for an instant. *v.i.* To plunge into liquid for a short time; to sink, to slope or extend downwards, to read cursorily, choose by chance. *n.* The act of dipping in a liquid; bathing; a candle; a preparation for washing sheep.

**diphtheria** (dif-thēr'i-á) [Gr. *diphthera*, leather, skin], *n.* An infectious disease characterized by acute inflammation and the formation of a false membrane on the pharynx, nostrils, etc.

**diphthong** (dif'thong) [DI-, (2), Gr. *phthongos*, voice], *n.* The union of two vowels in one syllable. **diphthong'al**, *a.*

**diploma** (di-plō'má) [Gr., *diploos*, double, folded], *n.* A document conveying some authority, privilege, or honour; a certificate of a degree, licence, etc.

**diplomacy** (di-plō'má-si) [F. *diplomatie*, from prec.], *n.* The art or act of conducting negotiations or negotiating, esp. as between nations, adroitness, tact. **dip'lomat**, *n.* One skilled in or practising diplomacy.

**diplomat'ic**, *a.* **diplomatist**, *n.* One skilled or engaged in diplomacy.

**dipsomania** (dip-sō-má'ni-a) [Gr., *dipsa*, thirst, *-mania*], *n.* Alcoholism; an irresistible morbid craving for stimulants.

**dipsomaniac**, *n.*

**diptych** (dip'tik) [DI-, (2), Gr. *ptuchē*, a fold], *n.* A two-winged altar-piece.

**dire** (dir) [L. *dirus*], *a.* Dreadful, fearful, lamentable, sad. **direfully**, *adv.* **direly**, *adv.*

**direct** (di-, di-rekt') [L. *directus* (DI- (1) *rectus*, ruled)], *a.* Straight, in a straight line, nearest; shortest; not circuitous; not collateral in the line of descent, immediate, to the point, straight-forward. *v.t.* To point or turn towards any object; to show the right road to; to address; to prescribe a course to, to advise; to order, command, to manage, control, act as leader of. **direction** *n.* The act of directing; the course taken; the point towards which one looks; the act of inscribing with an address, or the inscription on a letter, etc.; an order or instruction; a directorate.

**directly** *adv.* In a straight line; in a

direct manner as an immediate step; at once. **directness**, *n.*

**director** (di-rek'tór) [as prec.], *n.* One who or that which directs, controls, or manages; an instructor, counsellor; one appointed to direct the affairs of a company. **direct'orate**, *n.* The position of a director; a body or board of directors. **director'ial**, *a.* **directorship**, *n.* **directory**, *a.* Directing, commanding, advising. *n.* A directorate; a book containing the names and addresses of the inhabitants of a district; the executive council of the French Republic, 1795-99.

**dirge** (dérj) [L. *dirige* (first word of antiphon in the office for the dead)], *n.* A funeral hymn; a mournful tune or song.

**dirigible** (dir'i-jibl) [L. *dirigere*, to direct, -IBLE], *a.* That may be directed or steered. *n.* A balloon or airship that can be steered.

**dirk** (dérk) [?], *n.* A dagger, esp. a Highlander's; the short sword of a midshipman.

**dirt** (dért) [M.E. *drut*], *n.* Foul or unclean matter, matter that soils, mud, mire; trash, refuse. **dirty**, *a.* **dirtyness**, *n.*

**dis-** [L.], *pref.* Asunder, apart, between, separating; exceedingly; (*forming negative compounds*) UN-, not, undoing, depriving.

**disability** (dis-a-bil'i-ti), *n.* Want of means; incapacity; legal disqualification.

**disable** (dis-'abl'), *v.t.* To render unable; to deprive of power; to incapacitate; to disqualify legally. **disablement**, *n.*

**disabuse** (dis-a-büz'), *v.t.* To undeceive.

**disadvantage** (dis-ád-van'táj), *n.* Injury, detriment; an unfavourable position or condition. *v.t.* To cause disadvantage to. **disadvanta'geous**, *a.* Detrimental.

**disaffected** (dis-a-fek'ted), *a.* Alienated in affection, estranged; disloyal. **disaffec-tion**, *n.* Disloyalty.

**disagree** (dis-a-gré') [F. *désagreeer*], *v.t.* To be different or unlike; to differ in opinion; to quarrel; to be unsuitable or injurious (to health, etc.). **disagreeable**, *a.* Not in agreement; unpleasant, repugnant; ill-tempered. **disagreeably**, *adv.* **dis-agreement**, *n.* Want of agreement; difference of opinion; a quarrel, falling out.

**disallow** (dis-a-lou'), *v.t.* To refuse assent to, to reject, to prohibit.

**disappear** (dis-a-pér'), *v.t.* To go out of sight, to be lost; to cease to exist. **dis-appearance**, *n.*

**disappoint** (dis-a-point') [F. *désappointer*], *v.t.* To defeat of expectation, hope, etc.; to frustrate. **disappointed**, *a.* **dis-appointing**, *a.* **disappointment**, *n.*

**disapprobation** (dis-áp-rò-bá'shùn), *n.* Disapproval, condemnation.

**disapprove** (dis-á-proov'), *v.t.* To condemn or censure; to reject, as not approved of. **disapproval**, *n.*

**disarm** (dis-arm') [F. *désarmer*], *v.t.* To deprive of weapons; to disband, dismantle; to reduce to a peace footing; to subdue, tame. *v.i.* To lay aside arms. **disarmament**, *n.*

**disarrange** (dis-á-ränj'), *v.t.* To put out of order; to derange. **disarrangement**, *n.*

**disaster** (di-zas'tér) [F. *désastre*], *n.* A

sudden misfortune, calamity; a mishap. **disastrous**, *a.* Ruinous, calamitous.

**disavow** (dis-á-vou'), *v.t.* To deny the truth of, to disown; to disclaim, repudiate. **disavowal**, *n.*

**disband** (dis-bánd') [F. *desbander*], *v.t.* To break up (as a body of men in military service). *v.i.* To be disbanded; to separate, to disperse. **disbandment**, *n.*

**disbelieve** (dis-bé-lév'), *v.t.* To refuse, refuse to believe in. **disbelief**, *n.*

**disburse** (dis-bérs') [O.F. *desbourser*], *v.t.* To pay out, expend; to defray. **disbursement**, *n.*

**discard** (dis-kard'), *v.t.* To throw away as useless; to get rid of, reject.

**discern** (di-zérn') [DIS-, L. *cernere*, to separate], *v.t.* To perceive the difference between, to distinguish (from); to recognize clearly. *v.i.* To make distinction (between); to discriminate. **discernible**, *a.* **discerning**, *a.* Having power to discern, discriminating, acute. **discerningly**, *adv.* **discernment**, *n.*

**discharge** (dis-charj') [O.F. *descharger*], *v.t.* To unload; to get rid of; to emit, let fly; to set free from something binding; to fire off; to pay off, to settle. *n.* The act of discharging; unloading, release, emission, firing off; payment, satisfaction; dismissal, acquittal, liberation; a document certifying any of these.

**disciple** (di-sipl') [A.-S. *discipul* (L. *discipulus*, a learner)], *n.* A pupil of a philosopher, teacher, etc.; one of the early followers, esp. one of the twelve personal followers of Christ. **discipleship**, *n.*

**discipline** (dis'i-plin) [L. *disciplina*, as prec.], *n.* Training, exercise, or practice of the mental, moral, and physical powers; correction, chastisement; systematic obedience, methodical action, the state of being under control, the rules binding on the members of a church, action against a transgressor of these. *v.t.* To bring into a state of discipline; to teach, train, drill, esp. in obedience, orderly habits, and methodical action; to chastise. **disciplinable**, *a.* **disciplinarian**, *a.* Pertaining to discipline. *n.* One who rigidly enforces or is skilled in maintaining discipline. **disciplinary** (dis'i-plin-ár-i), *a.* Pertaining to or promoting discipline; tending to promote efficient mental action.

**disclaim** (dis-klám') [A.-F. *desclamer*], *v.t.* To repudiate, disown, disavow; to reject; to renounce, relinquish. **disclaimer**, *n.* The act of disclaiming; renunciation.

**disclose** (dis-klöz') [O.F. *descloire*], *v.t.* To uncover; to lay bare or open; to reveal, divulge. **disclosure** (dis-klöz'húr), *n.* The act of disclosing; that which is disclosed.

**discolour** (dis-kúl'ér) [O.F. *descolorer*], *v.t.* To alter the colour of; to stain. *v.i.* To become stained or tarnished; to fade, become pale. **discoloration**, *n.*

**discomfit** (dis-kúm'ít) [DIS-, L. *conficere*, to finish], *v.t.* To defeat, rout; to disconcert, confound. **discomfiture**, *n.*

**discomfort** (dís-kúm'fórt) [O.F. *desconforter*], *v.t.* To deprive of comfort; to cause pain or uneasiness to. *n.* Deprivation of comfort; disquietude, distress.

**discompose** (dis-kóm-póz'), *v.t.* To disturb; to vex, disquiet. **discomposure**, *n.* Agitation, perturbation, disquiet.

**disconcert** (dis-kón-sért') [M.F. *disconcerter*], *v.t.* To disorder; to baffle, foil.

**disconnect** (dis-kó-nekt'), *v.t.* To disunite, sever. **disconnected**, *a.* Separated; incoherent, ill-connected.

**disconsolate** (dis-kón'só-láj) [DIS-, L. *consolatus*, consoled], *a.* Inconsolable, cheerless, forlorn; without hope.

**discontent** (dis-kón-tent'), *n.* Want of content; dissatisfaction; a grievance. *a.* Not content, dissatisfied. **discontented**, *a.* Dissatisfied, disquiet.

**discontinue** (dis-kón-tin'ú), *v.t.* To break off, interrupt; to leave off; to give up. *v.i.* To cease; to lose continuity. **discontinuance**, *n.* A break in succession; cessation, interruption. **discontinuous**, *a.* Not continuous, disconnected; incoherent. **discontinuity**, *n.*

**discord** (dis'kórd) [O.F. *descord*], *n.* Want of concord or agreement; contention, strife; a lack of harmony; the sounding together of inharmonious or inconclusive notes, the interval or the chord so sounded.

**discount** (dis-kount') [O.F. *desconter*], *v.t.* To advance the amount of, deducting a certain rate per cent.; to leave out of account; to anticipate; to make allowance for, to disregard. *v.i.* To advance money on bills, etc., due at some future date, deducting the interest. *n.* (dis'kount). A deduction from an account, etc., for early or immediate payment; a deduction at a certain rate from an advance on a bill of exchange not yet due.

**discountenance** (dis-koun'té-náns) [M.F. *descontenancer*], *v.t.* To set one's face against; to express disapprobation of.

**discourage** (dis-kúr'áj) [O.F. *descoragier*], *v.t.* To dishearten, dispirit; to dissuade or deter (from). **discouragement**, *n.* **discouraging**, *a.*

**discourse** (dis-kórs') [F. *discours*, as DISCURSIVE], *n.* Conversation; a dissertation, a lecture or sermon; a formal treatise. *v.t.* To converse; to talk formally, hold forth (upon).

**discourteous** (dis-kér'té-ús), *a.* Uncivil, rude.

**discover** (dis-kúv'ér) [O.F. *descovrir*], *v.t.* To disclose, reveal, make known; to gain the first sight of, find by exploration; to realize suddenly; to detect. **discoverable**, *a.* **discoverer**, *n.* **discovery**, *n.* **discredit** (dis-kred'it), *n.* Want of credit; disrepute; the cause of disrepute or disgrace; disbelief. *v.t.* To disbelieve; to bring into disrepute. **discreditable**, *a.* Disreputable, disgraceful.

**discreet** (dis-krét') [L. *discretus*, discerned], *a.* Prudent, circumspect; careful in choosing the best means of action.

**discrepant** (dis-krep'ánt) [DIS-, L. *crepans*,



sounding], *a.* Disagreeing, inconsistent.  
**discrepancy**, *n.*

**discretion** (dis-kresh'ün) [O.F. *discrecion*, as DISCREET], *n.* The faculty of distinguishing things, or discriminating between what is right and wrong, useful and injurious; judgment, circumspection; freedom of action or choice. **discretionary**, *a.*

**discriminate** (dis-krim'i-nät) [L. *discriminatus*, separated]. *v.t.* To distinguish; to mark the difference or distinction between; to differentiate. *v.i.* To make a distinction. *a.* Distinctive; having the difference clearly marked. **discrimination**, *n.* Discernment, penetration, judgment; the act or power of discriminating; a distinguishing mark.

**discursive** (dis-kër'siv) [DIS-, L. *cursus*, ran], *a.* Passing from one subject to another; rambling, desultory. **discursively**, *adv.* **discursiveness**, *n.*

**discuss** (dis-küs') [L. *discussus*, shaken asunder], *v.t.* To debate; to examine by argument; to try the flavour of (wine, etc.). **discussible**, *a.* **discussion** (dis-küş'ün), *n.*

**disdain** (dis-dän') [O.F. *desdaigner*, to scorn], *n.* Scorn, a feeling of contempt; haughtiness. *v.t.* To regard as unworthy of notice; to despise and repulse; to scorn, to contemn. *v.i.* To feel or manifest scorn. **disdainful**, *a.*

**disease** (di-zëz') [O.F. *desaise*], *n.* Any alteration of the normal vital processes through some unnatural or hurtful condition; disorder, morbid condition, illness. **diseased**, *a.* Morbid, unhealthy, deranged.

**disembark** (dis-ëm-bark'), *v.t.* To put on shore. *v.i.* To come on shore. **disembarkation**, *n.*

**disembarrass** (dis-ëm-bär'äs), *v.t.* To free from embarrassment or perplexity. **disembarrassment**, *n.*

**disembody** (dis-ëm-bod'i), *v.t.* To divest of body; to disband.

**disenchant** (dis-ën-chant') [F. *désenchanter*], *v.t.* To free from enchantment or glamour; to disillusion. **disenchantment**, *n.*

**disencumber** (dis-ën-küm'bër), *v.t.* To free from incumbrance.

**disendow** (dis-ën-dou'), *v.t.* To strip of endowments. **disendowment**, *n.*

**disengage** (dis-ën-gäj'), *v.t.* To loosen, detach, release; to disentangle; to set free from any engagement. **disengaged**, *a.* At leisure, free from any engagement.

**disentail** (dis-ën-täl'), *v.t.* To free from or break the entail of.

**disentangle** (dis-ën-täng'l'), *v.t.* To unravel, free from entanglement.

**disestablish** (dis-ës-täb'lish), *v.t.* To annul the establishment of, esp. to deprive a Church of its connexion with the State. **disestablishment**, *n.*

**disfavour** (dis-fä'vër), *n.* A feeling of dislike or disapprobation; odium.

**disfigure** (dis-fig'ër), *v.t.* To injure the

appearance of; to mar, spoil. **disfigurement**, *n.*

**disfranchise** (dis-frän'chiz), *v.t.* To deprive of electoral privileges, or of the rights of citizenship. **disfranchisement**, *n.*

**disgorge** (dis-görj'), *v.t.* To vomit; to empty (as a river); to give up (esp. what has been unjustly acquired).

**disgrace** (dis-gräs') [F. *disgrâce*], *n.* The state of being out of favour; discredit, ignominy, shame; the cause or occasion of discredit or shame. *v.t.* To dismiss from favour; to dishonour, bring disgrace on. **disgraceful**, *a.* **disgracefully**, *adv.*

**disguise** (dis-giz') [O.F. *desguisier*], *v.t.* To alter the appearance of; to hide by a counterfeit appearance; to misrepresent. *n.* A dress, mask, or manner put on to disguise or conceal; a pretence or show.

**disgust** (dis-güst') [M.F. *desgouter*], *v.t.* To excite loathing or aversion in; to offend the taste of. *n.* A strong distaste; aversion, loathing, repulsion. **disgusting**, *a.* Loathsome; exciting disgust; beastly.

**dish** (dish) [A.-S. *disc*, DISK], *n.* A broad, shallow, open vessel for serving food; the food so served; any particular kind of food.

**dishearten** (dis-har'tén), *v.t.* To discourage, dispirit.

**dishevelled** (di-shev'ëld) [O.F. *descheveler*], *a.* Flowing in disorder (of the hair); untidy, unkempt.

**dishonest** (dis-on'est), *a.* Destitute of honesty, or good faith; deceitful, untrustworthy. **dishonesty**, *n.*

**dishonour** (dis-on'ör), *n.* Lack of honour; disgrace, ignominy; reproach, or its cause, *v.t.* To bring disgrace on; to damage the reputation of; to treat with indignity; to violate the chastity of; to refuse to accept or pay (as a bill or draft). **dishonourable**, *a.*

**disillusion** (dis-i-loo'zhün), *v.t.* To free or deliver from an illusion. *n.* Disenchantment. **disillusionment**, *n.*

**disincline** (dis-in-klín'), *v.t.* To make averse or indisposed (to). **disinclination**, *n.* A want of desire; unwillingness.

**disinfect** (dis-in-fekt'), *v.t.* To free from infection. **disinfectant**, *n.* That which removes infection by destroying its causes.

**disinherit** (dis-in-her'it), *v.t.* To deprive of an inheritance.

**disintegrate** (dis-in'tè-grät), *v.t.* To separate into component parts; to reduce to fragments. *v.i.* To fall to pieces, to crumble. *n.* **disintegration**, *n.* The separation of a solid body into its component parts.

**disinter** (dis-in-tër'), *v.t.* To dig up from a grave; to unearth. **disinterment**, *n.*

**disinterested** (dis-in'tër-èst-éd), *a.* Without personal interest; unbiased.

**disjoint** (dis-joint'), *v.t.* To put out of joint, dislocate, separate at the joints; to break the connexion of. **disjointed**, *a.* Out of joint; incoherent.

**disk** (disk) [Gr. *diskos*], *n.* A thin, flat,

circular plate or surface; the face of a celestial body.

**dislike** (dis-lik'), *v.t.* To regard with repugnance or aversion. *n.* A feeling of repugnance; aversion.

**dislocate** (dis-ló-kát) [DIS-, *L. locātus*, placed], *v.t.* To put out of joint; to disturb, derange. **dislocat'ion**, *n.*

**dislodge** (dis-loj'), *v.t.* To eject from a place of rest or defence; to drive out, expel.

**disloyal** (dis-loi'ál), *a.* Not true to allegiance; disaffected towards the sovereign or the Government. **disloyalty**, *n.*

**dismal** (diz'mál) [O.F. *dis mal*, *L. diēs mali*, unlucky days], *a.* Cheerless, depressing.

**dismantle** (dis-mántl'), *v.t.* To strip of covering, equipment, or means of defence; to unrig (as a ship).

**dismast** (dis-mast'), *v.t.* To deprive a ship of a mast or masts.

**dismay** (dis-mā) [Teut.], *v.t.* To deprive of courage; to terrify, daunt. *n.* Utter loss of courage or resolution; a state of terror or fright.

**dismember** (dis-mem'bér), *v.t.* To separate limb from limb; to distribute, partition. **dismemberment**, *n.*

**dismiss** (dis-mis') [*L. dimittere*], *v.t.* To send away; to dissolve, disband; to discharge. **dismissal**, *n.*

**dismount** (dis-mount'), *v.i.* To alight from a horse. *v.t.* To throw down from a support (as cannon); to unhorse; to take to pieces.

**disobedience** (dis-ó-bé'di-éns), *n.* Refusal to obey; wilful neglect or violation of duty. **disobedient**, *a.*

**disobey** (dis-ó-bā'), *v.t.* To neglect or refuse to obey.

**disoblige** (dis-ó-blij'), *v.t.* To act contrary to the wishes of; to inconvenience, to incommode. **disobliging**, *a.* Not obliging, not disposed to gratify; churlish, ungracious. **disobligingly**, *adv.*

**disorder** (dis-ór'dér), *n.* Want of order; confusion; tumult, commotion; disease, illness. *v.t.* To throw into confusion; to derange the natural functions of. **disorderly**, *a.* Confused, disarranged; unlawful; turbulent.

**disorganize** (dis-ór-gá-níz), *v.t.* To throw into confusion; to destroy the systematic arrangement of. **disorganiza'tion**, *n.*

**disown** (dis-ón'), *v.t.* To refuse to own; to disclaim, repudiate.

**disparage** (dis-pár'áj) [O.F. *desparagier*, *parage*, lineage], *v.t.* To undervalue; to treat or speak of slightly; to depreciate. **disparagement**, *n.* The act of disparaging; depreciation, detraction.

**dispassionate** (dis-páš'hó-nát), *a.* Free from passion; calm, temperate.

**dispatch** (dis-pách') [DIS-, *L. pactum*, an agreement], *v.t.* To send off, esp. with haste; to transact quickly; to settle; to put to death; *v.i.* To go quickly; to hasten, *n.* The act of dispatching or being dispatched; prompt execution; an official communication on State affairs, etc.; a putting to death.

**dispel** (dis-pel') [DIS-, *L. pellere*, to drive], *v.t.* To dissipate, disperse; to drive away.

**dispensable** (dis-pen'sábl), *a.* That may be dispensed with, inessential; that for which a dispensation may be granted.

**dispensary** (dis-pen'sar-i) [as DISPENSE], *n.* A place where medicines are dispensed, esp. gratis to the poor.

**dispensation** (dis-pen-sā'shún) [as foll.], *n.* The act of dispensing or dispensing with; distribution; scheme, plan, the government of the universe; God's dealings with man; (*R.-C. Ch.*) a licence to omit or commit something enjoined or forbidden by canon law.

**dispense** (dis-pens') [*L. dispensāre*, to distribute, manage], *v.t.* To deal out, distribute; to prepare and give out medicine; to grant a dispensation to or exemption from. *v.i.* To dispense medicines. **to dispense with**: To forgo, to do without; to render unnecessary. **dispenser**, *n.* One who dispenses, esp. medicines.

**disperse** (dis-pěrs') [*L. dispersus*, scattered], *v.t.* To scatter; to send, throw, etc., in different directions; to dissipate, diffuse, disseminate. *v.i.* To break up, vanish; to become spread abroad. **dispersal**, *n.*

**dispersion** (dis-pěr'shún) [as prec.], *n.* The act of dispersing; state of being dispersed.

**dispirit** (dis-pir'it), *v.t.* To deprive of spirit or courage; to dishearten, deject.

**displace** (dis-plās'), *v.t.* To remove from the usual place, from a position or dignity, etc.; to dismiss; to supersede. **displacement**, *n.* The act of displacing; state of being displaced; supersession; the water displaced by a floating body.

**display** (dis-plā') [DIS-, *L. plicāre*, to fold], *v.t.* To exhibit, expose, parade; to make known, unfold, reveal. *n.* Show, exhibition; ostentatious parade.

**displease** (dis-plēz'), *v.t.* To dissatisfy; to vex, annoy; to be disagreeable to. *v.t.* To cause displeasure or offence.

**displeasure** (dis-plēzh'ūr), *n.* A feeling of annoyance, vexation, or anger.

**disport** (dis-pört') [O.F. *desporter* (*porter*, to carry)], *v.* To amuse, to divert (oneself); to sport; to gambol.

**dispose** (dis-póz') [DIS-, O.F. *poser*, to cease], *v.t.* To set in order; to place; to adjust, incline; to regulate, fix.

**disposition** (dis-pó-zish'ún) [DIS-, *L. positus*, placed], *n.* The act of disposing, arranging, etc.; disposal, fitness, aptitude; inclination, temperament, propensity.

**dispossess** (dis-pó-zes'). *v.t.* To oust from possession, to eject, dislodge.

**dispraise** (dis-prāz'), *v.t.* To censure, to express disapprobation of. *n.* Blame, disparagement.

**disproportion** (dis-pró-pór'shún), *n.* Want of proportion; disparity, lack of symmetry. **disproportionate**, *a.*

**disprove** (dis-proov'), *v.t.* To prove to be erroneous or unfounded; to refute.



**dispute** (dis-pūt') [L. *disputāre*], *v.i.* To contend in argument; to argue; to quarrel, wrangle; to strive against another, compete. *v.t.* To argue about; to oppose, question, challenge or deny the truth of; to contest. *n.* Contention or strife in argument; debate, difference of opinion; a falling out; contest, strife. **dis'putable**, *a.* Open to dispute, controvertible; questionable. **dis'putant**, *n.* **disputa'tion**, *n.* **disputatious**, *a.* Given to dispute; cavilling, contentious.

**disqualify** (dis-kwōl'i-fī), *v.t.* To disable, debar; **disqualification**, *n.* The act of disqualifying; that which disqualifies. **disquiet** (dis-kwī'ēt), *v.t.* To disturb, to make uneasy. *a.* Uneasy, restless. *n.* Want of quiet or peace; anxiety.

**disquisition** (dis-kwi-zish'un) [DIS, L. *quīsitus*, sought], *n.* A systematic inquiry into, an investigation; a formal discourse or treatise.

**disregard** (dis-rē-gard'), *n.* Slight, neglect. *v.t.* To take no notice of; to neglect. **disregardful**, *a.* Negligent, careless, heedless.

**disrepair** (dis-rē-pār'), *n.* A state of being out of repair; dilapidation.

**disreputable** (dis-rep'ū-tābl), *a.* Of bad repute, not respectable; discreditable. **disrepute'**, *n.*

**disrespect** (dis-rē-spekt'), *n.* Want of respect or reverence; incivility; an act of rudeness. **disrespectful**, *a.*

**disrobe** (dis-rōb'), *v.* To undress.

**disrupt** (dis-rūpt') [DIS-, L. *ruptus*, broken], *v.t.* To tear asunder, break in pieces.

**dissatisfy** (di-sāt'is-fi), *v.t.* To fall short of the expectations of; to make discontented. **dissatisfaction**, *n.*

**dissect** (di-sekt') [DIS-, L. *sectus*, cut], *v.t.* To cut in pieces; to cut up an organism so as to examine the parts, etc., in detail. **dissection**, *n.* **dissector**, *n.*

**dissemble** (di-sembl') [DIS-, L. *simulāre*, to simulate], *v.t.* To hide under a false appearance; to simulate. *v.i.* To cloak, conceal; to hide one's feelings, etc., play the hypocrite. **dissembler**, *n.*

**disseminate** (di-sem'ināt) [DIS-, L. *sēminātus*, sown], *v.t.* To scatter abroad, as seed; to diffuse.

**dissension** (di-sen'shūn) [as foll.], *n.* Disagreement of opinion; discord, strife.

**dissent** (di-sent') [DIS-, L. *sentire*, to feel], *v.t.* To differ in opinion; to hold opposite views; to withhold assent or approval. *n.* Difference or disagreement of opinion; refusal or assent; the principles of dissenters from the established Church.

**Dissenter**, *n.* One who dissents from an established Church, esp. a member of a sect that has separated from the Church of England.

**dissentient** (di-sen'shi-ēt) [as prec.], *a.* Disagreeing or differing in opinion. *n.* One who holds or expresses contrary views. **dissertation** (dis-ēr-tā'shūn) [DIS-, L. *sertus*, joined], *n.* A formal discourse; a disquisition, treatise, essay.

**disservice** (dis-sēr'vis), *n.* An injury, detriment.

**dissident** (dis'i-dēt) [DIS-, L. *sidens*, sitting], *a.* Disagreeing, dissenting. *n.* One who dissents from any motion.

**dissimilar** (di-sim'i-lār), *a.* Not similar; unlike; discordant.

**dissimulate** (di-sim'ū-lāt) [L. *dissimulātus*], *v.t.* To dissemble, conceal, disguise. **dissimula'tion**, *n.*

**dissipate** (dis'i-pāt) [L. *dissipātus*], *v.t.* To scatter, disperse; to squander, waste, fritter away. *v.i.* To be dispersed, vanish; to indulge in dissolute enjoyment. **dissipated**, *a.* Scattered, given to dissipation, dissolute. **dissipa'tion**, *n.*

**dissociate** (di-sō'shi-āt) [DIS-, L. *sociātus*, associated], *v.t.* To separate, to disconnect. **dissocia'tion**, *n.*

**dissoluble** (dis'ōl-ūbl) [as DISSOLVE], *a.* That can be dissolved or decomposed.

**dissolute** (dis'ō-lūt) [as DISSOLVE], *a.* Loose in conduct; licentious, debauched.

**dissolution** (dis-ō-lū'shūn) [as next], *n.* The act or process of dissolving, disintegrating, etc.; liquefaction, death; separation of a meeting, assembly, or Parliament.

**dissolve** (di-zolv') [DIS-, L. *solvere*, to loosen], *v.t.* To liquefy, melt; to decompose; to break up; to put an end to (as a meeting, etc.); to annul. *v.i.* To become liquefied; to disintegrate; to break up, separate; to fade away.

**dissonant** (dis'ō-nānt) [L. *dissonans*, being unlike in sound], *a.* Discordant, inharmonious; harsh. **dissonance**, *n.*

**dissuade** (di-swād') [DIS-, L. *suādere*, to persuade], *v.t.* To seek to persuade not to do some act; to advise against. **dissuasion**, *n.* **dissuasive**, *a.* Tending to dissuade. *n.* A dissuasive argument.

**distaff** (dis'taf) [A.-S. *distæf*], *n.* A cleft stick, on which wool or carded cotton was wound for spinning.

**distance** (dis'tāns) [as foll.], *n.* The extent of separation between two objects, remoteness in space or time; a set interval; reserve, coolness; separation in rank or relationship. the remoter parts of a view, background of a picture. *v.t.* To leave behind in a race; to outstrip, outdo.

**distant** (dis'tānt) [L. *distans*, pres. p. of *distāre* (DIS-, *stāre*, to stand)], *a.* Separated by intervening space; remote in space, time, succession, consanguinity, resemblance, kind, or nature; not plain or obvious; reserved, cool.

**distaste** (dis-tāst'), *n.* Disrelish, dislike, disinclination (for). **distasteful**, *a.* Offensive, displeasing. **distastefulness**, *n.*

**distemper** (1) (dis-tem'pēr) [DIS-, L. *temperāre*, to temper, mix in due proportions], *n.* A derangement of the health or mind; a catarrhal disorder in young dogs; discontent; political disturbance. **distempered**, *a.* Disordered in mind or body; intemperate, immoderate.

**distemper** (2) [as prec.], *v.t.* To paint or colour with distemper. *a.* A method

of painting with colours diluted with size instead of oil; the coloured preparation.

**distend** (dis-tend') [DIS-, L. *tendere*, to stretch], *v.t.* To spread out; to inflate; to cause to open. *v.i.* To swell out. **distension**, *n.*

**distich** (dis'tik) [DI- (2), Gr. *stichos*, a row], *n.* Two lines of poetry making complete sense.

**distil** (dis-til') [DI- (1), L. *stillā*, a drop], *v.t.* To fall in drops; to trickle; to undergo the process of distillation. *v.i.* To extract by means of vaporization and condensation; to make, obtain, or purify by this process; to let fall in drops. **distillation**, *n.* **distiller**, *n.* A manufacturer of spirits by distillation. **distillery**, *n.* A building where spirits are produced by distillation.

**distinct** (dis-tinkt') [as next], *a.* Different, separate; unmistakable, clear, plain, definite. **distinction**, *n.* A mark or note of difference; a distinguishing quality; discrimination; that which differentiates; title, rank, superiority. **distinctive**, *a.* **distinctness**, *n.*

**distinguish** (dis-ting'gwish) [L. *distinguere*, to mark with a prick], *v.t.* To discriminate, differentiate; to indicate difference by some external mark, to perceive, recognize, to make eminent, prominent, or well known. *v.i.* To differentiate; to draw distinctions. **distinguishable**, *a.* **distinguished**, *a.* Marked by some distinctive sign or property; eminent, remarkable. **distinguishing**, *a.*

**distort** (dis-tort') [DIS-, L. *tortus*, twisted], *v.t.* To twist the natural shape or direction; to pervert from the true meaning. **distortion**, *n.*

**distract** (dis-träkt') [DIS-, L. *tractus*, drawn], *v.t.* To divert the mind or attention (from); to draw in different directions, to confuse, bewilder, perplex; to drive mad, to craze. **distracted**, *a.* Disturbed mentally, crazed; harassed, perplexed. **distracting**, *a.*

**distrain** (dis-trān') [DI- (1), L. *stringere*, to strain, compress], *v.t.* To seize (person or goods) for debt. *v.i.* To levy a distress. **distrain**, *n.*

**distraught** (dis-traw't') [as DISTRACT], *a.* Bewildered, agitated, distracted.

**distress** (dis-tres') [L. *districus*, as DISTRAIN], *n.* Extreme anguish of mind or body; misery, poverty, destitution; calamity, misfortune; the act of distraining; goods taken in distraint. *v.t.* To afflict with anxiety, unhappiness, or anguish to vex; to distrain. **distressful**, *a.* Painful, afflictive; attended by distress. **distressing**, *a.* Afflicting; awakening pity or compassion.

**distribute** (dis-trib'üt) [L. *distributus*], *v.t.* To divide or deal out, to disperse, to give in charity; to classify. **distributable**, *a.* **distribution**, *n.*

**distributive** (dis-trib'ü-tiv) [as prec.], *a.* Distributing or allotting the proper share to each; pertaining to distribution. *n.*

A word that expresses distribution, *e.g.* each, every, either, neither. **distributively**, *adv.*

**district** (dis'trikt) [L. *districtus*, *p.p.* of *distringere*, to DISTRAIN], *n.* A limited portion of territory for judicial, administrative, fiscal, or other purposes; a region tract of country.

**distrust** (dis-trüst'), *v.t.* To have no confidence in; to question the reality truth, or sincerity of. *n.* Want of confidence or faith (in); suspicion. **distrustful**, *a.* Suspicious, without confidence.

**disturb** (dis-tərb') [DIS-, L. *turbare*, to trouble], *v.t.* To agitate, disquiet, decompose, unsettle; to hinder, interrupt, interfere with. **disturbance**, *n.*

**disunion** (dis-ünyón), *n.* Disagreement.

**disuse** (dis-üs'), *n.* A cessation of use, practice, or exercise.

**disyllable** (di-sil'ábl) [DI- (2), SYLLABLE], *n.* A word or metrical foot of two syllables.

**disyllabic**, *a.*

**ditch** (dich) [A.-S. *dīc*], A trench forming a boundary, drain, or protection to a fortress. *v.i.* To dig or repair ditches.

**ditto** (dit'ō) [It.], *n.* (*pl.* -os). That which has been said before; the same thing, a similar thing (often written do.).

**ditty** (dit'ti) [L. *dictātum*, a thing dictated], *n.* A little song, an air.

**diurnal** (dī-ür'nál) [L. *diurnus*, daily], *a.* Pertaining to day-time; performed in a day, daily.

**divagation** (di-vā-gā'shūn) [DI- (1), L. *vagātus*, wandered], *n.* A rambling, digression.

**divan** (di-vān') [Turk.], *n.* A court of justice, the highest council of state in the East; a thickly-cushioned seat against the wall of a room.

**dive** (div) [A.-S. *dūfan*], *v.i.* To plunge head first under water; to descend quickly; to thrust one's hand rapidly into something; to enter deeply into anything. *n.* A sudden plunge head foremost into water; a sudden dart. **diver**, *n.*

**diverge** (di-věrj') [DI- (1), L. *vergere*, to bend], *v.i.* To tend in different directions, to branch off; to vary from a normal form; to deviate. **divergence**, -ency, *n.* **divergent**, *a.*

**divers** (dī'vēr) [O.F., from L. *diversus*, various], *a.* Several, sundry.

**diverse** (di-vers') [as prec.], *a.* Different, varying, multimorph. **diversely**, *adv.* **diverseness**, *n.* **diversify**, *v.t.* To make different from others; to give variety to.

**diversion** (di-věr'shūn) [as next], *n.* The act of diverting, that which serves to divert the mind, business, etc.; a relaxation, distraction, amusement. **diversity**, *n.* Difference, unlikeness; variety.

**divert** (di-vért') [DI- (1), L. *vertere*, to turn], *v.t.* To turn aside, to deflect; to turn in another direction, to avert; to distract, entertain, amuse. **diverting**, *a.*

**divest** (di-vest') [DI- (1), L. *vestis*, a garment], *v.t.* To strip of clothing; to deprive, rid (of).



**divide** (di-vîd') [L. *dividere*], *v.t.* To part asunder; to sever, separate, break into parts; to distribute, deal out; to make a passage through; to form the boundary between, to sunder, to classify; to take a portion of with others; to destroy unity amongst; to perform the operation of division. *v.i.* To be separated; to share; to diverge; to express decision by separating into two parts; to be disunited in feelings, opinions, etc. **divider**, *n.*

**dividend** (div'i-dend) [L. *dividendum*, as prec.], *n.* Share of a bankrupt's assets, the profits of a company, etc.

**divine** (1) (di-vîn') [L. *divinâre*, as foll.], *v.t.* To find out by inspiration, magic, or intuition; to foresee; to guess, feel a presentiment of. *v.i.* To practise divination. **diviner**, *n.* **divination**, *n.*

**divine** (2) (di-vîn') [L. *divinus*, cogn. with *divus*, *deus*, god], *a.* Pertaining to, of the nature of God or a god; godlike, celestial; pertaining to theology. *n.* A clergyman, ecclesiastic, theologian. **divinely**, *adv.* **divinity**, *n.* The quality of being divine, deity, godhead; God; a deity; the science of divine things; theology.

**divisible** (di-vîz'ibl) [L. *divisibilis*, as **DIVIDE**], *a.* Capable of division, esp. into equal parts by a divisor without a remainder. **divisibility**, *n.* **division** (di-vîz'ûn), *n.* The act of dividing; the state of being divided; separation; distribution; a boundary, partition, distinct part; an administrative unit; a separate body of men, esp. soldiers under the command of a general officer; a number of vessels under one command; disunion, disagreement; (*Parl.*) the separation of members for the purpose of voting; (*Math.*) the process of dividing. **divisional**, *a.* **divisor** (di-vî-zôr), *n.* That number by which a dividend is divided; one that divides another without a remainder.

**divorce** (di-vôr's) [L. *divortium*, as **DIVERT**], *n.* Legal dissolution of the marriage tie; a separation of things closely connected. *v.t.* To dissolve by legal process the bonds of marriage between; to obtain a divorce from; to disunite things closely connected.

**divulge** (di-vülj') [DI- (1), L. *vulgâre*, to publish], *v.t.* To make known; to reveal, disclose. **divulgence**, *n.*

**dizzy** (diz'i) [A.-S. *dysig*, foolish], *a.* Giddy, dazed; causing dizziness, confusing. **dizzily**, *adv.* **dizziness**, *n.*

**do** (doo) [A.-S. *dôn*] (*past*, *did*, *didst*; *p.p.* *done*, *dûn*), *v.t.* and *aux.* To execute, perform, effect, transact, carry out; to produce, make; to complete, accomplish; to cause, to render (good, evil, honour, etc., to); to cook; to play the part of; to cheat, swindle; to fatigue, exhaust. *v.i.* To act, behave; to perform deeds; to finish, cease; to fare; to get on; to suffice, to answer the purpose. *n.* A swindle.

**docile** (dô'sil) [L. *docilis*], *a.* Willing or ready to learn; tractable. **docility**, *n.*

**dock** (1) (dok) [A.-S. *docce*], *n.* A common weed.

**dock** (2) [Teut.], *n.* The solid part of an animal's tail; the tail after being cut short. *v.t.* To cut the tail off; to abridge.

**dock** (3) [cp. M. Dut. *docke*, *dockke* (mod. Dut. *dok*), also prov. Eng. *doke*, a hollow], *n.* An artificial basin in which ships are built or repaired, or where they load and unload; an enclosure between platforms where railway lines terminate. *v.t.* To bring into or place in dock. **docker**, *n.* A labourer at the docks. **dockyard**, *n.* A large enclosed area where vessels are built or repaired.

**dock** (4) [Fl. *dok*, a hutch, a pen], *n.* The enclosure for prisoners in a criminal court.

**docket** (dok'ët) [?], *n.* A summary; a register of judgments; a list of cases for trial, summary of business to be dealt with; a label with address.

**doctor** (dok'tôr) [L., from *docere*, to teach], *n.* A qualified practitioner of medicine or surgery; one who has taken the highest degree at a University; a learned man.

*v.t.* To administer medicines to; to treat medically; to patch up; to adulterate; to falsify. **doctorate**, *n.* The degree, rank, or title of a doctor.

**doctrinaire** (dok'tri-nâr') [L. *doctrina*, DOCTRINE], *n.* One who theorizes, esp. in politics. *a.* Visionary, impractical.

**doctrine** (dok'trin) [L. *doctrina*, from DOCTOR], *n.* That which is taught; the principles, tenets, or dogmas of any church, sect, school, etc. **doctrinal**, *a.*

**document** (dok'û-mënt) [L. *documentum*, from *docere*, to teach], *n.* A paper containing information for the establishment of facts; written evidence or proof. *v.t.* To furnish with or prove by means of documents. **documentary**, *a.*

**dodec-**, **dodeca-** (Gr. *dōdeka*), *pref.* Twelve. **dodecagon**, *n.* A plane figure of 12 equal angles and sides. **dodecahedron**, *n.* A solid figure of 12 equal sides, each of which is a regular pentagon.

**dodge** (doj) [?], *v.i.* To start aside suddenly, esp. so as to elude pursuit, etc.; to act trickily, to quibble. *v.t.* To escape from by starting aside; to evade by craft; to cheat. *n.* A sudden start or movement to one side; a trick, artifice, evasion; a skilful expedient. **dodger**, *n.*

**dodo** (dô'dô) [Port. *doudo*, foolish], *n.* A large bird with rudimentary wings, formerly found in Mauritius.

**doe** (dô) [A.-S. *dā*], *n.* The female of the fallow deer; also of the rabbit, hare, and some other animals.

**doff** (dof) [DO OFF], *v.t.* To take off (as clothes); to discard.

**dog** (dog) [A.-S. *docga*], *n.* A wild or domesticated quadruped of numerous breeds; the male of the wolf, fox, and other animals; a surly or a contemptible person; a gay young fellow; various mechanical contrivances acting as hold-fasts; an andiron, hammer of a fire-arm. *v.t.* To follow like a dog; to track. **dog-**

**cart, n.** A light, two-wheeled, double-seated, one-horse vehicle. **dog-days, n. pl.** The period (July and Aug.) when the dog-star rises and sets with the sun, a conjunction formerly supposed to bring great heat. **dog-fish, n.** A species of small sharks which follow their prey in packs, whence the name. **dog-rose, n.** The wild brier. **dog's-ear, n.** A corner of a leaf turned down like a dog's ear. **dog-watch, n.** (*Naut.*) One of two watches of two hours each between 4 and 8 p.m.

**doge (dōj) [It., n.]** The chief magistrate of the old republics of Venice and Genoa.

**dogged (dog'əd) [DOG, -ED], a.** Stubborn, persistent, tenacious; **doggedly, adv.**

**doggerel (dog'ər-əl) [?], a. and n.** Loose, irregular verses.

**dogma (dog'mā) [Gr., from *dokein*, to seem, to think], n.** A principle, tenet, or system of doctrines established on authority, as opposed to one deduced from experience or reasoning; a positive or arrogant expression of opinion. **dogmatic, a.** Pertaining to dogma, doctrinal; based on theory; positive, authoritative; arrogant, dictatorial. **dogmatism, n.** **dogmatize, v. i.** To make dogmatic assertions.

**doily (doi'li) [name of maker], n.** A small ornamental mat for bottles, glasses, etc.

**doings (doo'ingz) [DO], n. pl.** Things done; events, affairs, goings-on.

**doldrums (dol'drūnz) [?], n. pl.** Low spirits, the dumps; that part of the ocean near the equator where calms and variable winds prevail.

**dole (1) (dōl) [O.F. *doel*, L. *dolor*], n.** Sorrow, lamentation; a cause of grief. **doleful, a.** Sad; afflicted, dismal, gloomy. **dolefulness, n.**

**dole (2) [A.-S. *dāl*, DEAL (1)], n.** A share, portion; free distribution of alms, money, or food. **v. t.** To distribute.

**doll (dol) [Dorothy], n.** A child's toy-baby; a pretty but vacuous woman. **dollish, a.**

**dollar (dol'ar) [G. *thaler*], n.** A silver coin of the U.S., worth (nominally) about 4s. 1½d.; (*slang*) five shillings.

**dolly (dol'i) [DOLL, -Y], n.** A pet name for a doll.

**dolman (dol'mān) [Turk. *dōlāmān*], n.** A woman's loose mantle with hanging sleeves; a hussar's jacket.

**dolmen (dol'men) [Corn.], n.** A cromlech.

**dolour (dol'or) [O.F., from L. *dolor*, grief], n.** Pain, suffering, sorrow, lamentation.

**dolorous (dol'or-us), a.**

**dolphin (dol'fin) [L. *delphinus*, see DAUPHIN], n.** A cetacean resembling the porpoise.

**dolt (dōlt) [?], n.** A stupid fellow; a numskull. **doltish, a.**

**-dom [A.-S. *dōm*, judgment], suf.** Noting power, etc. as *earldom*, *kingdom*.

**domain (dō-mān) [as DOMINION], n.** District over which control is or may be exercised; one's landed property, estate.

**dome (dōm) [It. *duomo*, L. *domus*, a house], n.** A rounded roof, the base of which is a

circle, ellipse, or polygon; a stately building; any dome-shaped object.

**domestic (dōmes'tik) [F. *domestique*, L. *domesticus*, from *domus*, home], a.** Pertaining to the home or household; fond of home; tame, not wild; relating to the interval affairs of a nation; not foreign.

**n.** A household servant. **domesticate, v. t.** To accustom to domestic life and household management; to tame.

**domicile (dom'i-sil) [L. *domicilium*], n.** A place of abode, esp. of permanent residence. **v. i.** To establish in a residence.

**dominant (dom'i-nānt) [L. *dominans*, ruling], a.** Governing; overshadowing, supereminent. **n.** (*Mus.*) The fifth note of the scale of any key.

**dominate (dom'i-nāt) [L. *dominatus*, ruled], v. i.** To predominate over; to be the chief; to overlook (as a hill). **v. i.** To prevail.

**domina'tion, n.** Rule, control.

**domineer (dom-i-nēr') [as prec.], v. i.** To exercise authority arrogantly.

**dominical (dō-min'ik-āl) [L. *dominus*, lord], a.** Pertaining to the Lord or the Lord's Day.

**Dominican (dō-min'ik-ān), n.** One of an order of preaching friars, founded in 1216 by St. Dominic; a black friar.

**dominie (dom'i-ni) [L. *domine*, sir], n.** A pedagogue, schoolmaster.

**dominion (dō-min'yōn) [L. *dominium*, from *dominus* lord], n.** Sovereign authority; control, rule; a district, region, etc., under one government.

**domino (dom'i-nō) [Sp. or F.], n.** A masquerade dress, a loose cloak with a small mask; a half mask; a person wearing this; (*pl.*) a game played with twenty-eight oblong dotted pieces of ivory.

**don (1) (don) [Sp., from L. *dominus*, lord], n.** A Spanish title (like Eng. "Mr."); a Spaniard; a fellow or tutor of a college; a person of distinction.

**don (2) [DO ON], v. t.** To put on, assume.

**donation (dō-nā'shūn) [L. *dōnum*, a gift], n.** A gift, presentation, contribution.

**done (dūn) [DO], p. p.** Performed executed; (*colloq.*) cheated, baffled.

**donee (dō-nē') [L. *dōnum*, a gift], n.** The person to whom anything is given.

**donkey (dong'ki) [?], n.** An ass; (*fig.*) a stupid person.

**donor (dō'nōr) [L. *dōnāre*, to give], n.** A giver.

**doom (doom) [A.-S. *dōm*], n.** Judgment; judicial decision; condemnation; destiny; ruin, perdition. **v. t.** To condemn to punishment; to consign to ruin. **dooms-day, n.** The Day of Judgment; the end of the world.

**door (dōr) [A.-S. *dor*], n.** A hinged frame of boards, etc., closing an entrance; entrance, exit, access, means of approach.

**door-keeper, n.** A porter, janitor.

**door-step, n.** A step leading up to an outer door. **door-way, n.** An opening in a wall fitted with a door.

**dope (dōp) [Dut. *doop*, sauce], n.** Any stupefying drink or drug. **v. t.** To stupefy



with drink, to drug. *v.i.* To indulge in harmful drugs.

**dor** (dör) [A.-S. *dora*], *n.* Name of several insects that make a loud humming in flying.

**dorado** (dō-ra'dō) [Sp., gilded], *n.* A fish of brilliant colouring (see DOLPHIN).

**Dorian** (dōr'i-ān), *a.* Of or relating to Doris, in ancient Greece, or its inhabitants.

**Doric** (dōr'ik), *a.* Dorian; applied to a broad rustic dialect, and to the earliest, strongest, and most simple of the three Grecian orders of architecture.

**dormant** (dōr'mānt) (F., sleeping), *a.* Torpid, inactive; inoperative, in abeyance. **dormancy**, *n.*

**dormer** (dōr'mēr) [O.F. *dormeor*], *n.* A window in a sloping roof, having a vertical frame and a gable.

**dormitory** (dōr'mi-tōr-i) [L. *dormitōrium*], *n.* A sleeping-chamber for a number of occupants, esp. in a school, etc.

**dormouse** (dōr'mous) [F. *dormir*, to sleep, MOUSE], *n.* A small hibernating rodent.

**dorsal** (dōr'sāl) [L. *dorsum*, the back], *a.* Pertaining to the back; ridge-shaped.

**dory** (dōr'i) [F. *dorée*, gilded], *n.* A golden-yellow sea-fish, the John Dory.

**dose** (dōs) [Gr. *dosis*, a giving], *n.* The quantity of medicine taken at one time; anything unpleasant which one has to take. *v.t.* To administer doses.

**dot** (dōt) [A.-S. *doti*], *n.* A little spot made with a pen, etc.; a period mark, a point over *i* or *j*; a tiny thing or child. *v.i.* To make dots or spots. *v.t.* To mark with dots.

**dote** (dōt) [Teut.], *v.i.* To have the intellect impaired, esp. by age; to be infatuated; **dotage**, *n.* **dotard**, *n.*

**dotterel** (dōt'er-ēl) [from DOTE], *n.* A small migratory plover; a dupe, a dotard.

**double** (dūbl) [O.F., from L. *duplus*, twofold], *a.* Composed of two; forming a pair, twofold; folded; twice as much, as great, or as many; of two kinds; ambiguous; hypocritical, deceitful. *adv.* Twice; in two ways; in twice the number, quantity, amount, strength, etc.; two together. *n.* Twice as much or as many, a double quantity; a bend or twist (in a road, etc.); a wraith; an understudy; (*Mil.*) running, the pace for charging; a turn in running; a game between two pairs. *v.t.* To increase by an equal quantity, amount, number, value, etc.; to multiply by two; to fold, to bend, turn upon itself; to be twice as much as; to play two (parts) in the same play; to sail round or by; to make a duplicate of. *v.i.* To become twice as much or as great; to enlarge a wager to twice the previous amount; to turn or wind to escape pursuit. **double-bass**, *n.* The largest and lowest-toned of the stringed instruments. **double-dealing**, *a.* Deceitful, tricky. *n.* Such conduct, duplicity.

**double-Dutch**, *n.* Gibberish, jargon; a language not understood by the hearer.

**double-dyed**, *a.* Stained or tainted

with infamy; doubly infamous. **double-faced**, *a.* Double-dealing; insincere. **doubly**, *adv.*

**doublet** (dūb'lēt) [F., dim. of prec.], *n.* One of a pair; one of two words from the same root, but differing in meaning; a close-fitting garment from the neck to a little below the waist.

**doubleloon** (dūb-loon') [Sp.], *n.* A Spanish gold coin, worth about a guinea.

**doubt** (dout) [L. *dubitāre*], *v.i.* To be in uncertainty about anything; to hesitate, waver. *v.t.* To think questionable; to hesitate to believe or assent to; to distrust or suspect. *n.* Uncertainty upon any point, action, or statement; an unsettled state of opinion; indecision, hesitation; distrust, inclination to disbelieve; a question, problem; suspicion. **doubter**, *n.* **doubtful**, *a.* Uncertain, admitting of doubt; ambiguous; undecided, hesitating, suspicious. **doubtfully**, *adv.* **doubt-ingly**, *adv.* **doubtless**, *adv.* Assuredly, admittedly.

**douche** (doosh) [F.], *n.* A jet of water directed upon some part of the body; an instrument for applying this. *v.i.* To apply or take a douche.

**dough** (dō) [A.-S. *dāh*], *n.* The paste of bread, etc., yet unbaked. **doughy**, *a.*

**doughty** (dōn'ti) [A.-S. *dohtig*], *a.* Brave, valiant, redoubtable. **doughtily**, *adv.*

**dour** (door) [L. *durus*, hard], *a.* Stern, severe, sullen, pertinacious.

**douse** (dous) [?], *v.t.* To plunge into water, to drench; to extinguish.

**dove** (dūv) [A.-S. *dūfe*], *n.* One of several kinds of pigeon; an emblem of innocence; the symbol of the Holy Ghost; a term of endearment. **dove-cot**, *n.* A small house for domestic pigeons.

**dovetail** (dūv'tāl) [DOVE, TAIL], *n.* A mode of fastening boards together by fitting tenons, shaped like a dove's tail spread out, into corresponding cavities; a joint of this kind. *v.t.* To fit together; to fit exactly.

**dowager** (dou'ā-jēr) [O.F. *douagere*, as DOWER], *n.* A widow in possession of a dower; a title given to a widow to distinguish her from the wife of her husband's heir.

**dowdy** (dou'di) [M.E. *dowd*, a shabby person], *n.* A shabby, badly or vulgarly dressed woman. *a.* Awkward, shabby, unfashionable. **dowdily**, *adv.*

**dower** (dou'ēr) [O.F. *doaire*, L. *dōtārium*, from *dōtare*, to endow], *n.* The property which a wife brings to her husband in marriage; that part of the husband's property which his widow enjoys during her life; dowry. *v.t.* To endow.

**dowlas** (dou'lās) [Douglas, Brittany], *n.* A kind of coarse linen or calico.

**down** (1) (doun) [A.-S. *dān*], *n.* A tract of upland, esp. the chalk uplands of S. England.

**down** (2) [Icel. *dann*], *n.* The fine soft plumage of young birds or that found under the feathers. **downy**, *a.*

**down** (3) [A.-S. *of-dūne*, ADOWN], *adv.* From a higher to a lower position; on the ground; below the horizon; from former to later times; from north to south; away from the capital, etc.; with a stream or current; into less bulk; to finer consistency; at a low level, prostrate; downstairs out of bed. *prep.* Along, in a descending direction; from the upper to a lower part of; at a lower part of; towards the mouth of. *a.* Moving or directed towards a lower position; downcast.

**downfall** (doun'fawl), *n.* A fall of rain, snow, etc.; a sudden loss of prosperity, reputation, etc.; ruin, overthrow.

**downhill** (doun'hil), *a.* Descending, sloping downwards. *adv.* (doun'hil'). On a descending slope; towards ruin or disgrace.

**downpour** (doun'pōr), *n.* A heavy persistent fall of rain.

**downright** (doun'rit, doun-rit'), *a.* Directed straight downwards; directly to the point; unequivocal; outspoken, blunt. *adv.* Straight downwards; thoroughly.

**downstairs** (doun-starz'), *adv.* Down the stairs; on or to a lower floor. *n.* The lower part of a building.

**downtrodden** (doun'trodden), *a.* Trodden under foot, oppressed, tyrannized over.

**downward**, -s (doun'wārd, -z), *adv.* From a higher to a lower position, condition, etc.; from earlier to later; from superior to inferior, etc. *a.* Moving or tending from higher, superior, or earlier to lower, inferior, or later.

**dowry** (dou'ri) [A.-F. *dowarie*, as DOWER], *n.* The property which a wife brings to her husband.

**doxology** (dok-sol'ō-jī) [Gr. *doxa*, glory, -LOGY], *n.* A brief formula or hymn of praise to God.

**doze** (dōz) [Scand.], *v.i.* To be half asleep, to sleep lightly. *v.t.* To spend in drowsy inaction. *n.* A light sleep.

**dozen** (dūzn) [O.F. *dozaine*], *n.* An aggregate of twelve things.

**drab** (1) (drāb) [Gael. *drabach*], *n.* A prostitute; a slut.

**drab** (2) (drāb) [F. *drap*, cloth], *a.* Of a dull brown or dun colour, commonplace, monotonous. *n.* Drab colour.

**draconian, draconic** (dra-kō'ni-an, -kon'ik) [*Draco*, an extremely severe Athenian legislator], *a.* Inflexible, severe, cruel.

**draft** (draft) [DRAUGHT], *n.* The first outline of a document; a rough sketch of work to be executed; an order for the payment of money; a number of men selected for some special purpose, a contingent. *v.t.* To draw up an outline of, to draw off (a portion of a larger body) for some special purpose. **draftsman**, *n.* One who draws up documents; a draughtsman.

**drag** (drag) [? a var. of DRAW], *v.t.* To pull along the ground by main force; to haul; to draw along with difficulty; to search (a river, etc.) with a grapnel; to put a drag on (a wheel). *v.i.* To trail along the ground; to search a river, etc. with a grapnel. *n.* Anything which re-

tards movement; a skid. to check the speed of a vehicle; an open four-horse coach; a dredge, grapnel, drag-net; an artificial scent.

**dragoman** (drāg'ō-mán) [O.Arab. *tar-gumān*, interpreter], *n.* (*pl.* -mans) A guide, interpreter, and agent for travellers in the East.

**dragon** (drāg'ōn) [Gr. *drakōn*, serpent], *n.* A fabulous winged serpent with formidable claws, etc.; a violent, spiteful person; a duenna. **dragon-fly**, *n.* An insect with a long, brilliant body and two pairs of large wings.

**dragon** (dra-goön') [F. *dragon*, a kind of musket], *n.* A heavy cavalry soldier. *v.t.* To subdue by force.

**drain** (drān) [A.-S. *draehnian*], *v.t.* To draw off gradually; to exhaust; to drink up; to deprive of vitality, resources, etc.). *v.i.* To flow off gradually; to be emptied of moisture. *n.* The act of draining; a strain, exhaustion; a channel for conveying water, sewage, etc. **drainage**, *n.* **drainer**, *n.* One who or that which drains; one who constructs drains; a vessel in which things are put to drain; pumping-engine for removing water from mines, etc.

**drake** (drāk) [?], *n.* The male of the duck.

**dram** (drām) [DRACHM], *n.* The eighth part of an ounce (apoth. wt.); the sixteenth part of an ounce (avoirdupois).

**drama** (dra'mā) [Gr.], *n.* A composition representing life and action, usually intended for performance on the stage; a series of related and interesting events; dramatic art or literature. **dramatic**, -ical, *a.* **dramatist**, *n.* **dramatize**, *v.t.* To set forth as drama; to convert (story, novel, etc.) into a play.

**drape** (drāp) [F. *drap*, cloth], *v.t.* To cover with cloth, etc. **draper**, *n.* One who deals in cloth and other fabrics.

**drastic** (drās'tik) [Gr. *drastikos*], *a.* Acting vigorously; effective, efficacious.

**draught** (draft) [A.-S. *dragan*, to DRAW], *n.* The act of drawing; the quantity of fish taken in one sweep of a net, or of liquor drunk at once; a dose; a current of air; the depth to which a ship sinks in water; a draft, a preliminary design or plan; (*pl.*) a game for two played on a chess-board with draughtsmen.

**draughtsman** (drafts'mán) [DRAUGHT, MAN], *n.* One who draws, designs, or plans; a piece used in the game of draughts. **draughtsmanship**, *n.*

**draughty** (draft'i) [DRAUGHT, -Y], *a.* Full of currents of air. **draughtiness**, *n.*

**draw** (draw) [A.-S. *dragan*], *v.t.* (*p.p.* drawn). To pull or haul along, towards, out, or up from; to cause to come forth, to elicit; to take; to infer, deduce; to inhale; to draft, picture; stretch, protract; to disembowel; to unsheathe (as a sword); to attract; to search for game; to write (cheque, draft, order) on a banker, etc.; to require a specified depth of water to float; to leave undecided, as a match.



**v.i.** To pull; to attract; to allow free current, etc. (as a chimney, pipe); to practise the art of delineation; to write out a draft for payment. **n.** The act or power of drawing; a pull, attraction, lure; the act of drawing lots, or a covert; a lot or chance drawn; a drawn contest; a device to elicit information.

**drawback** (draw'băk), **n.** Money paid back, esp. excise or import duty; a deduction, rebate; a disadvantage, inconvenience, obstacle.

**drawbridge** (draw'brij), **n.** A bridge that may be raised on hinges.

**drawer** (draw'ér) [DRAW, -ER], **n.** One who draws; one who draws a bill or order for the payment of money; a tapster, a barman; (draw) a sliding receptacle in a table etc.; (*pl.*, drawz) an undergarment for the lower limbs. **drawing**, **n.** The action of the verb; the art of representing objects by means of lines drawn with a pencil, crayon, etc.; a delineation of this kind; the distribution of prizes in a lottery; (*pl.*) takings, receipts.

**drawing-room** (draw'ing room) [formerly *withdrawing*], **n.** A room for the reception of company; formal reception by a sovereign.

**drawl** (drawl) [? from DRAW], **v.t.** To utter in a slow, lengthened tone. **v.i.** To speak thus. **n.** This manner of speaking.

**dray** (drā) [as DRAW], **n.** A low cart of strong and heavy construction.

**dread** (dred) [A.-S. *drædan*], **v.** To fear greatly; to anticipate with terror. **n.** Great fear; apprehension of evil; awe; the person or thing dreaded. **a.** Exciting great fear or terror, frightful; awe-inspiring. **dreadful**, **a.** Inspiring dread; terrible.

**dreadnought** (dred'nawt) [DREAD, NAUGHT], **n.** One totally devoid of fear; a large and powerful battleship.

**dream** (drēm) [A.-S. *drēam*], **n.** A vision; thoughts and images that pass through the mind of a sleeping person; a fancy, reverie; a chimerical scheme. **v.i.** (*past dreamt or dreamed*). To have visions; to think, to imagine as in a dream. **v.t.** To see, hear, feel, etc., in a dream; to imagine or conceive in a visionary fashion or in imagination. **dreamland**, **n.** The region of fancy or imagination. **dreamer**, **n.**

**dreary** (drēr'i), **drear** (drēr) [A.-S. *drēcig*], **a.** Dismal, gloomy. **drearily**, **adv.** **dreariness**, **n.**

**dredge** (1) (drej) [as DRAW], **n.** A drag-net for taking oysters; an apparatus for dragging up objects from the bottom of the sea, etc. **v.t.** To gather, bring up, remove, or clear away with a dredge. **dredger**, (1), **n.** One who or that which dredges; a ballast-lighter.

**dredge** (2) [M.E. *dragie*, O.F. *dragee*, late L. and Gr. *tragēmata*, condiments], **v.t.** To sprinkle with flour, etc. **dredger** (2), **n.** A box with perforated lid for sprinkling.

**dregs** (dregz) [Scand.], **n.** The sediment or lees of liquor; worthless refuse.

**drench** (drench) [A.-S. *drencan*], **v.t.** To wet thoroughly; to soak, saturate; to purge violently. **n.** A liquid medicine for horses or cattle; a soaking; a large medicinal draught.

**dress** (dres) [O.F. *dresser*], **v.t.** To make straight; to order, arrange; to clothe, attire; to decorate with flags, etc.; to furnish with costumes; to cleanse, trim; to curry or rub down (as a horse); to prepare for use, to cook; to manure; to square and give a smooth surface to. **v.i.** To clothe oneself; to put on evening clothes; to pay great attention to dress; (*Mil.*) to arrange oneself in proper position in a line. **n.** Garments, apparel; a lady's gown. **dressy**, **a.** Fond of showy dress; stylish, smart.

**dresser** (1) (dres'ér) [DRESS, -ER], **n.** One who dresses another, esp. an actor for the stage; a surgeon's assistant who dresses wounds, etc.

**dresser** (2) (dres'ér) [O.F. *dresser*, as prec.], **n.** A kitchen sideboard; formerly a bench on which meat was dressed for use.

**dressing** (dres'ing) [DRESS, -ING], **n.** The action of the verb; gum, starch, etc., used in sizing or stiffening fabrics; sauce; manure; ointment, bandages, etc., applied to a wound; a thrashing. **dressing-gown**, **n.** A light, loose gown worn during the toilet or in deshabille.

**dribble** (dribl) [?], **v.i.** To drip quickly, to trickle; to slaver.

**drift** (drift) [as DRIVE], **n.** That which is driven along by a wind or current; a current, a driving or compelling force; the course of drifting; tendency, aim, tenor; that which is driven together; a loose accumulation of sand and debris deposited by water or ice. **v.i.** To be driven into heaps; to float or be carried along by a current, or by circumstances. **v.t.** To drive along or into heaps.

**drill** (1) (dril) [Dut. *drillen*, to bore, to turn round, to exercise], **v.t.** To bore with a pointed tool, to perforate; to train by repeated exercise, esp. in the use of arms. **v.i.** To go through a course of military exercise. **n.** A tool for boring holes in hard material; constant practice or exercise; the act of drilling soldiers or sailors, the series of exercises by which they are rendered efficient; rigorous training or discipline. **drill** (2) [obs. *drill*, a rill]. A small furrow for seeds or plants; a row of plants.

**drill** (3) (dril) [corr. of L. *trilix* (*tri*-, three, *licium*, a thread)], **n.** A heavy cotton twilled cloth.

**drink** (drink) [A.-S. *drincan*], **v.t.** (*past drank*, *p.p.* *drunk*). To swallow (a liquid); to absorb, suck in; to pledge, toast. **v.i.** To swallow a liquid; to take intoxicating liquors to excess. **n.** Something to be drunk; a draught; intoxicating liquor; excessive indulgence in this, intemperance.

**drip** (drip) [A.-S. *dryppan*], *v.i.* To fall in drops; to throw off moisture in drops. *v.t.* To let fall in drops. *n.* The act of dripping; that which falls in drops; the projecting edge of a moulding, eaves. **dripping**, *n.* The act of falling in drops; the fat which falls from roasting meat.

**drive** (driv) [A.-S. *drifan*], *v.t.* (*past drove*, *p.p. driven*) To push or urge by force, esp. in a particular direction; to guide, direct (as a horse, engine, ship); to convey in a carriage; to compel; to carry on; to frighten into an enclosure or towards guns; to force (a nail, etc.) with blows; to bore (a tunnel, etc.). *v.i.* To be urged forward by violence; to dash, hasten; to drift; to travel in a carriage, esp. under one's own control; to control a vehicle, engine, etc. *n.* A ride in or on a vehicle; the distance one is driven; a carriage-way to a house; a forward stroke at cricket, etc.; a driving of game, cattle, or an enemy; an organized tournament for whist, etc. **driver**, *n.*

**drizzle** (drizl) [A.-S. *drēosan*, to fall in drops], *v.i.* To fall, as rain, in fine drops; to rain slightly. *n.* Fine small rain. **drizzly**, *a.*

**droll** (dröl) [F. *drôle*], *a.* Odd, facetious, ludicrous, comical, queer. **drollery**, *n.* **dromedary** (drom'-, drüm'-è-dâr-i) [Gr. *dromas* -ada, running, runner], *n.* The one-humped camel of Arabia.

**drone** (drôn) [A.-S. *drān*, *dræn*, a bee], *n.* The male of the bee, a non-worker; an idler, one who lives on the industry of others; a deep humming sound; one of the three lower pipes of the bagpipe.

**droop** (droop) [as foll.], *v.i.* To hang or bend down; to fail, flag, languish; to despond, lose heart. *v.t.* To let (the head, eyes, face) fall or hang down.

**drop** (drop) [A.-S. *dropa*], *n.* A globule of liquid; a minute quantity, an infinitesimal particle; anything resembling a drop, as an ear-ring; the act of dropping, a fall, collapse; a thing that drops or is dropped; part of a gallows; the distance a person falls when hanged; an abrupt fall in a surface, the amount of this. *v.t.* To allow or cause to fall in drops; to cause to fall; to let down; to let go. *v.i.* To fall in drops; to fall; to collapse suddenly; to fall gently asleep; to be uttered; to cease, lapse, come to an end.

**dropsy** (drop'si) [Gr. *hudrōps* (*hudōr*, water)], *n.* An accumulation of watery fluid in the tissues or cavities of the body. **dropsical**, *a.* **dropsied**, *a.*

**droszky** (drosz'ki) [Russ.], *n.* A Russian open four-wheeled vehicle.

**dross** (dros) [A.-S. *drōs*], *n.* The scum left from the melting of metals; anything utterly useless. **drossy**, *a.*

**drought** (drou) [A.-S. *drūgath*, from *drūgan*, to dry], *n.* Dryness; dry weather long continued; thirst. **droughty**, *a.*

**drove** (drōv) [A.-S. *drāf*], *n.* A collection of animals driven in a body; a crowd, a mass of people, esp. as moving

together. *v.i.* To drive cattle in droves. **drover**, *n.* One who drives cattle or sheep to market; a cattle-dealer.

**drown** (droun) [A.-S. *druncian*], *v.i.* To be suffocated in water or other liquid. *v.t.* To suffocate by submersion; to submerge, drench, overwhelm with water.

**drowse** (drouz) [A.-S. *drūsian*], *v.i.* To be sleepy or half asleep. *v.t.* To make drowsy. *n.* The state of being half asleep; a doze; heaviness. **drowsy**, *a.* Sleepy; disposing to sleep; sluggish, stupid. **drowsiness**, *n.* **drowsily**, *adv.*

**drub** (drüb) [?], *v.t.* To cudgel; to beat thoroughly in a contest. **drubbing**, *n.*

**drudge** (dräj) [?], *v.i.* To perform menial work; to work hard with little reward. *n.* One employed in menial work, or in ill-paid uncongenial work; a hack. **drudgery**, *n.*

**drug** (drug) [F. *drogue*], *n.* Any substance used as an ingredient in medical preparations; anything for which there is only a slow sale. *v.t.* To mix drugs with; to administer drugs to, esp. narcotics; to render insensible with drugs; to surfeit, cloy. **druggist**, *n.* One who deals in drugs.

**drugget** (drug'èt) [F. *droguet*], *n.* A coarse woollen fabric, felted or woven.

**druid** (druo'id) [O.Celt. *druidh*, a magician], *n.* A priest or teacher of the early Gauls and Britons; an officer of the Welsh Gorsedd. **druid'ic**, -ical, *a.* **druidism**, *n.*

**drum** (drüm) [Teut.], *n.* A musical instrument made by stretching parchment over the head of a hollow cylinder or hemisphere; the tympanum or hollow part of the middle-ear; a revolving cylinder over which a belt or band passes. *v.i.* To beat or play on a drum; to beat rapidly, as on a table. **drum-head**, *n.* The parchment stretched at the top of a drum.

**drunk** (drünk) [p.p. of DRINK], *pred. a.* Intoxicated, stupefied or overcome with alcoholic liquors. **drunkard**, *n.* One addicted to the excessive use of alcoholic liquors. **drunken**, *p.p.* and *a.* Intoxicated. **drunkenly**, *adv.* **drunkenness**, *n.*

**dry** (dri) [A.-S. *dryge*], *a.* Devoid of moisture; arid; without sap or juice; thirsty; not giving milk; not under water (of land); not sweet (of wines, etc.); lacking interest, dull; sarcastic. *v.t.* To free from or deprive of water, moisture, juice, sap, etc.; to drain, to wipe; to exhaust. *v.i.* To lose or be deprived of moisture. **dry-goods**, *n. pl.* Cloths, silks, drapery, haberdashery, etc. **dry-rot**, *n.* Decay in timber caused by fungi which reduce it to a dry brittle mass. **drysalter**, *n.* A dealer in dried and salted meat, pickles, etc. **dryshod**, *a.* and *adv.* Without wetting the feet. **drily**, **dryly**, *adv.* **dryness**, *n.* **dryad** (dri'äd) [Gr. *druas* -ades (*drūs*, a tree)], *n.* (*pl.* -ades) A nymph of the woods.

**dual** (dü'al) [L. *duo*, two], *a.* Consisting of two; twofold; expressing two; a pronoun, or noun, which, in certain languages



expresses two persons or things, as distinct from the plural which expresses more than two. *n.* (*Gram.*) The dual number.

**dub** (düb) [late A.-S. *dubbian*], *v.t.* To confer knighthood upon by a tap of a sword; to give a nickname to; to trim, smear with grease. **dubbing**, *n.* Grease for preserving and softening leather.

**dubious** (dū'bi-ūs) [L. *dubiōsus*], *a.* Undetermined; wavering; of uncertain result; obscure, vague; open to suspicion. **dubiety**, *n.* **dubiously**, *adv.*

**ducal** (dū'kál) [as *DUKE*], *a.* Of or pertaining to a duke. **ducally**, *adv.*

**ducat** (dūk'át) [It. *ducato*, as *DUCHY*], *n.* A coin formerly current in several European countries.

**duchess** (dūch'es) [F. *duchesse*, (*DUKE*, -ESS)], *n.* The wife or widow of a duke; a lady who holds a duchy in her own right. **duchy** (dūch'í), *n.* The territory, jurisdiction, or dominions of a duke.

**duck** (1) (dūk) [Teut.], *n.* An untwilled linen or cotton fabric.

**duck** (2) [A.-S. *dūce*], *n.* A web-footed bird, esp. the female (male being a drake); (*colloq.*) darling; (*Cricket*) a score of nothing. **duckling**, *n.* A young duck.

**duck** (3) [M.E. *duken*, as *prec.*], *v.i.* To dip under water; to bob the head; to bow, cringe. *v.t.* To throw into water; to wet thoroughly. *n.* A quick plunge or dip under water; a sudden lowering of the head. **ducking**, *n.*

**duct** (dūkt) [L. *ductus*, a leading], *n.* A passage by which fluid is conveyed.

**ductile** (dūk'til) [L. *ductilis*, as *prec.*], *a.* That may be drawn out into threads or wire; malleable, plastic; tractable, yielding to persuasion or advice. **ductility** (-til'í-ti), *n.*

**dude** (dūd) [G.], *n.* A fop, affected person.

**dudgeon** (dūj'on) [?], *n.* Anger, resentment, indignation.

**due** (dū) [O.F. *deū*, owed], *a.* Owing, that ought to be paid, rendered, or done; suitable, appropriate; expected to arrive, calculated to happen; ascribable. *adv.* Exactly, directly. *n.* That which is owing to one, or one owes; an obligation, fee, or legal exaction.

**duel** (dū'él) [It. *duello* (L. *duo*, two)], *n.* A combat between two (esp. with deadly weapons) to decide a quarrel. *v.i.* To fight in a duel; to contest. **duellist**, *n.*

**duenna** (dū-en'á) [Sp. *dueña*], *n.* An elderly lady in charge of young ones; a chaperon.

**duet** (dū-et') [It. *duetto*], *n.* A composition for two performers, vocal or instrumental.

**duffer** (dūf'er) [?], *n.* A stupid person.

**dug** (dūg) [?], *n.* A teat, nipple (of beasts).

**dugong** (doo'gong) [Malay *dūyōng*], *n.* A large herbivorous aquatic mammal.

**duke** (dūk) [L. *dux ducis*, a leader], *n.* A noble holding the highest hereditary rank below royal; the sovereign prince of a duchy. **dukedom**, *n.* The territory or quality, etc., of a duke.

**dulcet** (dūl'sét) [L. *dulcis*, sweet], *a.* Sweet to the ear or senses.

**dulcimer** (dūl'si-mér) [O.F. *doulcemer*], *n.* A musical instrument with wires, which are struck with rods.

**dull** (dūl) [A.-S. *dol*, stupid], *a.* Slow of understanding; stupid; blunt; wanting keenness in any of the senses. *v.t.* To make stupid; to blunt, to render less sensitive, interesting, or effective. **dullard**, *n.* A blockhead; a dunce. **dullish**, *a.* **dullness**, *n.*

**duly** (dū'li) [DUE, -LY], *adv.* Properly; becomingly; regularly; punctually.

**dumb** (dūm) [A.-S.], *a.* Unable to utter articulate sounds or to speak; mute, speechless, taciturn. **dumb-bells**, *n.pl.* Pairs of weights connected by short bars, used for exercise. **dumb-show**, *n.* Gestures without speech; pantomime. **dumbness**, *n.*

**dumbfound** (dūm'found) [DUMB, CONFOUND], *v.t.* To strike dumb; to confound.

**dummy** (dūm'í) [DUMB, -Y], *n.* One who is dumb, any sham article; a lay-figure; the exposed hand at bridge, etc.

**dump** (dūmp) [Scand.], *v.t.* To unload (as dirt) from wagons; to send surplus produce to a foreign market for sale at a low price. *n.* A pile of refuse.

**dumpling** (dūmp'ling) [?], *n.* A mass of dough, boiled or baked.

**dummy** (dūm'pi) [?], *a.* Short and thick.

**dun** (1) (dūn) [A.-S. *dunn*], *a.* Dull brown.

**dun** (2) (dūn) [? var. of DIN], *v.t.* To demand payment from with persistence; to pester. *n.* A creditor who presses persistently.

**dunce** (dūns) [in ridicule of the schoolman, John Duns Scotus (d. 1308)], *n.* A dullard; one slow in learning.

**dunderhead** (dūn'dér-hed) [?], *n.* A blockhead, numskull, dolt, dunce.

**dune** (dūn) [A.-S. *dūn*], *n.* A sand-hill on the sea-shore.

**dung** (dūng) [A.-S.], *n.* The excrement of animals; manure. **dunghill**, *n.* A heap of dung and farmyard refuse.

**dungeon** (dūn'jón) [F. *donjon*], *n.* A medieval keep; a place of confinement.

**dunlin** (dūn'lin) [DUN (1), -LING], *n.* The red-backed sand-piper.

**dunnage** (dūn'áj) [?], *n.* Faggots, boughs, etc., laid in the hold to pack or support the cargo.

**duo** [-L., two], *pref.* Two.

**duodecimal** (dū-ō-des'í-mál) [DUO-, L. *decem*, ten], *a.* Preceding in computation by twelves. **duodecimo**, *n.* A book consisting of sheets of twelve leaves or twenty-four pages.

**duologue** (dū'ō-log) [DUO-, after MONOLOGUE], *n.* A dialogue or dramatic composition for two.

**dupe** (dūp) [F.], *n.* A credulous person; one easily deceived. *v.t.* To trick, cheat. **duplex** (dū'pleks) [as *fol.*], *a.* Double, twofold; compounded of two.

**duplicate** (dū'pli-kát) [L. *duo*, two, *plicatus*, folded], *a.* Twofold, existing in two parts

exactly corresponding. *n.* One of two things exactly similar; a replica, copy. *v.t.* To make a reproduction or copy of; to double. **duplication**, *n.*  
**duplicity** (dū-plis'i-ti) [as prec.], *n.* Double-dealing, dissimulation.  
**durable** (dūr'abl) [L. *durābilis*], *a.* Having the quality of endurance; firm, stable.  
**durability**, *n.* **durably**, *adv.*  
**duration** (dūr'āns) [F.], *n.* Imprisonment.  
**duration** (dū-rā'shun) [L. *dūrāre*, to last], *n.* Continuance in time; power of continuance.  
**durbar** (dēr'bar) [Hind. *darbār*], *n.* An Indian ruler's court; a state-reception in India.  
**duress** (dū-res') [O.F. *duresce*], *n.* Constraint, compulsion, imprisonment.  
**during** (dūr'ing) [pres. p. of obs. *dure*, to last], *prep.* In or within the time of.  
**dusk** (dūsk) [A.-S. *dox*], *a.* Tending to darkness or blackness; dim, obscure. *n.* A tendency to darkness; shade, gloom; twilight. **dusky**, *a.*  
**dust** (dūst) [A.-S. *dūst*], *n.* Dry earth, etc., reduced to such small particles as to be easily blown about; pollen; mortal remains; the grave. *v.t.* To remove dust from; to sprinkle with dust; to make dusty. **duster**, *n.* A cloth or brush used to remove dust. **dustman**, *n.* One who removes refuse from dustbins. **dustpan**, *n.* A domestic utensil into which dust is swept. **dusty**, *a.*  
**Dutch** (dūch) [M. Dut. *Dutch*, Hollandish], *a.* Pertaining to Holland, its people, or language, Hollandish. *n.* The language of Holland; Low German; the Hollanders. **Dutchman**, *n.* A native of Holland.  
**duty** (dū'ti) [A.-F. *dueté*], *n.* That which is bound or ought to be paid, done, or performed; moral or legal obligation; an act of reverence, deference, etc.. Impost or custom charged upon the importation or exportation of goods; office, occupation.  
**du'teous**, *a.* Obedient, obsequious, dutiful. **dutiable**, *a.* Liable to a duty or custom. **dutiful**, *a.* Careful in performing duties, reverential, deferential.  
**dwarf** (dwawf) [A.-S. *dwæorh*], *n.* A person, animal, or plant much below the normal size. *a.* Below the ordinary or natural size; stunted. *v.t.* To stunt, check the development of; to cause to look small by comparison. **dwarfish**, *a.*  
**dwel** (dwel) [A.-S. *duellan*, to tarry], *v.i.* (past and *p.p.* dwelt) To reside, to abide (in a place); to linger, tarry. **dwell**, *n.* **dwell**, *n.*  
**dwindle** (dwindl) [A.-S. *dwīnan*], *v.i.* To shrink, become smaller; to waste away.  
**dye** (dī) [A.-S. *deag*, a dye], *v.t.* To stain, impregnate with colouring-matter. *v.i.* To follow the business of a dyer; to take a colour (of material). *n.* A fluid used for dyeing, colouring-matter; tinge produced by dyeing. **dye**, *n.*  
**dying** (dī'ing) [DIE (1)], *a.* About to die; mortal; done, uttered, etc., just before death; associated with death; perishing.

**dynamic** (dī-nām'ik) [Gr. *dunamikos*, powerful], *a.* Pertaining to forces in motion; motive, active, as opp. to potential; involving or dependent upon mechanical activity; (*Med.*) functional. *n.* The motive force of any action. **dynamics**, *n.* The science which treats of the action of force, divided into statics and kinetics; the forces producing or governing activity of any kind or in any sphere.  
**dynamite** (dī'nā-mit) [Gr. *dunamis*, power], *n.* A powerful explosive consisting of nitro-glycerine mixed with an absorbent.  
**dynamiter**, **-ard**, **-ist**, *n.* A revolutionary or criminal employing dynamite.  
**dynamo-** [as prec.], *comb. form.* Pertaining to force or power.  
**dynamo** (dī'nā-mō) [as prec.], *n.* (*pl.* -os) A machine for converting mechanical energy into electric by means of electro-magnetic induction.  
**dynast** (din'ast) [Gr. *dunastēs*, a lord], *n.* A ruler, monarch. **dynastic** (dī-nās'tik), *a.* **dynasty** (din'ā-stī), *n.* A line of sovereigns of the same family.  
**dys-** [Gr. *dus-*, badly, with difficulty], *pref.* Bad; difficult, working badly, painful.  
**dysentery** (dis'en-tér-i) [DYS-, Gr. *hēntera*, bowels], *n.* An infectious disease of the large intestines, accompanied by mucous and bloody evacuations.  
**dyspepsia**, **dyspepsy** (dis-pep'si-ā, -si) [DYS-, Gr. *peptein*, to cook], *n.* Indigestion arising from functional derangement of the stomach. **dyspeptic**, *a.*

## E

**each** (ēch) [A.-S. *ēlc*], *a.* and *pron.* Every one (of a number) considered separately.  
**eager** (ē'gèr) [A.-F. *egre*], *a.* Excited by ardent desire, keen, vehement, impatient.  
**eagerly**, *adv.* **eagerness**, *n.*  
**eagle** (ēgl) [A.-F. *egle*], *n.* A large bird of prey, esp. the golden eagle; a lectern in the form of an eagle with expanded wings; a military ensign bearing such a device. **eaglet**, *n.* A young eagle.  
**-ean**, **-ean**, **-elian**, *suf.* Belonging to; like.  
**ear** (1) (ēr) [A.-S. *ēare*], *n.* The organ of hearing, esp. the external part; the sense of hearing; perception of differences of sounds, judgment of harmony; attention, favourable consideration; an ear-like projection; judgment, opinion, taste.  
**earache**, *n.* A pain in the drum of the ear. **ear-drum**, *n.* The tympanum, or its membrane. **ear-mark**, *n.* A mark on the ear by which a sheep can be identified; any distinctive mark. *v.t.* To set a distinctive mark upon; to allocate (funds, etc.) for a particular purpose. **ear-piercing**, *a.* Shrill. **ear-ring**, *n.* A pendant worn in the lobe of the ear. **ear-shot**, *n.* Hearing distance.  
**ear** (2) (ēr) [A.-S. *ear*], *n.* A spike or head of corn. *v.i.* To form ears, as corn.  
**earl** (ērl) [A.-S. *eorl*, a warrior], *n.* A



nobleman ranking next below a marquess and above a viscount [cp. **COUNT**].  
**earldom**, *n.* The rank, title, or position of an earl.  
**early** (ér'li) [A.-S. *ǣrlīce*], *adv.* (earlier, earliest) In good time; betimes; near the beginning. *a.* Soon; in advance as compared with something; coming before the usual time; situated in or near the beginning.  
**earn** (ēr'n) [A.-S. *earnian*], *v.t.* To gain by labour; to merit, deserve, or become entitled to as the result of action or conduct. **earnings**, *n.pl.* That which is earned; wages, reward.  
**earnest** (1) (ér'nést) [A.-S. *eornost*], *n.* Seriousness; reality. *a.* Serious, important, grave; ardent, eager, or zealous in the performance of any act or the pursuit of any object; heartfelt, sincere. **earnestly**, *adv.* earnestness, *n.*  
**earnest** (2) (ér'nést) [M.E. *ernes*], *n.* A pledge, an assurance of something to come.  
**earth** (ērth) [A.-S. *eorthe*], *n.* The ground, the visible surface of the planet on which we live; this world, as opposed to other scenes of existence; soil, mould, dry land; the hole of a fox, etc. *v.t.* To cover with earth; to drive (fox, etc.) to his earth.  
**earthquake**, *n.* A movement of a portion of the earth's crust produced by volcanic forces. **earthwork**, *n.* (*Fort.*) Mounds, ramparts, etc., raised for defensive purposes; embankments, cuttings.  
**earthen** (ēr'thén) [prec., -EN (3)], *a.* Made of earth, baked clay, or similar substance.  
**earthenware**, *n.* Ware made of baked clay; pottery.  
**earthly** (ērth'li) [EARTH, -LY], *a.* Of or pertaining to this world or life; mortal, human; carnal, corporeal.  
**earthy** (ēr'thi) [EARTH, -Y], *a.* Consisting of or resembling earth or soil; gross, carnal.  
**earwig** (ēr'wig) [A.-S. *ǣar-wicga*, ear-runner], *n.* An insect having curved forceps at its tail.  
**ease** (ēz) [O.F. *aise*], *n.* Freedom from labour, trouble, pain, constraint, formality, etc.; quiet, tranquillity; readiness; absence of effort. *v.t.* To free from pain, anxiety, labour, or trouble; to relieve from a burden; to make easier; to mitigate; to render less difficult; to relax, adjust. *v.i.* To relax one's efforts or exertions.  
**easel** (ēz'el) [Dut. *ezel*, a little ass], *n.* A frame used to support a picture.  
**easement** (ēz'mént) [EASE, -MENT], *n.* The liberty or privilege, without profit, which one proprietor has through the estate of another, as a right of way, etc.  
**east** (ést) [A.-S. *ēast*, *adv.*], *a.* Situated towards the sunrise; coming from this direction. *n.* The point of the compass where the sun rises at the equinox; the countries east of Europe; the east wind. *adv.* Towards, at, or near the quarter of the rising sun. **eastward**, *a.* and *n.*  
**Easter** (ēs'tér) [*Ēostre* (Teutonic dawn-

goddess)], *n.* The festival in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ, taking place in March or April.  
**easterly** (ēs'tér-li) [as **EAST**], *a.* Situated, in the direction of, or coming from, the east; looking towards the east. *adv.* In the direction of the east; in or from the east.  
**eastern** (ēs'térn) [A.-S. *ēasterne*], *a.* pertaining to the east. *n.* An inhabitant of the East.  
**easy** (ē'zi) [O.F. *aisié*, eased], *a.* At ease; free from pain, care, discomfort, embarrassment, constraint, affectation, etc.; well-to-do; not strict; smooth, flowing; not difficult, not requiring great labour or effort; complaint; indulgent; fitting loosely. *adv.* In an easy manner.  
**eat** (ēt) [A.-S. *etan*], *v.i.* (*past* ate, *et*, *p.p.* eaten, *ētn*) To masticate and swallow as food; to devour, destroy by eating; to corrode, to consume, wear away. *v.i.* To take food; to taste, relish. **eatable**, *a.* Fit to be eaten; proper for food. *n.* Anything fit or proper for food.  
**eau de vie** (ō'dē-vē) [F.], *n.* Brandy.  
**eaves** (ēvz) [A.-S. *efes*], *n.pl.* The lower edge of the roof projecting beyond the wall. **eavesdrop**, *v.i.* To listen to what may be said indoors; to listen so as to surprise confidences. **eavesdropper**, *n.*  
**ebb** (eb) [A.-S. *ebba*], *n.* The reflux of the tide; decay, failure. *v.i.* To flow back; to recede, decay. **ebb-tide**, *n.* The retiring tide.  
**ebony** (eb'ō-ni) [Gr. *ebenos*], *n.* A very solid and black wood, capable of a high polish.  
**ebriety** (ē-brī'ē-ti) [L. *ēbrius*, drunk], *n.* Drunkenness, intoxication.  
**ebullient** (ē-būl'yent) [*ēbulliens*, boiling], *a.* Boiling over; overflowing with high spirits, etc.  
**eccentric** (ek-sen'trik) [Gr. *ek*, out, *kentron*, centre], *a.* Deviating from the centre; not having the same centre; departing from the usual practice; erratic; peculiar or odd. *n.* A person of odd or peculiar habits; a mechanical contrivance for converting circular into reciprocating rectilinear motion. **eccentrically**, *adv.*  
**eccentricity**, *n.* The state of not being concentric; deviation from the centre; departure from what is usual or established.  
**ecclesiastic** (ē-klē-zī-ās'tik) [Gr. *ekklesia*, an assembly of citizens, a Church], *a.* Ecclesiastical. *n.* A person in holy orders, a clergyman. **ecclesiastical**, *a.* Pertaining to the Church or clergy.  
**ecclesiasticism**, *n.*  
**echelon** (esh'é-lón) [F., from *échelle*, a ladder], *n.* The arrangement of troops as in the form of steps.  
**echo** (ē'ō) [Gr. *ēchō*, *ēchē*, sound], *n.* The repetition of a sound caused by reflection; close imitation in words or sentiment; a hearty response. *v.i.* To give an echo; to resound.

**éclat** (è-kla') [F., from *éclater*, to split, burst], *n.* Brilliant success; striking effect.

**eclectic** (ek-lek'tik) [Gr. *eklektikos* (*eklegein*, to pick out)], *a.* Selecting, picking out from the doctrines, etc., of others; containing or consisting of selections. *n.* One who borrows doctrines, opinions, tastes, or practical methods from various schools or sources. **eclecticism**, *n.*

**eclipse** (è-klips') [Gr. *ek*, out of, *leipein*, to leave], *n.* Obscuration of light from a heavenly body by the passage of another between it and the eye or between it and the source of its light; a temporary failure; loss of brightness, honour, reputation, etc. *v.t.* To cause an eclipse of; to intercept the light of, to obscure; to outshine.

**ecliptic** (ek-lip'tik) [Gr. *ekleiptikos*, as prec.], *n.* The apparent path of the sun round the earth.

**eclogue** (ek'log) [Gr. *ek*, out of, *legein*, to pick], *n.* An idyll or pastoral poem.

**economic** (è-kò-nom'ik) [as foll.], *a.* Relating to economy or economics; economical. **economical**, *a.* Careful, frugal, thrifty. **economics**, *n.* The science of the production and distribution of wealth, political economy. **economist**, *n.* One skilled in the science of economics. **economize**, *v.t.* To manage with economy. *v.i.* To use, administer, or expend with economy; to use sparingly.

**economy** (è-kon'ò-mi) [Gr. *oikonomia*, from *oikonomein*, to manage a household], *n.* The management, regulation, and government of household affairs; frugal and judicious expenditure of money, or time; carefulness; cheapness of operation; the operations of nature; the administration of the internal affairs of a State, etc.; organization, system.

**ecstasy** (ek'stá-si) [Gr. *ek*, out, *stasis*, a standing], *n.* Excessive emotion, as rapture, delight, distress, pain; frenzy; a trance; a morbid state in which the mind is completely absorbed by one idea. **ecstat'ic**, *a.*

**eczema** (ek'zé-má) [Gr., a pustule], *n.* An inflammatory disease of the skin.

**-ed**, *sup.* Forming the past tense and p.p. of regular verbs; and adjectives, as *cultured*, *moneyed*.

**edacious** (è-dá'shús) [L. *edax*, from *edere*, to eat], *a.* Voracious. **edac'ity**, *n.*

**eddy** (ed'i) [?], *n.* A small whirlpool; a whirling current of air, fog, etc.

**edelweiss** (äd'l'vis) [G. *edel*, noble, *weiss*, white], *n.* A small Alpine plant growing in rocky places.

**Eden** (ëdn) [Heb. 'eden, pleasure, delight], *n.* The first abode of Adam and Eve; a region of perfect bliss.

**edge** (ej) [A.-S. *ecg*], *n.* The cutting part of an instrument, or its sharpness; the line where two surfaces of a solid meet; a border, margin, or extremity; keenness of mind or appetite. *v.t.* To sharpen; to make an edge or border to; to egg, instigate; to move by little and little. *v.i.* To move forward or away by little

and little. **edging**, *n.* That which forms the border or edge of anything.

**edible** (ed'ibl) [late L. *edibilis*, *edere*, to eat], *a.* Fit for food, eatable. *n.* Anything fit for food. **edibil'ity**, *n.*

**edict** (ë'dikt) [L. *edictum*, proclaimed], *n.* A decree issued by authority.

**edifice** (ed'i-fis) [L. *ædes*, a building, *facere*, to make], *n.* A building, esp. one of some size and pretension.

**edify** (ed'i-fi) [as prec.], *v.t.* To build up morally or spiritually; to improve, instruct, enlighten. **edification**, *n.*

**edit** (ed'it) [L. *editus*, given out, put forth], *v.t.* To prepare for publication; to conduct or manage, as a periodical, by selecting and revising the literary matter.

**edition** (è-dish'un), *n.* The form in which a literary work is published; the whole number of copies published at one time.

**editor**, *n.* One who prepares the work of others for publication, or who conducts or manages a periodical.

**editor'ial**, *a.* Pertaining to an editor. *n.* A leading article. **editorship**, *n.*

**educate** (ed'ü-kät) [L. *educatus*, p.p. of *educare*, to bring up], *v.t.* To teach; to train and develop the intellectual and moral powers of, or an organ or faculty.

**education**, *n.* **educational**, *a.* **educationalist**, **educationist**, *n.* An advocate of education; a student of educational methods.

**educe** (è-düs') [L. *educere*, to lead out], *v.t.* To bring out, evolve, deduce, infer; to extract. **educible**, *a.* **education**, *n.*

**eel** (ël) [A.-S. *æl*], *n.* A snake-like fish.

**eerie** (ër'i) [M.E. *eri*], *a.* Superstitiously frightened; causing fear; weird. **eerily**, *adv.* **eeriness**, *n.*

**ef-** [EX-], *sup.* Used before *f*, as in *efface*, *effigy*.

**efface** (è-fäs') [F. *effacer*], *v.t.* To wipe out, obliterate; to render negligible. **effaceable**, *a.* **effacement**, *n.*

**effect** (è-fekt') [L. *effectus*, (EF-, *sectus*, made)], *n.* The result or product of a cause, etc., consequence; efficacy, fulfilment; aim, purpose; a combination of colours, forms, sounds, etc., calculated to produce an impression, the impression produced; (*pl.*) goods, personal estate. *v.t.* To produce as a result; to bring about, accomplish. **effective**, *a.* Producing its proper effect or a striking impression; fit for service; real, actual. **effectiveness**, *n.* **effectual**, *a.* Adequate.

**effeminate** (è-fem'i-nät) [L. *effeminatus*], *a.* Womanish; unmanly, weak. **effeminacy**, *n.* **effeminately**, *adv.*

**effervesce** (ef-ër-ves') [EF-, L. *fervescere*, to begin boiling], *v.i.* To bubble up through escape of gas, as fermenting liquors; to escape in bubbles; to boil over with excitement. **effervescence**, *n.* **effervescent**, *a.*

**effete** (è-fët') [L. *effetus*, weakened by breeding], *a.* Worn out.

**efficacious** (ef-i-kä'shús) [L. *efficax*, an



**EFFECT**, *a.* Producing the effect intended.  
**efficacy**, *n.*  
**efficient** (è-fish'ènt) [*L. efficiens*, effecting],  
*a.* Producing effects or results; competent, capable.  
**efficiency**, *n.*  
**effigy** (ef'i-ji) [*EF-*, *L. fingere*, to fashion],  
*n.* The likeness of a person, as on coins, etc.  
**effluent** (ef'lù-ènt) [*L. effluens*, flowing out],  
*a.* Flowing or issuing out; emanating.  
*n.* A stream which flows out of another or out of a lake; the discharge from a sewage tank.  
**effluence**, *n.* The act or state of flowing out; that which flows out.  
**effluvium** (è-floo'vi-tum) [*as prec.*], *n.* (*pl. -via*) An odorous emanation, esp. a noxious exhalation.  
**effort** (ef'òrt) [*EF-*, *L. fortis*, strong], *n.* An exertion of physical or mental power, a strenuous attempt, an endeavour.  
**effortless**, *a.*  
**effrontery** (è-frün'tér-i) [*F. effronterie*], *n.* Impudence, shamelessness.  
**effulgence** (è-fül'jèns) [*EF-*, *L. fulgere*, to shine], *n.* Radiance; a flood of light.  
**effulgent**, *a.* Shining brightly.  
**effuse** (è-füz') [*L. effusus*, poured out], *v.t.* To pour out, emit, shed abroad.  
**effusion**, *n.* The act of pouring out; that which is poured out; an outpouring of genius or emotion; frank expression of feeling.  
**effusive**, *a.* Gushing, exuberant, demonstrative.  
**effusively**, *adv.* **effusiveness**, *n.*  
**eft** (eft) [*A.-S. efete*], *n.* The common newt.  
**egg** (1) (eg) [*A.-S. æg*], *n.* The ovum of birds, reptiles, fishes, and many of the invertebrates, containing the embryo of a new individual; the early stage of anything; the germ, origin.  
**egg-shell**, *n.* The calcareous envelope in which an egg is enclosed.  
**egg-shell china**: Very thin porcelain.  
**egg** (2) [*Icel.*], *v.t.* To incite, to urge (*on*).  
**eglintine** (eg'lân-tin) [*F.*], *n.* The sweet brier.  
**ego** (eg'ò) [*L., I.*], *n.* Individuality; the self-conscious subject, as opp to object.  
**egoism**, *n.* The theory that man's chief good, and the true basis of morality, is the complete development and happiness of self; the doctrine that man can be certain of nothing but his own existence and the operations of his own mind; egotism.  
**egoist**, *n.* **egois'tic**, **-ical**, *a.*  
**egotism** (eg'ò-tizm) [*as prec.*], *n.* The habit of frequently using *I* in writing or speaking; self-glorification, self-conceit.  
**egotist**, *n.* **egotis'tic**, **-ical**, *a.*  
**egregious** (è-grè'jyüs) [*L. egregius*], *a.* Extraordinary, out of the common; notable, notorious.  
**egregiously**, *adv.*  
**egress** (è'gres) [*L. egressus*, gone out], *n.* A means of exit.  
**egret** (è'grèt) [*O.F. egrette*], *n.* The lesser white heron.  
**Egyptian** (è-jip'shàn), *a.* Pertaining to Egypt or the Egyptians. *n.* A native of Egypt; a gipsy.  
**Egyptology**, *n.* The study of the antiquities, etc., of ancient Egypt.

**eh** (ä) [*A.-S. æa*], *int.* Expressive of doubt, inquiry, surprise, etc.  
**elder** (i'dèr) [*Icel. æthr*], *n.* A large Arcticsea-duck.  
**elder-down**, *n.* The soft, elastic down from the breast of this bird.  
**eight** (ät) [*A.-S. eahta*], *n.* The sum of one and seven; the figure 8 or viii, representing this; a crew of eight in a boat. *a.* Consisting of one more than seven.  
**eight-fold**, *a.* **eighth** (ätth), *a.* Coming next in order to the seventh. *n.* One of eight equal parts; (*Mus.*) the interval of an octave.  
**eighthly**, *adv.*  
**eighteen** (ä-tèn') [*A.-S. eahtatýne*], *a.* and *n.* The sum of eight and ten.  
**eighty** (ä'ti) [*A.-S. eahtatig* (*eahta*, EIGHT, -tig, decade, -TY (2)))], *a.* and *n.* Eight times ten; the numeral representing this, 80 or lxxx.  
**eightieth**, *a.*  
**eisteddfod** (ä-stèth'vod) [*W.*, a sitting], *n.* A congress held annually in Wales to encourage native poetry and music.  
**either** (i-, è'thèr) [*A.-S. ægther*], *a.* and *pron.* One or the other of two; each of two. *a., adv., or conj.* In one or the other case (as a disjunctive correlative); (*colloq.*) any more than the other (with *neg.* or *interrog.*, as *If you don't I don't either*).  
**ejaculate** (è-jäk'ü-lät) [*L. ejaculatus*, cast forth], *v.t.* To utter suddenly and briefly.  
**ejaculation**, *n.*  
**eject** (è-jèkt') [*L. ejectus*, thrown out], *v.t.* To discharge, emit, to expel; to dispossess.  
**ejection**, *n.* **ejectment**, *n.* The act of casting out or expelling; dispossession: an action to recover possession.  
**eke** (èk) [*A.-S. tecan*], *v.t.* To supply deficiencies in (with *out*); to protract, lengthen. *adv.* Also, likewise.  
**elaborate** (è-läb'ò-rät) [*L. elaboratus*, worked out], *a.* Carefully wrought; highly finished. *v.t.* (-rät) To develop in detail.  
**elaborateness**, *n.* **elabora'tion**, *n.*  
**eland** (è'länd) [*Dut., an elk*], *n.* A large ox-like antelope from S. Africa.  
**elapse** (è-läps) [*L. elapsus*, glided out], *v.i.* To glide or pass away.  
**elastic** (è-läs'tik) [*Gr. elastikos*, propulsive], *a.* Springy; flexible, adaptable; readily recovering from depression, etc., buoyant. *n.* A strip or string of elastic substance.  
**elasticity**, *n.*  
**elate** (è-lät') [*L. elatus*, borne up], *v.t.* To raise the spirits of, to make exultant. *a.* In high spirits, exultant.  
**elation**, *n.*  
**elbow** (el'bò) [*A.-S. eln, ell, boga, bow*], *n.* The joint uniting the forearm and upper arm; an elbow-shaped angle, or bend.  
**elder** (1) (el'dèr) [*A.-S. ieldra*], *a.* Older; senior in position. *n.* A senior; one whose age entitles him to respect; an officer in the Presbyterian and other Churches.  
**elderly**, *a.* Bordering on old age.  
**eldest**, *a.* Oldest; first born of those surviving.  
**elder** (2) (el'dèr) [*A.-S. ellen, ellern*], *n.* A small tree bearing white flowers and dark purple berries.  
**elect** (è-lekt) [*L. electus*, chosen, selected],

*a.* Chosen, picked out; designated to an office, but not yet in possession of it. *v.t.* To choose for any office, etc., esp. by vote; to determine on a course of action.

**election** (è-lek'shùn) [as prec.], *n.* The act of choosing, esp. by vote; the process of electing; (*Theol.*) the selection of certain individuals to be eternally saved (a doctrine of Calvinism). **electioneer**, *v.t.* To work at an election in the interests of a candidate. **elective**, *a.* **elector**, *n.* One entitled to vote; a German prince formerly entitled to vote in the election of the Emperor. **electoral**, *a.* **electorate**, *n.* The whole body of electors; the dignity or territory of a German Elector. **electress**, *n.* The wife of a German Elector.

**electric** (è-lek'trik) [as ELECTRON], *a.* Containing, generating, or operated by electricity; (*fig.*) magnetic, spirited. **electrical**, *a.* **electrician** (el-èk-trish'ân) *n.* One skilled in the science and application of electricity.

**electricity** (el-èk-tris'i-ti) [prec.], *n.* A powerful physical agent which makes its existence manifest by attractions and repulsions, by producing light and heat, chemical decomposition, and other phenomena; the science of the laws and phenomena of this.

**electrify** (è-lek'tri-fì) [ELECTRIC, -FY], *v.t.* To charge with electricity; to make suitable for operating by electrical power. (*fig.*) to thrill with joy or exciting emotion. **electrification**, *n.*

**electro-** [Gr. *ēlektron*, amber], *comb. form.* Having electricity for its motive power; resulting from, or pertaining to, electricity.

**electro-biology**, *n.* The science of the electric phenomena of living organisms.

**electroplate**, *v.t.* To cover with a coating of silver, etc., by exposure in a solution of a metallic salt, which is decomposed by electricity. *n.* Articles so produced.

**electrotype**, *n.* The process of producing copies of medals, woodcuts, type, etc., by the electric deposition of copper upon a mould; the facsimile so produced. *v.t.* To copy by this process.

**electrocution** (è-lek-trò-kū'shùn) [ELECTRO-(EX)CUTION], *n.* Execution by electricity.

**electron** (è-lek'tròn) [Gr. *ēlektron*, amber, conn. with *ēlektôr*, shining], *n.* A corpuscle indissolubly charged with negative electricity; one of the particles that are now believed to be the cause of all electrical phenomena.

**elemosynary** (el-è-è-mos'in-âr-i) [Gr. *eleemosunê*, alms], *a.* By way of alms; supported by charity.

**elegant** (el-è-gánt) [L. *ēlegans*], *a.* Pleasing to good taste; graceful, refined. **elegance**, *n.* **elegantly**, *adv.*

**elegiac** (el-è-jî'ák) [as next], *a.* Pertaining to or of the nature of elegies; mournful. *n.pl.* Alternate hexameters and pentameters.

**elegy** (el'èji) [Gr. *elegeia* (*elegos*, a lament)], *n.* A poem of lamentation.

**element** (el-é-mént) [L. *elementum*], *n.* A fundamental part; (*Chem.*) a substance which cannot be resolved by analysis; (*pl.*) earth, air, fire, and water; natural habitat (as water of fish), the natural sphere of any person or thing; the rudiments of any science or art; the bread and wine used in the eucharist. **elemen'tal**, *a.* Pertaining to first principles, or to the primitive forces of nature; ultimate, simple, uncompounded.

**elementary** (el-è-men'târ-i) [prec.], *a.* Primary, uncompounded; rudimentary.

**elephant** (el-è-fánt [Gr. *elephas*], *n.* A large pachydermatous quadruped, with flexible proboscis and long curved tusks. **elevate** (el-è-vât) [L. *ēlevâtus*, lifted up], *v.t.* To lift up; to raise; to exalt in position or dignity; to make louder; to refine, improve; to exhilarate. **eleva'tion**, *n.* Act of elevating; state of being elevated; an elevated position or ground; height above sea-level; view of a building, etc., drawn to scale but not in perspective; the angular altitude of a heavenly body above the horizon; angle of the line of fire. **el'evator**, *n.* One who or that which elevates; a lift.

**eleven** (è-lev'én) [A.-S. *endlufon*], *a.* and *n.* Ten with one added; the symbol representing this, 11 or xi; (*Cricket, Assoc. Football*) the eleven men on one side.

**elf** (elf) [A.-S. *ælf*], *n.* (*pl. elves*) A tiny supernatural being, a fairy; a mischievous person, an imp. **elfin**, *a.* **Elfish**, *n.* A little elf; an urchin. **elfish**, **elvish**, *a.*

**elicit** (è-lis'it) [L. *ēlicitus*], *v.t.* To draw out, evoke.

**elide** (è-lid') [L. *ēlidere*], *v.t.* To strike out, omit. **elision**, *n.*

**eligible** (el-i-jibl) [L. *ēligibilis*, as ELECT], *a.* Fit to be chosen; desirable, suitable. **eligibil'ity**, *n.* **el'igibly**, *adv.*

**eliminate** (è-lim'i-nât) [L. *ēliminâtus*], *v.t.* To cast out, expel, get rid of; to exclude. **elimina'tion**, *n.* Act of eliminating.

**élite** (â-lêt') [F.], *n.* The pick, the flower.

**elixir** (è-lik'sér) [Arab. *al-iksîr*], *n.* The alchemists' liquor for transmuting metals into gold; a potion for prolonging life; a cordial.

**Elizabethan** (è-liz-â-bê'thân), *a.* Pertaining to Queen Elizabeth or her time.

**elk** (elk) [A.-S. *ēlch*], *n.* The largest member of the deer family; the moose.

**ell** (el) [A.-S. *eln*], *n.* A measure for cloth; the (obsolete) English ell is 45 in.

**ellipse** (è-lips') [Gr. *elleipsis*], *n.* A regular oval; a conic section formed by a plane intersecting a cone obliquely. **ellip'tic**, **-al**, *a.* Pertaining to an ellipse, or to ellipses. **elliptically**, *adv.*

**ellipsis** (è-lip'sis) [as prec.], *n.* (*pl. -ses*) Omission of one or more necessary words from a sentence.

**elm** (elm) [A.-S.], *n.* A common English tree.

**elocution** (el-ò-kū'shùn) [E-(EX)-, L. *loquî*,



to speak], *n.* The art or manner of speaking, etc.; effective oral delivery.

**elope** (ê-lôp') [A.-F. *aloper*], *v.i.* To run away with a lover, or clandestinely; to abscond. **elopement**, *n.*

**eloquence** (el'ô-kwéns) [as **ELOCUTION**], *n.* Fluent, powerful, and appropriate verbal expression, esp. of emotional ideas. **eloquent**, *a.*

**else** (els) [A.-S. *elles*], *adv.* Besides, in addition; otherwise, in the other case, if not. **elsewhere**, *adv.* In or to some other place.

**elucidate** (ê-loo'si-dât) [late L. *elucidatus*, p.p. of *elucidare* (E-(EX-), *lucidus*, bright)], *v.t.* To make clear, throw light on; to explain. **elucidation**, *n.* **elucidative**, *a.*

**elude** (ê-lood') [E-(EX-), L. *ludere*, to play], *v.t.* To escape from by artifice or dexterity; to evade; to baffle. **elusion**, *n.* **elusive**, *a.* **elusory**, *a.*

**elvish** (el'vish) [ELF, -ISH], *a.* Pertaining to elves; elfish; mischievous.

**elysium** (ê-liz'i-um) [Gr. *Êlusion* (*pedion*), the plain of the blessed] *n.* A place or state of perfect happiness. **elysian**, *a.*

**em-** [EM-], *pref.* As in *embank*, *empower*.

**emaciate** (ê-mâ'shi-ât) [E-(EX-), L. *macere*, lean], *v.t.* To cause to lose flesh; to reduce to leanness. **emaciation**, *n.*

**emanate** (em'â-nât) [L. *emânâtus*, flowed out], *v.i.* To issue from, to originate; to proceed from. **emanation**, *n.*

**emancipate** (ê-mân'si-pât) [E-(EX), L. *manci päre*, to transfer property], *v.t.* To release from bondage, etc., or legal, social, or moral restraint; to liberate. **emancipation**, *n.* The releasing from slavery, legal disabilities, etc.; the state of being freed. **emancipator**, *n.*

**emasculate** (ê-mäs'kü-lât) [E-(EX-), L. *masculus*, male], *v.t.* To castrate; to deprive of virility; to effeminate, weaken; to deprive of force or energy; to expurgate a literary work. *a.* (-lât) Castrated; effeminate, weak. **emasculation**, *n.*

**embalm** (em-bam') [EM-, F. *baume*, balm] *v.t.* To preserve (as a body) from putrefaction with spices and aromatics; to preserve from oblivion. **embalmer**, *n.*

**embankment**, *n.* An artificial bank for confining a river; a raised mound for carrying a road, etc.

**embargo** (em-bar'gô) [Sp., from *embargar*, to hinder], *n.* An official prohibition against vessels leaving port; a suspension of foreign trade; a hindrance.

**embark** (em-bark') [F. *embarquer* (BARK (3))], *v.t.* To put on board ship; to invest in a business. *v.i.* To go on board ship; enter upon any undertaking. **embarkation**, *n.*

**embarrass** (em-bär'äs) [F. *embarrasser*], *v.t.* To hamper, entangle, hinder; to disconcert; to involve in pecuniary or other difficulties. **embarrassing**, *a.* Causing embarrassment. **embarrassment**, *n.* Perplexity of mind, discomposure, uneasiness; pecuniary difficulties.

**embassy** (em'bä-si) [O.F. *ambassée* (see

**AMBASSADOR**)], *n.* The function, office, or mission of an ambassador; himself and suite; his official residence.

**embed** (em-bed'), *v.t.* To lay as in a bed; to set firmly in surrounding matter.

**embellish** (em-bel'ish) [O.F. *embellir*], *v.t.* To beautify, adorn; to add incidents so as to heighten a narrative. **embellishment**, *n.*

**ember** (1) (em'bér) [A.-S., *temerge*], *n.* A live coal; (*pl.*) smouldering remnants of a fire.

**ember** (2) (em-bér) [A.-S. *ymbren*], *a.* Applied to four successive Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays during the year, which are set apart by the Church for prayer and fasting.

**embezzle** (em-bez'l') [O.F. *besillier*, to maltreat], *v.t.* To appropriate fraudulently what is committed to one's care. **embezzlement**, *n.* **embezzler**, *n.*

**embitter** (em-bit'ér), *v.t.* To make bitter, or more bitter; to aggravate; to exasperate. **embitterment**, *n.*

**emblem** (em'blém) [L. and Gr. *emblēma*], *n.* A symbolical figure, picture, object, representation, etc.; a symbol, type, a personification. **emblematic**, -ical, *a.*

**embody** (em-bod'i), *v.t.* To invest with a body; to express in concrete form; to incorporate, include. **embodiment**, *n.*

**embolden** (em-ból'dén), *v.t.* To give boldness to; to encourage.

**embonpoint** (an-bon-pwan) [F., in good condition], *n.* Plumpness, esp. in women.

**emboss** (em-bos') [O.F. *embosser*], *v.t.* To engrave or mould in relief; to cause to stand out in relief. **embossment**, *n.*

**embrace** (em-bräs') [EM-, L. *braccia*, the arms], *v.t.* To clasp and hold fondly in the arms; to encircle; to include, comprise; to accept eagerly. *v.i.* To join in an embrace. *n.* A clasping in the arms. **embracive**, *a.*

**embrasure** (em-brä'zhür) [M.F. *embraser*, to splay or chamfer], *n.* An opening in a parapet or wall to fire guns through; the inward splaying of the sides of a window or door.

**embrocate** (em'brô-kât) [Gr. *embroché*, lotion], *v.t.* To moisten, bathe, or foment (as a diseased part). **embrocation**, *n.* The act of fomenting; the liquid used.

**embroider** (em-broi'dér) [EM-, F. *bordé*, edge], *v.t.* To ornament with needlework designs; to diversify; to embellish with additions, esp. with exaggerations. **embroidery**, *n.*

**embroil** (em-broil') [EM-, F. *brouiller*], *v.t.* To entangle, confuse; to involve (some one) in a quarrel or contention (with another). **embroilment**, *n.*

**embryo** (em'bri-ô) [EM-, Gr. *bruon*, pres. p. of *bruein*, to be full of a thing], *n.* (*pl.* -os) The unborn offspring; the rudimentary plant in the seed; the germ; the beginning or first stage of anything. *a.* Undeveloped; rudimentary.

**emend** [(ê-mend') E-(EX-), L. *menda*, a

**fault**, *v.t.* To correct, remove faults; to improve. **emenda'tion**, *n.* **e'mendator**, *n.* **emerald** (em'ér-áld) [O.F. *esmeralde*, Gr. *smaragdos*], *n.* A green variety of beryl; the colour of this.

**emerge** (é-mérj') [E-(EX-), *L. mergere*, to dip], *v.i.* To raise up out of a fluid, etc., in which it has been immersed; to appear in sight; to come out (as facts on enquiry); to issue from a state of depression, obscurity, etc. **emergence**, *n.* **emergent**, *a.* **Emerging**.

**emergency** (é-mér'jén-sí) [as prec.], *n.* A situation demanding immediate action, a crisis.

**emery** (em'ér-i) [F. *émeri*, Gr. *sméris*], *n.* A coarse mineral of extreme hardness.

**emetic** (é-met'ik) [Gr. *emetikos*, *emein*, to vomit], *a.* Inducing vomiting. *n.* A preparation for causing vomiting.

**emigrate** (em'i-grát) [E-(EX-), *L. migrāre*, to migrate], *v.i.* To leave one's country and settle in another. **emigrant**, *a.* Emigrating; pertaining to emigration. *n.* One who emigrates. **emigra'tion**, *n.*

**eminent** (em'i-nént) [*L. éminens*, standing out], *a.* Rising above others; distinguished; remarkable. **eminence**, *n.* Height; a part rising above the rest; high rank; distinction; a title given to cardinals. **eminently**, *adv.*

**emir** (é-mér') [Arab.], *n.* A Mohammedan prince, governor, or commander.

**emissary** (em'i-sár-i) [*L.*, as **EMIT**], *n.* A messenger, a secret agent.

**emission** (é-mish'ún) [*L.*, as next], *n.* Act or process of emitting or being emitted; the thing given off or out. **emissive**, **emissory**, *a.*

**emit** (é-mít') [*L. émittere* (E-(EX-), *mittere*, to send)], *v.t.* To give out, send forth; to issue, discharge.

**emmet** (em'et) [A.-S. *æmete*], *n.* An ant.

**emollient** (é-mol'i-ént) [*L. émolliens*, softening], *a.* Softening, relaxing.

**emolument** (é-mol'ú-mént) [*L. émolumentum*, profit], *n.* Profit arising from employment; remuneration.

**emotion** (é-mó'shún) [*L. émotio* (E-(EX-), *movēre*, to move)], *n.* Agitation of the mind; a state of excited feeling; excitement. **emotional**, *a.*

**empanel** (em-pán'él) [EM-, **PANEL**], *v.t.* To enter on the list of jurors; to enrol as a jury.

**emperor** (em'pér-ór) [*L. imperātor*], *n.* The sovereign of an empire.

**emphasis** (em'fá-sis) [EM-, Gr. *phainēin*, to show], *n.* Stress laid upon a word or words, to indicate special significance; force of expression; accent, prominence, sharp definition. **emphasize**, *v.t.* To pronounce with emphasis; to lay stress on; to make more distinct or impressive. **emphat'ic**, **-ical**, *a.* Bearing special stress; accentuated, forcible; earnest.

**empire** (em'pír) [*L. imperium*], *n.* Supreme and extensive dominion or power; the region over which an emperor rules.

**empiric** (em-pír'ik) [Gr. *empeirikos*,

experienced], *a.* Founded on experience or observation, not theory. *n.* One who relies solely on experience or observation, esp. an untrained medical practitioner; a quack. **empirical**, *a.* **empiricism**, *n.*

**employ** (em-ploi') [O.F. *employer*, *L. IM-*, *placāre*, to fold], *v.t.* To use; to keep in one's service; to spend or pass (time, oneself, etc.) in occupation. *n.* Occupation, business. **employee**, *n.* One who is employed for salary or wages. **employer**, *n.* **employment**, *n.*

**emporium** (em-pór'i-úm) [Gr. *emporion*, commercial], *n.* (*pl. -ia*) A commercial centre; a mart.

**empower** (em-pou'ér), *v.t.* To authorize.

**empress** (em'pres) [EMPEROR], *n.* The consort of an emperor; a female ruler of an empire.

**empty** (emp'ti) [A.-S. *æmtig*], *a.* Containing nothing; devoid (of); vacant, unoccupied; meaningless, inane; without intelligence; unsatisfied. *v.t.* To remove the contents from, to make vacant; to pour out, discharge. *v.i.* To become empty; to discharge (as a river). **emptiness**, *n.*

**empyrean** (em-pí-ré'an) [Gr. *empyros*, fiery], *n.* The highest and purest region of heaven; the upper sky.

**emu** (é'mū) [Port.], *n.* A large Australian cursorial bird resembling the cassowary.

**emulate** (em'ū-lát) [*L. æmulātus*], *v.t.* To try to equal or excel; to rival. **emula'tion**, *n.* The act of emulating; rivalry.

**emulous** (em'ū-lús) [*L. æmulus*], *a.* Desirous of equalling or excelling others, or of fame or honour; engaged in competition; envious, contentious.

**en-**, *pref.* In, on, into, upon; as **encamp**, **engulf**, **energy**.

**-en** (1), *suf.* Diminutive; as *chicken*, *maiden*. (2). Noting the feminine; as *vixen*. (3) Pertaining to, made of, of the nature of; as *earthen*, *fluxen*, *golden*, *woollen*. (4) Forming pl.; as *oren*. (5) Forming verbs from adjectives; as *deepen*, *moisten*. (6) Forming p.p. of strong verbs; as *bounden*, *spoken*, *sworn*.

**enable** (en-äbl'), *v.t.* To make able; to authorize, empower (to).

**enact** (en-äkt'), *v.t.* To decree; to pass into a law; to act, play. **enactive**, *a.*

**enactment**, *n.* **enactory**, *a.*

**enamel** (en-äm'él) [M.E. *enamayl*, O.F. *esmail*, med. *L. smaltum*, from Teut. (cp. O.H.G. *smaltzan*, Dut. *smelten*, to SMELT)], *n.* A glass-like material used for coating metal, porcelain, etc., by fusion; any smooth, hard, glossy coating as lacquer, or varnish; the surface covering of teeth. *v.t.* To coat with paint, encrust, or inlay with enamel; to form a smooth glossy surface upon; to decorate with various colours. *v.i.* To practise the art of enamelling. **enameller**, **enamelist**, *n.*

**enamour** (é-nām'ór) [O.F. *enamorer*], *v.t.* To captivate, charm; to inflame with love.

**encamp** (en kämp'), *v.t.* To form an en-



- campment; to settle down temporarily in tents. *v.t.* To lodge (troops) in tents.
- encampment**, *n.* A camp.
- encase** (en-kās'), *v.t.* To put into or protect with a case.
- ence**, *suf.* Forming abstract nouns as *consistence*, *corpulence*.
- enchain** (en-chān'), *v.t.* To bind with chains; to hold fast, to rivet (attention, etc.).
- enchant** (en-chant') [F. *enchanter*], *v.t.* To influence by magic, to bewitch, fascinate, charm. **enchanter**, *n.* A magician; one who delights or fascinates. **enchantingly**, *adv.* **enchantment**, *n.* **enchantress**, *n.*
- encircle** (en-sērkl'), *v.t.* To enclose or surround (with).
- enclasp** (en-klasp'), *v.t.* To enfold in or fasten with a clasp; to embrace.
- enclave** (en-klāv') [IN-, L. *clāvis*, key], *n.* A territory completely surrounded by that of another power.
- enclitic** (en-klit'ik) [Gr. *enklitikos*, inclining], *a.* (*Gr. Gram.*) Applied to a word which cannot, as it were, stand by itself, but is pronounced as part of the preceding word, on which it throws its accent. *n.* An enclitic word or particle.
- enclose** (en-klōz'), *v.t.* To shut in; to surround on all sides; to put one thing inside another for transmission; to contain. **enclosure** (-klō'zhūr), *n.*
- encomium** (en-kō'mi-ūm) [Gr. *enkōmios*, laudatory], *n.* (*pl.* -ums) A formal eulogy; high commendation.
- encompass** (en-kūm'pās), *v.t.* To surround, invest; to include, contain.
- encore** (on-kōr') [F., again], *adv.* Again, once more; a call for a repetition at a concert, theatre, etc. *n.* A demand for this; the repetition itself. *v.* To call for a repetition of.
- encounter** (en-koun'tēr) [O.F. *encontrer*], *v.t.* To meet face to face; to confront hostilely or resolutely. *n.* A meeting face to face; a hostile or undesigned meeting.
- encourage** (en-kūr'āj) [O.F. *encoragier*], *v.t.* To give courage or confidence to; to urge, to incite (to do); to stimulate, to foster (trade, opinion, etc.). **encouragement**, *n.* **encourager**, *n.*
- encroach** (en-krōch') [O.F. *encrochier*], *v.i.* To intrude; to infringe (upon); to get possession of anything gradually or by stealth. **encroachment**, *n.*
- encumber** (en-kūm'ber) [O.F. *encombrer*, see CUMBER], *v.t.* To hamper, impede, or embarrass by a burden or difficulty; to weigh down with debt. **encumbrance**, *n.*
- ency**, *suf.* Forming nouns of state or quality, as *consistency*.
- encyclopædia** (en-si-klō-pē'di-ā) [late L. from Gr., *enkuklios paidia*, general instruction], *n.* A book containing information on all branches of knowledge, or on a particular branch, usually arranged alphabetically. **encyclopædic**, *a.*
- end** (end) [A.-S. *endē*], *n.* The extreme point of anything that has length; the termination, last portion; the conclusion of a state or action; a ceasing to exist; death; a result, natural consequence; a purpose, object; a final cause. *v.t.* To come to an end; to result (in). *v.t.* To bring or put to an end; to destroy. **odds and ends**: Odd remnants. **ending**, *n.* A conclusion, termination.
- endanger** (en-dān'jēr), *v.t.* To expose to danger, to put in hazard.
- endear** (en-dēr'), *v.t.* To make dear (to); to cause to be loved. **endearing**, *a.* **endearment**, *n.*
- endeavour** (en-dev'ór) [EN-, F. *devoir*, to owe], *v.i.* To strive (after) a certain end; to try. *n.* An effort, attempt; exertion.
- endemic** (en-dem'ik) [EN-, Gr. *dēmos*, people], *a.* Peculiar to a particular locality or people, esp. of a disease. *n.* An endemic disease. **endemically**, *adv.*
- endive** (en'div) [F.], *n.* A kind of chicory used in salads.
- endless** (end'les), *a.* Having no end; infinite, unlimited, perpetual.
- endorse** (en-dōrs') [EN-, L. *dorsum*, the back], *v.t.* To write (one's name, a note of contents, etc.) on the back of (a document); to ratify, confirm, approve. **endorsement**, *n.*
- endow** (en-dou') [EN-, F. *douer*, to dower], *v.t.* To invest with goods, privileges, qualities, etc.; to bestow a permanent income upon; to give a dowry to. **endowment**, *n.*
- endue** (en-dū') [EN-, L. *dūcere*, to lead], *v.t.* To put on, clothe, invest (with).
- endure** (en-dūr') [EN-, L. *dūrus*, hard], *v.t.* To bear, sustain; to undergo, suffer; to submit to. *v.i.* To last, esp. in the same state; to bear suffering with patience and fortitude. **enduring**, *a.* Bearing; durable, permanent. **endurability**, *n.*
- endurable**, *a.* **endurance**, *n.* Act or state of enduring or suffering; capacity of suffering with patience; continuance, duration.
- ene**, *suf.* (*Chem.*) Denoting a hydrocarbon, such as *benzene*, *naphthalene*.
- enemy** (en'é-mi) [L. *inimicus* (*in*, UN-, *amicus*, friend)], *n.* One hostile to another; an adversary, one opposed to any subject or cause; a hostile army, ship, etc.
- energy** (enér-jī) [EN-, Gr. *ergon*, work], *n.* Internal or inherent power; force, vigour; capability of action; active operation; emphasis. **energetic**, *a.*
- enervate** (en'ér-vāt) [L. *ēnervātus*], *v.t.* To deprive of force or strength; to weaken; to render effeminate. **enervation**, *n.*
- enfeeble** (en-fēbl') [O.F. *enseblir*], *v.t.* To make feeble or weak. **enfeeblement**, *n.*
- enfeoff** (en-tēf') [A.-F. *enfeoffer*], *v.t.* To invest with a fief; to convey an estate in fee-simple. **enfeoffment**, *n.*
- enfilade** (en-fi-lād') [F., from *enfiler*, to thread], *v.t.* To rake with shot from end to end.
- enfold** (en-föld'), *v.t.* To wrap up, enclose; to clasp, embrace.

**enforce** (en-för's) [EN-, L. *fortis*, strong], *v.t.* To compel obedience to; to give force to; to press or urge forcibly. **enforceable**, *a.* **enforced**, *a.* Forced, not voluntary.

**enfranchise** (en-frän'chiz) [O.F. *enfranchir* (EN-, *franc*, FRANK)], *v.t.* To set free; to give full municipal or parliamentary rights and privileges; to give the right to vote. **enfranchisement**, *n.*

**engage** (en-gāj') [EN-, F., *gager*, a pledge], *v.t.* To bind by a promise or contract; to order, bespeak; to occupy the time or attention of; to come into conflict with. *v.i.* To pledge oneself (to do something); to undertake; to embark (in); to enter into conflict (with); to interlock (with).

**engagement**, *n.* The act of engaging; an obligation, contract; a mutual promise of marriage; occupation of time or attention; an appointment; a contract to employ; the state of being hired; an action or battle. **engaging**, *a.*

**engender** (en-jen'der) [EN-, L. *genus*, a race, brood], *v.t.* To beget; to be the cause of, to bring about.

**engine** (en'jin) [O.F. *engin*, as *INGENIOUS*], *n.* A machine consisting of a complication of parts for applying mechanical power, esp. one that converts energy into motion; an instrument, tool.

**engineer** (en-ji-nēr') [as *prec.*], *n.* One who designs or carries out the construction of works of public or military utility; one who constructs or attends to engines. *v.t.* To carry out as an engineer the formation or execution of (as railways, canals, etc.); to manage by tact or ingenuity.

**English** (ing'lish) [A.-S. *Englisc*, from *Engle*, the Angles], *a.* Pertaining to England, its inhabitants, or language; characteristic of or becoming an Englishman. *n.* The language or the people of England. *v.t.* To translate into the English language.

**engraft** (en-graft'), *v.t.* To graft upon, to insert (a scion of one tree) upon or into another; to incorporate; to instil.

**engrain** (en-grän'), *v.t.* To implant (qualities, esp. vices) ineradicably.

**engrave** (en-grāv'), *v.t.* To cut figures, letters, etc., on, with a chisel or graver; to represent by carving; to imprint; to impress deeply. *v.i.* To practise the art of engraving. **engraver**, *n.* **engraving**, *n.* The act, process, or art of cutting figures, letters, etc., on wood, stone, or metal; that which is engraved; an impression from an engraved plate, a print.

**engross** (en-grös') [EN-, late L. *grossa*, large writing], *v.t.* To write in large letters, or in legal form.

**enhance** (en-hans') [A.-F. *enhauncer*], *v.t.* To raise in importance, degree, etc.; to augment, heighten (in price); to exaggerate. *v.i.* To be raised; to increase. **enhancement**, *n.* **enhanceive**, *a.*

**enigma** (è-nig'mà) [Gr. *ainigma* from *ainissesthai*, to speak obscurely], *n.* A

dark saying, a riddle; any inexplicable proceeding. **enigmat'ic**, *-al*, *a.*

**enjoin** (en-join'), *v.t.* To prescribe, impose (an act or conduct); to instruct (that).

**enjoy** (en-join') [EN-, F. *joie*, joy], *v.t.* To take pleasure or delight in; to have the use or benefit of. **enjoyable**, *a.* **enjoyment**, *n.*

**enkindle** (en-kindl'), *v.t.* To kindle, to set on fire; to rouse into passion, etc.

**enlarge** (en-larj'), *v.t.* To make greater, expand, widen; to set free. *v.i.* To become bigger; to expatiate (upon).

**enlargement**, *n.*

**enlighten** (en-li'ten), *v.t.* To give mental or spiritual light to, to instruct. **enlightenment**, *n.*

**enlist** (en-list') [EN-, LIST (1)], *v.t.* To enrol; to engage for military service; to gain the interest or support of. *v.i.* To engage oneself for military service. **enlistment**, *n.*

**enliven** (en-liv'en), *v.t.* To give spirit or animation to; to stimulate; to brighten.

**enmity** (en'mi-ti) [A.-F. *enemité*, as *ENEMY*], *n.* Hostility.

**ennoble** (è-nöbl') [O.F. *ennoblir*], *v.t.* To make noble; to dignify, make famous or illustrious. **ennoblement**, *n.*

**ennui** (on'nwè) [F.], *n.* Listlessness; want of interest; boredom.

**enormous** (è-nör'müs) [E-(EX-), L. *norma*, pattern], *a.* Very great in size, number, or quantity; huge, immense; outrageously wicked, atrocious. **enormity**, *n.* The state or quality of being enormous, inordinate, outrageous; a monstrous crime, an atrocity. **enormously**, *adv.*

**enough** (è-nüf') [A.-S. *genöh*], *a.* Sufficient for or adequate to need or demand. *n.* A sufficiency. *int.* Denoting sufficiency or satisfaction. *adv.* Sufficiently, tolerably, passably.

**enrage** (en-räj'), *v.t.* To put in a rage.

**enrapture** (en-räp'tür), *v.t.* To fill with rapture; to transport with delight.

**enrich** (en-rich'), *v.t.* To make rich or richer. **enrichment**, *n.*

**enrol** (en-röl') [O.F. *enroller*], *v.t.* To enter in a roll; to record, register; to include as a member. **enrolment**, *n.*

**ensanguined** (en-säng'gwind) [EN-, L. *sanguis*, blood], *v.t.* Smeared or covered with blood; made crimson.

**ensconce** (en-skons'), *v.t.* To hide; to settle (oneself) comfortably or securely.

**enshrine** (en-shrin'), *v.t.* To place in or as in a shrine, to cherish.

**ensiform** (en'si-förm) [L. *ensis*, a sword], *a.* Sword-shaped, as the leaf of an iris.

**ensign** (en'sin) [O.F. *enseigne*, L. *insignis*, remarkable], *n.* A banner, the flag of a regiment or a ship; a badge of rank or office; formerly, the lowest rank of commissioned officers in an infantry regiment. **ensigncy**, **ensignship**, *n.*

**ensilage** (en'si-lāj) [F.], *n.* A method of preserving forage crops by storing them whilst moist in pits; fodder so preserved.

**enslave** (en-slāv'), *v.t.* To make a slave



of, to bring under some influence, habit, vice, etc. **enslavement**, *n.* Servitude.

**ensnare** (en-snär'), *v.t.* To entrap.

**ensue** (en-sü') [F. *ensuivre*], *v.t.* To follow in course of time, to succeed; to result (from).

**ensure** (en-shoor') [O.F. *seur*, *SURE*], *v.t.* To make certain (that).

**-ent**, *suf.* Forming adjectives, *e.g.* *consistent*, *frequent*; noting an agent, *e.g.* *student*.

**entablature** (en-täb'lä-tür) [late L. *in-tabuläre*, to form a flooring], *n.* That part of a structure that rests on the capitals of columns (architrave, frieze, and cornice).

**entail** (en-täl') [EN-, F. *tailler*], *v.t.* To bestow or settle a possession inalienably on a certain person and his heirs, or a particular class of heirs; to impose (duties, expenses, etc., upon one); to involve, necessitate, *n.* An estate in fee limited in descent to a particular heir or heirs; the limitation of inheritance in this way.

**entangle** (en-tängl'), *v.t.* To twist so that unravelling is difficult; to ensnare, involve in difficulties, contradictions, etc. **entanglement**, *n.*

**enter** (en'tér) [F. *entrer*], *v.t.* To go or come into; to set down in a writing, list, book, etc. *v.t.* To go or come in; to become a competitor.

**enteric** (en-ter'ik) [Gr. *enteron*, intestine], *a.* Pertaining to the intestines. **enteric fever**, *n.* Typhoid fever.

**enterprise** (en'tér-priz) [O.F. *entreprise*, undertaking], *n.* An undertaking, esp. a bold or difficult one; spirit of adventure, boldness. *v.t.* To undertake, venture on. **enterprising**, *a.* Adventurous; full of enterprise. **enterprisingly**, *adv.*

**entertain** (en-tér-tän') [F. *entretenir*], *v.t.* To receive and treat as a guest; to divert, amuse; to hold in mind, cherish. *v.t.* To exercise hospitality; to receive company. **entertainer**, *n.* One who entertains, esp. one paid to do so. **entertaining**, *a.* Amusing. **entertainment**, *n.*

**enthrall** (en-thrawl'), *v.t.* To enslave, captivate.

**enthrone** (en-thrön'), *v.t.* To place on a throne; to invest with sovereign power; to induct (as a bishop) into the powers or privileges of a see. **enthronement**, *n.*

**enthusiasm** (en-thü'zi-äzm) [Gr. *enthousiasmos*, inspired, from *enthos*, possessed by a god], *n.* Intense and passionate zeal; ardent admiration. **enthusiast**, *n.* One filled with enthusiasm; one completely possessed by any subject; a visionary. **enthusiastic**, *a.*

**entice** (en-tis') [O.F. *enticter*], *v.t.* To allure, especially into evil; to tempt. **enticement**, *n.* **enticer**, *n.* **enticing**, *a.* Alluring, seductive.

**entire** (en-tir') [O.F. *entier*], *a.* Whole, complete; unmixed; unqualified; unforged, *n.* A kind of porter. **entirely**, *adv.* Wholly, fully, exclusively. **entirety** (en-tir'ti'), *n.* Completeness.

**entitle** (en-titl'), *v.t.* To give a name or

title to, to designate; to give a right, title, or claim to anything.

**entity** (en'ti-ti) [late L. *entitas*], *n.* Essence, existence, as distinguished from qualities or relations; a being; that which constitutes its being. **entitative**, *a.*

**entomb** (en-toom'), *v.t.* To place in a tomb, to bury. **entombment**, *n.*

**entomo-** [Gr. *entomon*, an insect], *comb. form.* Pertaining to insects. **entomology** (en-tó-mol'ó-ji), *n.* The science which treats of insects. **entomologist**, *n.* A student of this.

**entrails** (en'trälz) [O.F. *entraile*], *n.pl.* The internal parts of animals; the intestines; bowels.

**entrain** (en-trän'), *v.t.* To put into a railway train. *v.t.* To get into a train.

**entrance** (1) (en'trans) [ENTER, -ANCE], *n.* The act or the power, right, or liberty of entering; the passage or doorway by which a place is entered.

**entrance** (2) (en-trans') [EN-, TRANCE], *v.t.* To throw into a state of ecstasy; to transport, enrapture. **entrancement**, *n.*

**entrap** (en-träp'), *v.t.* To catch in a trap.

**entreat** (en-trät') [EN-, F. *traiter*, to treat], *v.t.* To beseech; to treat, to act towards. *v.t.* To make entreaties. **entreatingly**, *adv.* **entreaty**, *n.* An urgent solicitation; importunity.

**entrée** (on'trä, an-trä) [F., entry], *n.* Freedom or right of entrance; a made dish.

**entrench** (en-trench'), *v.t.* To surround or defend with trenches; to encroach (upon). **entrenchment**, *n.*

**entrust** (en-trüst'), *v.t.* To commit or confide to a person's care; to charge with (a duty, care, etc.).

**entry** (en'tri) [F. *entrée*], *n.* The act of entering, esp. ceremonially; the passage, etc., by which anything is entered; the act of inscribing in a book, etc.; an item so entered.

**entwine** (en-twin'), *v.t.* To twine or twist together; to embrace, enfold.

**enumerate** (é-nü'mér-ät) [E-(EX-), L. *numeratus*, numbered], *v.t.* To reckon up one by one; to specify the items of. **enumeration**, *n.* **enumerative**, *a.* **enumerator**, *n.*

**enunciate** (é-nün'si-ät) [E-(EX-), L. *nuntiatus*, announced], *v.t.* To pronounce distinctly; to express definitely, state with formal precision. **enunciation**, *n.*

**envelop** (en-vel'öp) [O.F. *enveloper*], *v.t.* To enwrap, surround so as to hide; to surround with troops or offensive works. **envelopment**, *n.*

**envelope** (en-vé-löp) [F. *enveloppe*, as prec.], *n.* A wrapper, covering, esp. a paper case to contain a letter.

**envenom** (en-ven'óm) [EN-, O.F. *venim*, venom], *v.t.* To poison or make poisonous; to make bitter or spiteful.

**environ** (en-vi'ron) [EN-, F. *virer*, to veer, turn], *v.t.* To surround, to extend round, encompass; to beset. **environment**, *n.* The act of environing; that which encompasses surrounding objects, scenery, cir-

circumstances, etc.; the sum of external influences affecting an organism. **environs**, *n. pl.* The parts or districts round any place.

**envisage** (en-viz'áj), *v.t.* To look into the face of or directly at.

**envoy** (en'voi) [O.F. *envoie*, a message], *n.* A diplomatic agent, next below an ambassador; a messenger, representative; a concluding stanza to a poem.

**envy** (en'vi) [O.F. *envie*, L. *invidia* (IN-, *videre*, to see)], *n.* Ill-will at the superiority, success, or good fortune of others; the object of this feeling. *v.t.* To regard with envy; to feel jealous of; to covet. *v.i.* To have envious feelings. **enviable**, *a.* Capable of exciting envy; of a nature to be envied. **envious**, *a.* Infected with or instigated by envy.

**eous**, *suf.* Forming adjectives, as *piteous*, *righteous*.

**ep-**, **epi-** [Gr. upon, besides], *pref.*, as *epigram*, *episode*.

**épact** (é'pákt) [EP-, Gr. *agein*, to bring], *n.* The moon's age at the beginning of the year; the excess of the solar above the lunar year.

**épaulet** (ep'ó-let) [F. *épaulette* (*épaule*, shoulder)], *n.* An ornament worn on the shoulder in certain uniforms.

**épergne** (é-pärn', -pörn') [?], *n.* An ornamental stand for the centre of a table, etc.

**ephemera** (é-fem'er-á) [Gr. *ephēmeros* (EPI-, *hēmera*, day)], *n. (pl. -ræ)*. A short-lived insect, esp. the May-fly; a fever of only one day's continuance. **ephemeral**, *a.* Beginning and ending in a day; transient.

**epic** (ep'ik) [Gr. *epikos*, *epos*, a word], *a.* Narrating some heroic event in a lofty style. *n.* A poem narrating some notable action or series of actions, accomplished by a hero or heroes. **epical**, *a.*

**epicure** (ep'i-kür), *n.* One devoted to sensual pleasures, esp. those of the table. **epicureism**, *n.* Epicure'an, *n.* A follower of Epicurus, who taught that pleasure is the supreme good and the basis of morality; a person devoted to pleasure; a gourmand. *a.* Pertaining to the philosophy of Epicurus. **epicureanism**, *n.*

**epicycle** (ep'i-sikl) [EPI-, Gr. *kuklos*, circle], *n.* A small circle the centre of which is carried round upon another circle.

**epidemic** (ep-i-dem'ik) [EPI-, Gr. *dēmos*, people], *a.* Affecting at once a large number in a community. *n.* A disease attacking many persons at the same time, and spreading with great rapidity. **epidemic**, *a.*

**epidermis** (ep-i-dēr'mis) [EPI-, Gr. *derma*, skin], *n.* The external skin in animals.

**epigram** (ep'i-grām) [L. and Gr. (EPI-, GRAM)], *n.* A short poem or composition of a pointed or antithetical character. **epigrammatic**, *a.*

**epigraph** (ep'i-gráf) [EPI-, Gr. *graphein*, to write], *n.* A motto; an inscription placed on buildings, statues, tombs, etc.

**epilepsy** (ep'i-lep-si) [EPI-, Gr. *lambanein*,

to take], *n.* A nervous disease involving convulsions and loss of consciousness; falling sickness. **epileptic**, *a. n.*

**epilogue** (ep'i-log) [EPI-, Gr. *logos*, speech], *n.* A short speech or poem following a play; the concluding part of a book, etc.

**Epiphany** (é-pif'á-ni) [EPI-, Gr. *phainein*, to show], *n.* The festival held on January 6 to commemorate the manifestation of Christ to the Magi at Bethlehem.

**episcopacy** (é-pis'kó-pá-si) [L. *episcopus*, bishop], *n.* Government of a Church by bishops; bishops collectively. **episcopal**, *a.* Appertaining to a bishop; constituted on this form of government. **episcopalian**, *n.* A member of an episcopal Church.

*a.* Episcopal. **episcopalianism**, *n.* **episcopate**, *n.* The office or see of a bishop, the term during which he holds office; bishops collectively.

**episode** (ep'i-söd) [Gr. *episodion*, adventitious], *n.* An incident or series of events in a story, separable though arising out of it. **episodic**, -al (-sod'ik, -ál), *a.*

**epistle** (é-pisl') [EPI-, Gr. *stellein*, to send], *n.* A written communication, a letter; a literary work in the form of a letter.

**epistolary**, *a.* Pertaining to or suitable for letters; carried on by means of letters.

**epitaph** (ep'i-táf) [EPI-, Gr. *taphos*, tomb], *n.* An inscription on or for a tomb or monument.

**epithalamium** (ep-i-thá-lá-mi-tm) [EPI-, Gr. *thalamos*, bridal chamber], *n. (pl. -mia)*. A nuptial poem.

**epithet** (ep'i-thet) [Gr. *epitithenai*, to place upon], *n.* A word or phrase denoting any quality or attribute.

**epitome** (é-pit'ó-mi) [EPI-, Gr. *temnetn*, to cut], *n.* A brief summary; a condensation, abridgment. **epitomize**, *v.t.* To make an abstract or abridgment of.

**epoch** (é'pok) [Gr. *epochē*, a check, pause], *n.* A fixed point from which succeeding years are numbered; a period, an era.

**epode** (ep'öd) [EP-, Gr. *adein*, to sing], *n.* In odes the part after the strophe and antistrophe; a lyric in which a shorter line follows a longer.

**eponym** (ep'ó-nim) [EP-, Gr. *onoma*, name], *n.* A name given to a people, place, etc., after some person; the name of a mythical person made to account for the name of a country or people. **eponymous**, *a.*

**equable** (ek'-ék-wábl) [L. *æquabilis*], *a.* Smooth, level, even; not varying, not irregular. **equabil'ity**, *n.* **equably**, *adv.* **equal** (é'kwál) [L. *æquālis*], *a.* The same in magnitude, number, quality, degree, etc.; even, uniform; impartial, fair; having adequate power or means (to). *n.* One not inferior or superior to another; a match. *v.t.* To be equal (to). **equality** (é-kwól'i-ti), *n.* The state of being equal. **equalize**, *v.t.* To make equal (to, with). **equaliza'tion**, *n.*

**equanimity** (é-kwá-nim'i-ti) [L. *æquus*, equal, *animus*, mind], *n.* Evenness of temper, composure of mind; resignation.



**equation** (é-kwá'shún) [L.], *n.* The act of making equal; two algebraic expressions equal to one another, and connected by the sign =.

**equator** (é-kwá'tór) [as prec.], *n.* A great circle on the earth's surface, equidistant from the poles; a great circle of the heavens, constituted by the production of the plane of the earth's equator. **equator'ial**, *a.* Pertaining to the equator.

**equerry** (ek'wér-l) [F. *écurie*, a stable], *n.* An officer having the care of horses and stables; an officer of a royal household.

**equestrian** (é-kwes'tri-án) [L. *equestris*, from *equus*, horse], *a.* Pertaining to horses or horsemanship; on horseback. *n.* A horseman.

**equi-** [L. *equus*, equal], *comb. form.* **equi-ang'ular**, *a.* Having or consisting of equal angles. **equidis'tant**, *a.* Equally distant from some point.

**equilateral** (é-kwi-lát'é-r-ál), *a.* Having all the sides equal. **equilaterally**, *adv.*

**equilibrium** (é-kwi-lib'ri-úm) [EQUI-, L. *librāre*, to balance], *n.* A state of equal balance, equipoise.

**equine** (ek'wín) [L. *equus*, a horse], *a.* Pertaining to or resembling a horse.

**equinox** (é'kwi-noks) [F. *équinoxe*, EQUI-, L. *nox*, night], *n.* The moment at which the sun crosses the equator and renders day and night equal (vernal equinox, 21st Mar., autumnal, 23rd Sept.). **equinoctial** (nok'shál), *a.*

**equip** (é-kwip') [F. *équiper*], *v.t.* To furnish, esp. to supply with arms; to qualify. **equipment** (ek'wi-páj), *n.* That with which one is equipped; arms and military outfit; a carriage with horses and attendants. **equipment**, *n.*

**equipoise** (é'kwi-poiz) [EQUI-, POISE], *n.* A state of equality of weight or force, equilibrium; that which counterbalances. **equipollent** (é-kwi-pol'ént) [EQUI-, L. *pollere* to be strong], *a.* Having equal force, significance, etc.

**equitable** (ek'wi-tábl) [EQUITY, -ABLE], *a.* Acting or done with equity; fair, just.

**equity** (ek'wi-ti) [L. *æquitās*, from *æquus*, fair], *n.* Justice, fairness; the application of principles of justice to correct the deficiencies of law.

**equivalent** (é-kwiv'á-lént) [EQUI-, L. *valere*, to be worth], *a.* Of equal value, force, or weight; alike in significance or effect; interchangeable. *n.* Anything which is equal to something else in amount, force, etc. **equivalence**, **-lency**, *n.*

**equivocal** (é-kwiv'ó-kál) [EQUI-, L. *vocāre*, to call], *a.* Ambiguous, capable of a twofold interpretation.

**equivocate** (é-kwiv'ó-kát) [as prec.], *v.t.* To speak ambiguously so as to deceive; to prevaricate. **equivoca'tion**, *n.*

**-er**, *suf.* (1). Denoting an agent or doer, as *hatter*, *player*, *poulterer*; denoting residence, etc., as *Britisher*, *Londoner*; (2) denoting a person or thing connected with, as *butler*, *officer*, *sampler*; (3) denoting comparison, as *richer*, *taller*; (4) denoting an

action, as *disclaimer*, *user*; (5) frequentative, as *chatter*, *slumber*.

**era** (ér'á) [late L. *æra*, a number], *n.* A system of chronology running from a fixed point of time.

**eradicate** (é-rád'i-kát) [E-(EX-), L. *rādix*, root], *v.t.* To root up, extirpate. **eradicable**, *a.* **eradica'tion**, *n.*

**erase** (é-ráz') [E-(EX-), L. *rādere*, to scrape], *v.t.* To rub out; to obliterate, expunge.

**Erastian** (é-rás'ti-án), *n.* One holding that the State has supreme authority over the Church, the opinion attributed to Erastus, a German physician (1524-83). **Erastianism**, *n.*

**ere** (är) [A.-S. *ǣr*], *prep. and conj.* Before, sooner than.

**erect** (é-rekt') [L. *erectus*, set up], *a.* Upright; not bending; vertical; undismayed, firm, alert. *v.t.* To raise; to construct, build; to exalt; to set up. **erectile** (é-rek'til), *a.* Susceptible of erection. **erection**, *n.*

**ergo** (ér'gō) [L.], *adv.* Therefore.

**ergot** (ér'gót) [O.F. *argot*, a cock's spur, spurred rye], *n.* A disease in rye, etc., caused by a fungus; a preparation from this used in medicine.

**ermine** (ér'mín) [O.F.], *n.* An animal of the weasel tribe; its fur, which becomes snowy white in winter except the tip of the tail, which is black. **ermined**, *a.* Clothed with or wearing ermine, as judges.

**erode** (é-ród') [E-(EX-), L. *rōdere*, to gnaw], *v.t.* To eat into; to corrode, wear away. **erosion** (é-rō'shún), *n.*

**erotic** (é-rot'ik) [Gr. *erōtikos*, from *erōs*, love], *a.* Pertaining to or caused by love; amatory.

**err** (ér) [L. *errāre*, to stray, wander], *v.t.* To blunder, to miss the truth, etc.; to be incorrect; to deviate from duty.

**errand** (er'ánd) [A.-S. *ǣrende*], *n.* A short journey to carry a message, etc.; the object of such a journey.

**errant** (er'ánt) [O.F., wandering, as ERR], *a.* Wandering, roving.

**erratic** (é-rát'ik) [L. *erraticus*, as ERR], *a.* Irregular in movement, eccentric.

**erratum** (é-rát'úm) [L. as ERR], *n.* (*pl. -ta*). An error or mistake in printing or writing; (*pl.*) a list of corrections.

**erroneous** (é-rō'né-ús) [L. *errōneus*, as ERR], *a.* Mistaken, incorrect.

**error** (er'ór) [L. *error*, a wandering, as ERR], *n.* A mistake; deviation from truth or accuracy; wrong opinion; a sin of a venial kind.

**Erse** (érs) [Sc. var. of *Irish*], *n.* The Gaelic dialect of the Scottish Highlands. *a.* Gaelic.

**erst** (érst) [A.-S. *ǣrest*, superl. of *ær*, soon], *adv.* Formerly, of yore.

**eructation** (é-rük-tá'shún) [E-(EX-), L. *ruere*, to belch], *n.* The act of belching.

**erudite** (er'ú-dit) [L. *eruditus*], *a.* Learned; well-read, well informed. **erudition** (-dish'un), *n.* Learning, extensive knowledge gained by study.

**erupt** (é-rüpt') [L. *eruptus*, broken forth],

**v.t.** To emit violently, as a volcano, etc.  
**v.i.** To burst out; to break through.  
**eruption, n.** The act of bursting forth; an outburst of lava, etc., from a volcano.

**-ery, -ry, suf.** Forming abstract or collective nouns, meaning a business, cultivation, etc., conduct, things connected with or of the nature of, etc.; e.g. *foolery, grocery, rockery, witchery*.

**erysipelas** (er-i-sip'ê-lâs) [Gr. *eruthros*, red, *pella*, skin], **n.** A deep red inflammation of the skin, with diffused swelling.

**escalade** (es-kâ-lâd') [Sp. *escalada*], **n.** An attack in which scaling-ladders are used to mount ramparts, etc. **v.i.** To storm by means of scaling-ladders.

**escalator** (es-kâ-lâ-tôr) [as prec.], **n.** A moving stairway.

**escapade** (es-kâ-pâd') [as foll.], **n.** A wild freak or prank; an escape from restraint.

**escape** (es-kâp') [O.F. *eschaper*, prob. from L. *EX-, cappa*, cloak], **v.t.** To get safely away from; to evade, to avoid (a thing or act); to slip away from, elude attention.

**v.i.** To get safely away; to find an issue, to leak; to evade capture, danger, etc. **n.** Act or means of escaping; state of having escaped; flight, deliverance; a leakage.

**escape'ment, n.** A checking and regulating device in a clock or watch.

**escarpment, n.** The precipitous face of a ridge, fortifications, etc.

**-esce, suf.** Forming inceptive verbs, as *acquiesce, coalesce, effervesce*.

**-escent, suf.** Forming adjectives from these, as *acquiescent, coalescent*.

**-escence [-ENCE], suf.** Forming abstract nouns from the same, as *acquiescence, coalescence*.

**eschatology** (es-kâ-tol'ô-jî) [Gr. *eschatos*, last], **n.** The doctrine of the last things, death, the last judgment, the future state.

**escheat** (es-chêt') [O.F. *eschete*], **n.** The reverting of property to the lord of the fee, the Crown, or the State, on the death of the owner intestate without heirs.

**eschew** (es-choo') [O.R. *eschiver*, cogn. with A.-S. *sceoh*, shy], **v.t.** To avoid, shun.

**escort** (es'kôrt) [F. *escorte*], **n.** An armed guard attending baggage, munitions, etc., en route; a guard of honour. **v.t.** (es-kôrt'). To act as escort to; to attend upon.

**escritoire** (es-kri-twawr') [F. *écritoire*, L. *scriptorium* (*scribere*, to write)], **n.** A writing-desk, with drawers, etc., a bureau.

**esculent** (es'ku-lént) [L. *esca*, food], **a.** Good for food; edible. **n.** An edible.

**escutcheon** (es-kûch'ôn) [A.-F. *escuchon*, L. *scutum*, a shield], **n.** A shield.

**-ese, suf.** Belonging to a city or country; resembling a writer in style; as *Bolognese, Chinese, Johnsonese, journalese*.

**esoteric** (es-ô-ter'ik) [Gr. *esôteros*, inner], **a.** Meant for or intelligible only to the initiated; secret, confidential; initiated.

**espalier** (es-pâl'i-ér) [F.], **n.** Lattice-work on which to train fruit trees, etc.; a tree so trained.

**esparto** (es-par'tô) [Sp.], **n.** A coarse grass or rush.

**especial** (es-pesh'al) [L. *speciâlis*, special], **a.** Distinguished in a certain class or kind; exceptional; pertaining to a particular case, not general or indefinite. **especially, adv.**

**espionage** (es-pi-ô-nazh') [F. from *espion*, spy], **n.** The practice of spying; the employment of spies.

**esplanade** (es-plâ-nâd') [M.F., from *esplaner*, to level], **n.** A level space, esp. a walk or drive by the seaside, etc.

**espouse** (es-pouz') [O.F. *espouser*, as *SPOUSE*], **v.t.** To marry; to give in marriage (to); to support (a cause, etc.).

**espousal, n.** (*usu. in pl.*). Betrothal, marriage.

**espy** (es-pî') [O.F. *espier*, to spy], **v.t.** To catch sight of; to detect.

**-esque, suf.** Like, in the manner or style of; as *arabesque, Dantesque, picturesque*.

**esquire** (es-kwir') [O.F. *escuyer*, L. *scûtiarius*, from *scutum*, shield], **n.** The armour-bearer or attendant on a knight, a squire; a title next below a knight's.

**-ess, suf.** Noting the feminine; as *empress*.

**essay** (es'â) [O.F. *essai*, ASSAY], **n.** An attempt; an informal literary composition.

**v.t.** (ê-sâ'). To try, to attempt; to test.

**v.i.** To make an endeavour. **essayist** (es'â-ist), **n.** A writer of essays.

**essence** (es'êns) [L. *essentia*, from *essens*, being], **n.** That which constitutes the nature of a thing, or makes it what it is; being, existence; a solution or extract obtained by distillation.

**essential** (ê-sen'shâl) [as ESSENCE], **a.** Pertaining to or containing the essence of a thing; necessary to the existence of, indispensable (to); real, actual, not accidental. **n.** That which is fundamental, characteristic or indispensable.

**-est, suf.** Forming the superlative degree, as *richest, tallest, wiseliest*.

**establish** (es-tâb'lish) [L. *stabilire* (*stabilis*, firm)], **v.t.** To set upon a firm foundation; to found, institute; to verify, put beyond dispute; to ordain officially and settle on a permanent basis (as a Church).

**establishment, n.** Act of establishing; state of being established; a permanent organization such as the army, navy, civil service, a staff, etc.

**estate** (es-tât') [O.F. *estat*], **n.** Property, esp. a landed property; a person's assets and liabilities taken collectively; state, condition, standing, rank; a class or order invested with political rights, one of the Three Estates, viz., the Lords Spiritual, the Lords Temporal, and the Commons.

**esteem** (es-têm') [as ESTIMATE], **v.t.** To hold in high estimation, regard with respect; to prize; to reckon. **n.** Opinion or judgment as to merit or demerit; respect, regard. **es'timable, a.**

**estimate** (es'ti-mât) [L. *estimâtus*, valued], **v.t.** To appraise; to form an opinion about. **n.** An approximate calculation of the value, number, extent, etc., of anything; a judgment respecting char-



**acter**, circumstances, etc.; (*pl.*) statement of probable expenditure submitted to Parliament or other authoritative body.  
**estima'tion**, *n.* The act of estimating; opinion or judgment; esteem.

**estoppel** (es-top'el) [A.-F. *estopper*], *n.* An act or statement that cannot legally be denied.

**estrangle** (es-trānj') [as STRANGE], *v.t.* To alienate, to make (oneself) a stranger to.  
**estrangement**, *n.*

**estuary** (es'tū-ā-ri) [L. *æstuāre*, to surge], *n.* The mouth of a river, etc., in which the tide meets the current.

**esurient** (è-sū-ri-ént) [L. *esuriens*, desiring to eat], *a.* Hungry; needy.

**-et**, *suf.* Diminutive, as *circlet*, *coronet*.

**etch** (ech) [O.Teut. *atjan*, to make eat], *v.t.* To produce designs on metallic plates by biting with an acid through the lines previously drawn on a coated surface.  
*v.i.* To practise this art. **etcher**, *n.*  
**etching**, *n.* Art of etching; an impression taken from an etched plate.

**eternal** (è-tér-nál) [L. *æternus*], *a.* Without beginning or end; everlasting, perpetual. **eternity**, *n.* Eternal duration; endless past or future time.

**ether** (è'thér) [L. *æther*], *n.* A hypothetical fluid of extreme subtlety and elasticity assumed to permeate space and all substances, and to form the medium of transmission of light and heat; the higher regions of the sky; volatile fluid, produced by the distillation of alcohol with an acid, used as an anæsthetic. **ether'cal**, *a.* Airy, tenuous, impalpable, spiritual.

**ethic, ethical** (eth'ik, -ál) [Gr. *ethos*, character, disposition], *a.* Treating of or relating to morals; dealing with moral questions or theory. **ethic**, *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) The science of or a treatise on morals; a system of principles and rules of conduct. **ethically**, *adv.*

**ethnic** (eth'nik) [Gr. *ethnos*, nation], *a.* Pertaining to or characteristic of a race or people; racial; not Jewish or Christian.

**ethnol'ogy**, *n.* The science which treats of the varieties of the human race, and attempts to trace them to their origin.  
**ethnol'ogist**, *n.*

**etiquette** (et'i-ket) [F. *étiquette*, a ticket], *n.* The conventional rules of behaviour in polite society; the rules of ceremonial in a court, or a professional or other body.

**-ette**, *suf.* Diminutive, as *cigarette*, *novellette*; sham, as *leatherette*; facetious fem., as *suffragette*.

**etui** (è-twé) [F.], *n.* A pocket-case for pins, needles, etc.

**etymology** (et-i-mol'ô-ji) [Gr. *etymos*, real, -LOGY], *n.* The science that treats of the origin and history of words; the history of a particular word; derivation. **etymologist**, *n.* **etymolog'ic**, -al, *a.*

**eu-** [Gr.], *comb. form.* Good, well, pleasant, as in *eulogy*, *euphony*.

**eucalyptus** (û-ká lip'tús) [EU-, Gr. *kaluptos*, covered], *n.* An Australian gum-trees.

**eucharist** (û'ká-ris't) [*eucharistos*, grateful], *n.* The sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**euchre** (û'kér) [?], *n.* A card game for two to four persons.

**eugenic** (û-jen'ik) [Gr. *eugenēs*, well-born], *a.* Pertaining to the development and improvement of offspring. *n.pl.* The science relating to this.

**eulogy** (û'lô-ji) [EU-, LOGY], *n.* Praise, panegyric; a writing or speech in praise of a person. **eulogist**, *n.* **eulogis'tic**, -al, *a.* **eu'logize**, *v.t.* To speak or write of in praise.

**eunuch** (û'núk) [Gr. *eunouchos*], *n.* A castrated man.

**euphemism** (û'fé-mizm) [EU-, Gr. *phēmē* speaking, fame], *n.* The use of a pleasing term for one that is harsh or offensive; a softened expression. **euphemis'tic**, *a.*

**euphony** (û'fô-ni) [EU-, Gr. *phōnē*, voice], *n.* Smoothness or agreeableness of sound; pleasing pronunciation. **euphonic** (û-fon'ik), **euphonicus** (û-fô'ni-ús), *a.*

**euphuism** (û-fû-izm) [Gr. *euphuēs*, well-endowed], *n.* A pedantic affectation of high-flown language (from Lyly's *Euphuës* (1578), which popularized the style). **euphuist**, *n.* **euphuistic**, *a.*

**Eurasian** (û-rā'shān) [EUR(OPEAN), ASIAN], *a.* Of mixed European and Asiatic (esp. Hindu) blood. *n.* One born of a European father and a Hindu mother.

**European** (û-rô-pé'an), *a.* Pertaining to Europe. *n.* A native of Europe.

**evacuate** (è-vāk'û-āt) [E-(EX-), L. *vacuatus*, emptied], *v.t.* To make empty; to withdraw from (esp. of troops). **evacua'tion**, *n.*

**evade** (è-vād') [E-(EX-), L. *vādere*, to go], *v.t.* To avoid or elude by artifice, sophistry, etc.; to shirk; to defeat, baffle.

**evanesce** (ev-ā-nes') [E-, L. *vānescere*], *v.i.* To disappear; to vanish. **evanes-cence**, *n.* **evanescent**, *a.*

**evangelical** (è-vān-jel'ik-ál) [Gr. *euangelikos* (EU-, *angellein*, to announce)], *a.* Pertaining to or according to the Gospel; proclaiming or maintaining the truth taught in the Gospel; accepting for gospel only what Protestants consider to be so. *n.* A member of the Low-Church Party of the Church of England.

**evangelist** (è-vān-jè-list) [Gr. *euangelistēs*, as prec.], *n.* One of the four writers of the gospels; a missionary, lay preacher. **evangelis'tic**, *a.*

**evaporate** (évāp'ô-rāt) [E-(EX-), L. *vaporatus*, steamed, heated], *v.t.* To convert into vapour; to expel the moisture by heating or drying. *v.i.* To become or pass away in vapour; to exhale moisture; **evapora'tion**, *n.*

**evasion** (è-vā'zhūn) [as EVADE], *n.* The act of evading (esp. a question, argument, or charge); a subterfuge, equivocation.

**evasive** (è-vā'siv), *a.* **evasiveness**, *n.*

**eve** (év) [A.-S. *ēfen*], *n.* The evening before a festival, etc.

**even** (1) (è'vén) [EVE], *n.* Evening. **evensong**, *n.* A form of worship for the evening; the time for evening prayer. **eventide**, *n.* Evening.

**even** (2) [A.-S. *ēfen*, *efn*], *n.* Level, smooth,

uniform; capable of being divided by 2 without any remainder; equal; balanced, unvarying, equable. *v.t.* To make smooth or level; to place on a level; to equalize, satisfy. *adv.* To a like degree; as much as, so much as; exactly, just, neither more nor less than. **even-handed, a.** Impartial. **evenness, n.**

**evening** (ēv'ning) [A.-S. *æfnung*, from *ēfen*. **EVEN** (1)], *n.* The close of the day.

**event** (é-vent') [E-(EX-), L. *ventus*, came], *n.* Anything that happens, an occurrence, esp. one of importance; the possibility of an occurrence; consequence, issue, conclusion; an item in a programme of games, etc. **eventful, a.** Full of events; attended by important changes.

**eventual** (é-ven'tū-ál) [as prec.], *a.* Happening as a consequence; finally resulting, ultimate, final. **eventuality, n.** **eventuate, v.t.** To happen, come to pass.

**ever** (ev'ér) [A.-S. *æfre*], *adv.* At all times; always; at any time; in any degree. **evermore, adv.** Always, eternally.

**evergreen** (ev'ér-grēn), *a.* Always green; always young or fresh. *n.* A plant which retains its verdure through the year. **everlasting** (ev-ér-las'ting), *a.* Lasting for ever, eternal.

**every** (ev'ri) [as **EVER**], *a.* Each of a number, all separately; each. **everyone:** Each one. **everyone, n.** Everybody. **every other:** Every alternate (day, week, etc.). **everybody, n.** Every person. **everyday, n.** Met with or happening daily; used on ordinary occasions; common, usual. **everything, n.** All things; all of the things making up a whole. **everyway, adv.** In every way; in every respect. **everywhere, adv.** In every place.

**evict** (é-vikt') [E-(EX-), L. *victus*, conquered], *v.t.* To dispossess or eject by legal process. **eviction, n.**

**evidence** (ev'i-dēns) [L. *ēvidentia* (E-(EX-), *videre*, to see)], *n.* Anything that makes clear or obvious; indication, testimony; such statements, proofs, etc., as are legally admissible as testimony.

**evident** (ev'i-dēt) [as prec.], *a.* Open or plain to the sight; obvious. **eviden'tial, a.** Affording evidence; proving conclusively.

**evil** (ēvil) [A.-S. *yfel*], *a.* Bad, injurious, worthless, wicked; calamitous, sorrowful; malicious. *adv.* In an evil manner; maliciously, abusively; unfortunately, cruelly. *n.* That which injures or displeases, calamity, harm; sin, depravity.

**evince** (é-vins') [E-(EX-), L. *vincere*, to conquer], *v.t.* To show clearly; to demonstrate.

**eviscerate** (é-vis'ér-át) [E-(EX-), L. *viscera*, bowels], *v.t.* To disembowel; to empty of all that is vital. **eviscera'tion, n.**

**evoke** (é-vōk') [E-(EX-), L. *vocare*, to call], *v.t.* To call up, summon forth. **evoca'tion, n.** **evocative, a.**

**evolution** (ē-vō-loo'shūn) [L. *ēvolūtus*, evolved], *n.* The act of unfolding or

developing; development, as of an argument, design, political, social, or natural system, etc.; the process by which a germ develops into a complex organism; the derivation of all forms of life from simpler forms or from a single rudimentary form; the theory based on this principle; (*pl.*) movements, changes of position, etc., in military or naval manœuvres, dancing, etc. **evolutional, -tionary, a.**

**evolve** (é-volv') [E-(EX-), L. *volvere*, to roll], *v.t.* To unfold, expand; to develop, to bring to maturity; to set forth (an argument, etc.) in an orderly manner. *v.i.* To open, develop.

**ewe** (ū) [A.-S. *eowu*], *n.* A female sheep. **ewer** (ū'ér) [O.F. *aigüer*, from L. *agua*, water], *n.* A large jug for water.

**ex-, pref.** Out of; thoroughly; without; formerly; as *exceed*, *exit*, *exacerbate*, *exonerate*, *expatriate*; *ex-president*.

**exacerbate** (ek-sās'ér-bāt) [EX-, L. *acerbus*, bitter], *v.t.* To irritate, embitter.

**exact** (eg-zákt') [L. *exactus*], *a.* Precisely agreeing in amount, number, etc.; accurate, strictly correct; precise. *v.t.* To compel; to demand as of right, to insist upon, to require authoritatively. **exacting, a.** Severe or excessive in demanding; urgently requiring (of circumstances, etc.). **exac'tion, n.** **exactitude, n.** Exactness, precision. **exactly, adv.** In an exact manner; quite so, precisely.

**exaggerate** (eg-záj'ér-át) [L. *exaggerātus*], *v.t.* To heighten, overstate, represent as greater than truth warrants; to intensify, aggravate. **exaggera'tion, n.**

**exalt** (eg-zawlt') [EX-, L. *altus*, high], *v.t.* To raise in dignity, position, etc.; to elevate in character, spirits, or diction, to ennoble, dignify; to praise, extol; to intensify. **exalta'tion, n.**

**examination** (eg-zām-i-nā'shūn) [as foll.], *n.* The act of examining; careful scrutiny; the process of testing the qualifications of a candidate.

**examine** (eg-zām'in) [F. *examiner*, L. *exāmināre*, conn. with *exigere*, to weigh out], *v.t.* To inquire into, investigate, scrutinize; to consider critically; to test the capabilities, qualifications, knowledge of, etc. *v.i.* To make inquiry or research. **exam'iner, n.**

**example** (eg-zam'pl) [L. *exemplum*], *n.* A sample, specimen, model, pattern, person or fact illustrating a general rule.

**exasperate** (eg-zas'pér-át) [EX-, L. *asperātus*, roughened], *v.t.* To aggravate, embitter. **exaspera'tion, n.**

**excavate** (eks'ká-vāt) [L. *excavātus*, hollowed out], *v.t.* To remove or uncover by digging. **excava'tion, n.** **ex'cavator, n.**

**exceed** (ek-séd') [EX-, L. *ēdere*], *v.t.* To go beyond; to be more or greater than; to surpass, outdo, excel. *v.i.* To go beyond bounds; to be greater; to excel. **exceeding, a.** Very great in amount, duration, extent, etc. **exceedingly, adv.**

**excel** (ek-sel') [L. *excellere*], *v.t.* To surpass,



exceed, outdo. *v.t.* To be superior, distinguished, or pre-eminent (in or at). **excellence**, *n.* State of excelling; superiority; surpassing merit, etc. **excellency**, *n.* Excellence; a title of honour given to a governor, ambassador, and certain other officers. **excellent**, *a.* Surpassing others in some good quality; of great virtue, worth, etc.

**except** (ek-sept') [L. *exceptāre*], *v.t.* To leave out, omit, exclude. *v.i.* To make objection (to or against). *prep.* Exclusive of, omitting, but. **excepting**, *prep.* Omitting, with the exception of. **exception**, *n.* Act of excepting; that which is excepted; an objection, disapproval. **exceptionable**, *a.* Liable to objection; unusual. **exceptional**, *a.*

**excerpt** (ek'-, ek-sēpt') [L. *excerptus*, selected], *n.* (*pl.* -ta.) An extract from a writing or book.

**excess** (ek-ses') [L. *excessus*, a going out], *n.* That which exceeds; the quality or fact of exceeding the ordinary measure, proportion, or limit; the amount by which one exceeds another; intemperance, extravagance. **excessive**, *a.*

**exchange** (eks-chānj') [EX-, CHANGE], *v.t.* To give or receive in return for something else; to interchange. *v.i.* To be given or received in exchange; to pass from one regiment to another by taking the place of another officer. *n.* The act of exchanging, or of resigning one state for another; interchange; that which is given or received in exchange; exchanging of coin for its value in other or foreign coins; the place where merchants, brokers, etc., meet to transact business. **exchangeable**, *a.*

**exchequer** (eks-chek'ēr) [med. L. *scaccarium*, a chess-board, as CHECK], *n.* The State treasury; the Government department dealing with public revenue; finances or pecuniary resources.

**excise** (1) (ek-siz') [L. *accensare*, to tax], *n.* A tax on articles produced and consumed in a country. *v.t.* To impose an excise duty on. **excisable**, *a.* Subject to excise duty. **exciseman**, *n.* An officer who collects the excise duties, and prevents evasion of the excise laws.

**excise** (2) (ek-siz') [L. *excisus*, cut out], *v.t.* To cut out (a part). **excision** (ek-sizh'un), *n.*

**excite** (ek-sit') [L. *excitāre*], *v.t.* To rouse, stir into action or agitation; to stimulate, inflame the spirits of; to provoke. **excitable**, *a.* Susceptible of excitement; characterized by excitability. **excitability**, *n.* **excitement**, *n.* Stimulation, agitation; state or course of being excited. **exciting**, *a.* Stimulating; producing excitement.

**exclaim** (eks-klām') [EX-, L. *clāmāre*, to cry aloud], *v.i.* To cry out abruptly or passionately. *v.t.* To utter loudly or in an abrupt manner. **exclamation**, *n.*

**exclude** (eks-klood') [L. *excludere*, to shut out], *v.t.* To shut out, prevent from

coming in or participating; to debar; to reject, except. **exclusion**, *n.*

**exclusive** (eks-kloo'siv) [as prec.], *a.* Shutting out, tending, or desiring to shut out; fastidious. **exclusiveness**, *n.*

**excogitate** (eks-koj'i-tāt) [EX-, COGITATE], *v.t.* To think out; to devise by thinking.

**excommunicate** (eks-kō-mū'ni-kāt) [EX-, L. *communis*, common], *v.t.* To exclude from the communion and privileges of the Church. **excommunication**, *n.*

**excoriate** (eks-kōr'i-āt) [EX-, L. *corium*, skin], *v.t.* To strip the skin from.

**excrement** (eks'krè-mént) [as EXCRETE], *n.* Refuse matter discharged from the body after digestion.

**excrecence** (eks-kres'ens) [EX-, L. *crescere*, to grow], *n.* An unnatural or disfiguring outgrowth. **excrement**, *a.*

**excrete** (eks-krēt') [L. *excrētus*, sifted out], *v.t.* To separate and discharge superfluous matter from the organism. **excretion**, *n.* **excretory**, *a.* Pertaining to excretion.

**excruciate** (eks-kroo'shi-āt) [L. *excruciātus*, tortured], *v.t.* To torture, to inflict severe pain or mental agony upon.

**exculpate** (eks'kūl-pāt) [EX-, L. *culpa*, fault], *v.t.* To clear from a charge; to free from blame. **exculpation**, *n.*

**excursion** (eks-kēr'shùn) [L. *excurso* (EX-, *currere*, to run)], *n.* A journey for health or pleasure; a short tour, a trip; a wandering from the subject, a digression. **excursionist**, *n.* **excursive**, *a.* Rambling, deviating, exploring. **excursiveness**, *n.*

**excuse** (eks-kūz') [L. *excūsare* (EX-, *causa*, cause)], *v.t.* To free from blame; to pardon, acquit; to ask pardon for; to justify; to exempt from an obligation or duty; to remit; to dispense with. *n.* (eks-kūs'). An apology, justification; a pretended reason; an exculpation. **excusable**, *a.*

**execrate** (ek'sé-krāt) [L. *execrātus*, accursed], *v.t.* To curse; to detest. **execrable**, *a.* Detestable, accursed; abominable. **execration**, *n.*

**execute** (ek'sé-küt) [L. *execūtus*], *v.t.* To carry into effect, put in force; to perform, accomplish, complete, esp. by signing and sealing; to inflict capital punishment on.

**execution** (ek-sé-kū'shùn) [as prec.], *n.* The act of executing; performance, accomplishment; the infliction of capital punishment; destruction, slaughter; the mode of performing a work of art, skill, dexterity; the act of giving validity to a legal instrument, as by signing. **executioner**, *n.* One who inflicts capital punishment.

**executive** (eg-zek'ū-tiv) [as prec.], *a.* Having the function or power of executing; pertaining to performance; carrying laws, decrees, etc., into effect. *n.* The person or persons carrying laws, sentences, etc., into effect; the administrative branch of a government.

**executor** (eg-zek'ū-tór) [as prec.], *n.* One who executes, esp. a person appointed by

a testator to carry out the provisions of his will. **executorship**, *n.* **executrix**, *n.* (*pl.* -trices) A female executor.

**exegesis** (ek-sé-jé'sis) [EX-, Gr. *hēgeisthai*, to lead], *n.* Exposition, interpretation, esp. of the Scriptures. **exegetic** (-jet'ik), *a.* Pertaining to exegesis, expository. *n.pl.* Scientific interpretation, esp. of Scripture. **exeget'ical**, *a.*

**exemplar** (eg-zem'plār) [as EXAMPLE], *n.* A pattern, model; a noted example; an instance. **exemplary**, *a.*

**exemplify** (eg-zem'pli-fi) [L. *exemplum*, example, -FY], *v.t.* To illustrate by example; to prove by an attested copy.

**exempt** (eg-zempt') [EX-, L. *emere*, to take], *a.* Free (from); not liable or subject to. *v.t.* To free or allow to be free; to grant immunity (from). **exemption**, *n.*

**exequies** (ek'sé-kwiz) [L. *exequiæ*], *n.pl.* Funeral rites; obsequies.

**exercise** (ek'sér-siz) [L. *exercēre*, to keep at work], *n.* The act of using, employing, or exerting; practice; an act of public or private worship; exertion of the body or the mind for health or training; a task set for this purpose; (*pl.*) drill, athletics. *v.t.* To employ, exert, put in practice or operation; to perform the duties of; to train; to keep employed or busy.

**exert** (eg-zért') [L. *exertus*, put forth], *v.t.* To put forth (as strength, power, or ability); to put in action or operation.

**exertion**, *n.*

**exhale** (eks-hāl') [EX-, L. *hālāre*, to breathe], *v.t.* To breathe forth; to emit, or cause to be emitted, in vapour. *v.i.* To be given off as vapour. **exhalation**, *n.*

**exhaust** (eg-zawst') [L. *exhaustus*, drawn out], *v.t.* To empty by drawing out the contents; to use up the whole of; to wear out by exertion; to drain of resources, strength, etc.; to treat the whole of a subject. *n.* The discharge or escape of steam, gas, etc., after it has performed its work; apparatus for this. **exhaustible**, *a.* **exhausting**, *a.* Tending to tire out completely. **exhaustion**, *n.* **exhaustive**, *a.* Tending to exhaust; comprehensive.

**exhibit** (ég-zib'it) [L. *exhibitus*, displayed], *v.t.* To show, display, manifest. *n.* Anything offered to public view; a document, etc., produced in court as evidence. **exhibitor**, *n.*

**exhibition** (ek-si-bish'ün) [as prec.], *n.* The act of exhibiting; a display; production of documents, etc., in proof of facts; an allowance to a student, pecuniary assistance. **exhibitioner**, *n.* One who obtains an exhibition at a college, etc.

**exhilarate** (eg-zil'á-rāt) [EX-, L. *hilaris*, glād], *v.t.* To gladden, enliven. **exhilaration**, *n.* **exhilarative**, *a.*

**exhort** (eg-zört') [EX-, L. *hortāri*, to urge], *v.t.* To incite by words; to urge, admonish. **exhortation**, *n.* **exhortatory**, *a.*

**exhume** (eks-hüm') [EX-, L. *humus*, the ground], *v.t.* To disinter. **exhumation**, *n.*

**exigence**, -gency (eks'i-jéns, -si) [L. *exigentia*], *n.* Urgent necessity; a state

of affairs demanding immediate action, an emergency. **exigent**, *a.*

**exiguous** (eg-zig'ü-üs) [L. *exiguus*], *a.* Small, slender, scanty. **exigu'ity**, *n.*

**exile** (ek'sil) [EX-, L. *salire*, to leap], *n.* Expatriation; long absence from one's native country; one who is banished, or has been long absent. *v.t.* To banish from one's native country.

**exist** (eg-zist') [EX-, L. *sistere*, to cause to stand], *v.i.* To be; to live; to continue to be. **existence**, *n.* **existent**, *a.*

**exit** (ek'sit) [L. *exitus*, a going out], *n.* The departure of an actor from the stage; death; a way out. *v.i.* (*Stage direction*) Goes off the stage.

**exodus** (ek'só-düs) [EX-, Gr. *hodos*, a way], *n.* A departure, esp. of a large body of persons; the second book of the Old Testament.

**exonerate** (eg-zon'ér-ät) [EX-, L. *onus* oneris, a burden], *v.t.* To free from a charge; to exculpate; to relieve from an obligation or liability. **exon'orative**, *a.*

**exorbitant** (eg-zör'bi-tánt) [EX-, L. *orbita*, a track], *a.* Out of all bounds, grossly excessive. **exorbitance**, *n.*

**exorcize** (ek'sör-siz) [EX-, Gr. *horkos*, oath], *v.t.* To expel (as an evil spirit) by adjurations, prayers, etc. **exorcism**, *n.* **exorcist**, *n.* One who exorcizes.

**exordium** (eg-zör'di-üm) [EX-, L. *ordiri*, to begin], *n.* The introductory part of a literary work or discourse.

**exoteric**, -al (ek-só-ter'ik, -ál) [Gr. *exōterikos*], *a.* Fit to be imparted to outsiders; comprehensible to the vulgar, public, opposed to esoteric.

**exotic** (ek-sot'ik) [Gr. *exōtikos*], *a.* Foreign; introduced from a foreign country. *n.* Anything introduced from a foreign country, as a plant.

**expand** (ek-spánd') [EX-, L. *pandere*, to spread], *v.t.* To open or spread out; to distend, extend, enlarge. *v.i.* To become opened or distended. **expansible**, **expansile**, *a.* Capable of expanding.

**expanse** (ek-spāns') [as prec.], *n.* A wide, open extent or area.

**expansion** (ek-spān'shün) [as prec.], *n.* Act of expanding; state of being expanded; enlargement, extension.

**expansive** (ek-spān'siv) [as prec.], *a.* Having the power of expanding; tending to expand; extending widely; frank.

**expatriate** (ek-spā-shi-ät) [EX-, L. *spatiāri*, to roam], *v.t.* To dilate; to speak or write copiously on a subject.

**expatriate** (ek-spā'tri-ät) [EX-, L. *patria*, one's native land], *v.t.* To exile, drive into banishment. **expatriation**, *n.*

**expect** (ek-spekt') [L. *expectāre*], *v.t.* To look forward to; to regard as certain or likely to happen; to suppose. **expectancy**, -ance, *n.* Act or state of expecting, expectation; state of being expected; that which is expected. **expectant**, *a.* **expectation**, *n.* Act or state of expecting, anticipation; the ground for this; the probability of a future event; (*pl.*) prospects.



**expectorate** (ek-spek'tó-rát) [EX-, L. *pectus*, the breast], *v.t.* To discharge by coughing, hawking, or spitting. **expectora'tion**, *n.*

**expedient** (ek-spé'di-ént) [L. *expediens*, *a.* Promoting the object in view; advantageous; politic as opposed to just. *n.* That which promotes an object; an advantageous way or means; a makeshift. **expedience**, -ency, *n.*

**expedite** (ek-spé-dit) [L. *expeditus* (EX-, *pēs pedis*, the foot)], *v.t.* To facilitate, to accelerate the progress of; to dispatch. **expedi'tion**, *n.* Speed, promptness, dispatch; any journey by an organized body for some definite object; the persons engaged in this. **expeditionary**, *a.* **expeditious**, *a.* Speedy, active.

**expel** (ek-spel') [EX-, L. *pellere*, to drive], *v.t.* To drive or force out; to eject.

**expend** (ek-spend') [EX-, L. *pendere*, to weigh], *v.t.* To spend, lay out; to consume. **expenditure**, *n.*

**expense** (ék-spens') [as prec.], *n.* A laying out; cost, outlay, price paid. **expensive**, *a.* Costly, requiring a large expenditure.

**experience** (ek-spér'i-éns) [L. *experientia*], *n.* Practical acquaintance with any matter; knowledge gained by observation or trial; something undergone. *v.t.* To gain knowledge of by trial or observation; to undergo, feel, meet with. **experienced**, *a.* Taught by experience.

**experiment** (ek-sper'i-mént) [*experimentum*], *n.* A trial, proof, or test of anything; an operation, etc., designed to discover some unknown truth, principle, or effect, or to test an hypothesis. *v.t.* To make an experiment; to investigate by this means. **experimen'tal**, *a.*

**expert** (ek-spért') [L. *expertus*, experienced], *a.* Experienced, dexterous; practised, skilful. *n.* (ék'spért) One who has special skill or knowledge. **expertly**, *adv.*

**expiate** (ek'spi-át) [EX-, L. *piātus*, propitiated], *v.t.* To atone for; to make amends for. **expia'tion**, *n.*

**expire** (ek-spir') [EX-, L. *spirāre*, to breathe], *v.t.* To breathe out, send forth, emit, exhale. *v.i.* To breathe out; to die. **expira'tion**, *n.* The act of breathing out; cessation, termination.

**explain** (ek-splan') [EX-, L. *plānāre*, to flatten], *v.t.* To make clear or plain; to expound and illustrate the meaning of; to account for. *v.i.* To give explanations. **explana'tion**, *n.* **explana'tory**, *a.*

**explicative** (ék-splē'tiv) [L. *explicūsus*, from *explētus*, filled out], *a.* Serving to fill out or complete. *n.* A word not necessary to the sense introduced to fill up; an interjection; a profane exclamation.

**explicate** (eks'pli-kát) [EX-, L. *plicātus*, folded], *v.t.* To display the meaning of; to free from obscurity, explain. **explicable**, *a.* That can be explained. **explica'tion**, *n.*

**explicit** (ek-splis'it) [F. *explicite*, as prec.], *a.* Plainly stated; outspoken.

**explode** (ek-splöd') [EX-, L. *plaudere*, to

clap], *v.t.* To cause to burst with a loud report; to refute, expose. *v.i.* To burst with a loud report.

**exploit** (ek'sploit) [O.F. *exploit*, profit, as **EXPLICITE**], *n.* A feat, a great or noble achievement. *v.t.* (ék-splot') To turn to account. **exploita'tion**, *n.*

**explore** (ek-splör') [L. *explōrāre*, to search out], *v.t.* To investigate, examine; to travel over in order to examine. **explora'tion**, *n.* **explorer**, *n.*

**explosion** (ek-splō'zhún) [as **EXPLODE**], *n.* A bursting with a loud report; a sudden and violent noise; an outbreak, as of physical forces, anger, etc. **explosive**, *a.* Bursting forth with great force and noise; liable to explode; produced by a sudden expulsion of breath, as *p*, *b*, *i*, *d*, *k*, *g*. *n.* An explosive substance, as gunpowder, dynamite, etc.; one of the above consonants.

**exponent** (ek-spō'nént) [EX-, L. *pōnere*, to put], *a.* Setting forth or explaining; exemplifying. *n.* One who does this.

**export** (ek-spört') [EX-, L. *portāre*, to carry], *v.t.* To carry or send (goods) to foreign countries. *n.* (ék'spört) Act of exporting, exportation; a commodity sent to a foreign country; (*pl.*) the quantity or value of goods exported. **export'able**, *a.* **exporta'tion**, *n.* **exporter**, *n.*

**expose** (ek-spōz') [EX-, L. *pausāre*, to lay down], *v.t.* To lay bare or open, disclose, reveal; to leave unprotected; to abandon (as a child); to display, esp. for sale; to unmask. **exposé** (ek-spō'zā), *n.* A formal declaration; a disclosure, exposure.

**exposition** (-zish'un), *n.* The act of exposing; an explanation, a commentary.

**expostulate** (ek-spos'tū-lāt) [EX-, L. *postulātus*, demanded], *v.t.* To reason earnestly (with a person), to remonstrate. **expostula'tion**, *n.* **expostulatory**, *a.*

**exposure** (ek-spō'zhúr) [as **EXPOSE**], *n.* Act of exposing; state of being exposed; abandonment (of a child, etc.); display, esp. of goods for sale; a revelation.

**expound** (ek-spound') [as **EXPONENT**], *v.t.* To explain, interpret. **expounder**, *n.*

**express** (ek-spres') [EX-, L. *pressus*, pressed], *a.* Set forth distinctly; direct, explicit; intended, done, made, etc., for a special purpose. *adv.* With speed; by express messenger. *n.* An express train, messenger, or rifle. *v.t.* To set forth, make clear, put into words.

**expression** (ek-spres'h'un) [as prec.], *n.* Act of expressing; that which is expressed, a saying, statement, word, phrase. **expres'sionless**, *a.*

**expressive** (ek-spres'iv) [as prec.], *a.* Serving to express; significant. **expressively**, *adv.* **expressiveness**, *n.*

**expropriate** (ek-sprō'pri-át) [EX-, L. *proprium*, property], *v.t.* To take from an owner for public use; to dispossess. **expropria'tion**, *n.*

**expulsion** (ek-splū'shún) [as **EXPUL**], *n.* Act of expelling; state of being expelled; ejection. **expulsive**, *a.*

**expunge** (ek-spünj') [EX-, L. *pungere*, to prick], *v.t.* To efface, to erase.  
**expurgate** (ek-spür-gät) [EX-, L. *purgatus*, cleansed], *v.t.* To free from anything offensive, obscene, or noxious.  
**exquisite** (ek-skwi-zit) [EX-, L. *gustus*, sought], *a.* Fine, dainty; delicately beautiful; keenly sensitive, nice, fastidious.  
**extant** (ék-stánt') [L. *extans*, standing forth], *a.* Still in existence; surviving.  
**extempore** (ék-stem'pó-ri) [L. *ex tempore*, from the time], *adv.* and *a.* Without premeditation or preparation; unstudied.  
**extemporaneous**, **extemporary**, *a.* extemporize, *v. t.*  
**extend** (ék-stend') [EX-, L. *tendere*, to stretch], *v.t.* To stretch out, prolong; to make larger in space, time, or scope; to expand; to hold out, offer. *v.i.* To stretch, to reach (in space, time, or scope).  
**extensible**, *a.* **extension** (ék-sten'shún) *n.*  
**extensive** (ék-sten'siv) [as prec.], *a.* Widely spread; large; comprehensive.  
**extent** (ék-stent') [as EXTEND], *n.* Size, scope, comprehension, distribution; a large space.  
**extenuate** (ék-sten'ü-ät) [L. *extenuatus*, lessened], *v.t.* To diminish the gravity of, to palliate; to offer excuses for. **extenuation**, *n.*  
**exterior** (ék-stér'l-ör) [L. comp. of *exter*, outer], *a.* External, on the outside. *n.* The outer surface; the external features.  
**exterminate** (ék-stér'mi-nät) [L. *exterminatus*, driven forth], *v.t.* To extirpate, destroy utterly. **extermination**, *n.*  
**external** (ék-stér'nál) [as EXTERIOR], *a.* Situated on, or pertaining to the outside, superficial; objective; foreign, extraneous, extrinsic. *n.* An exterior or outer part; (*pl.*) outward features, rites, etc.; non-essentials. **externally**, *adv.*  
**extritorial** (ék-ster-l-tör'i-ál) [EX-, TERRITORIAL], *a.* Beyond the jurisdiction of the country in which one resides. **extritoriality**, *n.* Immunity from the laws of a country (as that of ambassadors).  
**extinct** (ék-stinkt') [as EXTINGUISH], *a.* Extinguished; that has died out. **extinction** (ék-stink'shún), *n.*  
**extinguish** (ék-sting'gwish) [EX-, L. *stingere*, to quench], *v.t.* To put out, quench (as a light, hope, life, etc.); to eclipse, to obscure, throw into the shade; to annihilate; to pay off (a debt, mortgage, etc.).  
**extinguishable**, *a.* **extinguisher**, *n.*  
**extirpate** (ék'stir-pät) [L. *extirpatus*, rooted out], *v.t.* To root out, destroy utterly, exterminate. **extirpation**, *n.*  
**extol** (ék-stol') [EX-, L. *tolle*, to raise], *v.t.* To praise in the highest terms.  
**extort** (ék-stört') [L. *extortus*, wrenched away], *v.t.* To wrest or wring (from) by force, threats, etc. **extortion**, *n.* **extortionate**, *a.* **extortioner**, *n.*  
**extra** (ék'strá) [L. *extrá*, beyond, from outside], *a.* Beyond what is necessary; larger or better than is usual; additional.

*adv.* Over and above what is usual. *n.* Something beyond what is absolutely necessary or usual.

**extra-** [L., on the outside, without], *comb. form.* **extramundane**, *a.* Existing in or pertaining to a region outside our world or outside the universe.

**extract** (ék-strákt') [L. *extractus*, drawn out], *v.t.* To draw or pull out; to draw out by chemical means; to select from, to copy out or quote; to deduce (from); to find the root of a number. *n.* (ék'strákt) That which is extracted by distillation, solution, etc.; a passage quoted from a book, etc.; a preparation containing the essence of a substance. **extraction**, *n.* Act of extracting; descent, family, derivation.

**extradition** (ek-strá-dish'un) [F. (EX-, TRADITION)], *n.* The surrender of fugitives from justice by a government to that of the country where the crime was committed. **extradite**, *v.t.*

**extrajudicial** (ek-strá-jü-dish'al), *a.* Taking place outside the court, not legally authorized; outside the ordinary course of law or justice. **extrajudicially**, *adv.*

**extraneous** (ék-strá'né-ús) [L. *extraneus*], *a.* Foreign, not belonging to a subject, etc.; external, not essential. **extraneously**, *adv.* **extraneity**, *n.*

**extraordinary** (ék-strör-, ék-strá-ör'di-nár-i) [L. *extrá ordinem*, outside the usual order], *a.* Out of the ordinary course, unusual; remarkable, exceptional, surprising; appointed for a special purpose or occasion. **extraordinarily**, *adv.*

**extravagant** (ék-stráv'á-gánt) [EXTRA-, L. *vagans*, wandering], *a.* Exceeding due bounds, immoderate; visionary, fantastic; prodigal in expenditure; (of prices, etc.) exorbitant. **extravagance**, *n.* State or quality of being extravagant.

**extreme** (ék-strém') [L. *extrémus*, superl. of *exterius*, outward], *a.* Outermost, farthest; at the utmost limit; last, final; most intense; going to great lengths, immoderate. *n.* The utmost or furthest point, the extremity; the utmost or highest degree; (*pl.*) things or qualities as different or as far removed from each other as possible. **extremely**, *adv.*

**extremist**, *n.* **extremity** (ék-strem'i-ti), *n.* The utmost point, side, or limit.

**extricate** (ék'stri-kät) [L. *extricatus*], *v.t.* To disentangle, set free from any perplexity, embarrassment, etc. **extricable**, *a.* **extrication**, *n.*

**extrinsic** (ek-strin'sik) [L. *extrinsecus*, from without], *a.* Being external; not inherent or contained in a body; not essential.

**extrude** (ék-strood') [EX-, L. *trudere*, to thrust], *v.t.* To thrust or push out or away; to expel. **extrusion**, *n.*

**exuberant** (eg-zü'bér-ánt) [L. *exuberans*], *a.* Luxuriant in growth; overflowing, copious, superabundant. **exuberance**, *n.* **exude** (ék-süd') [EX-, L. *sudare*, to sweat], *v.t.* To emit or discharge through pores;



to give out slowly. *v.i.* To ooze out through pores, etc. *exuda'tion, n.*

**exult** (ég-zúlt') [L. *exultāre*, to leap up], *v.i.* To rejoice exceedingly; to triumph (over). **exultant, a.** **exulta'tion, n.**

**exuviae** (ég-zū'vi-ē) [L., from *exuere*, to put off], *n.pl.* The cast or shed skin, shells, teeth, etc., of animals; fragmentary fossil remains of animals.

**eye** (i) [A.-S. *ēage*], *n.* The organ of vision; the part containing it; sight, the power of seeing, acuteness of vision; careful observation, care, attention; look, expression; anything eye-shaped; a spot on some feathers, as those of the peacock; a bull's-eye; the thread-hole of a needle; the loop in which a hook is fastened. *v.t.* To watch, to observe, esp. fixedly, suspiciously, jealously, etc. **eyeball, n.** The pupil, apple, or globe of the eye. **eye-bolt, n.** A bolt having a loop at one end for the reception of a hook, etc. **eyebrow, n.** The fringe of hair above the orbit of the eyes. **eyeglass, n.** A lens to aid the sight; (*pl.*) a pair of these; the lens nearest the eye in an optical instrument; a glass for applying lotion to the eyes. **eyelash, n.** The row of hairs edging the eyelids; a single hair from the eyelid. **eyelid, n.** One of the movable folds of skin for covering the eye. **eyepiece, n.** The lens or combination of lenses at the end nearest the eye in an optical instrument. **eye-service, n. Service performed only while under supervision. **eyesight, n. Vision; view, observation. **eyesore, n. Anything offensive to the sight. **eyeteeth, n.pl. The upper canine teeth of man. **eyewitness, n. One who sees a transaction with his own eyes.**********

**eyelet** (i'let) [dim. of EYE], *n.* A small hole or opening; a loophole; a small eye.

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**fable** (fābl) [L. *fābula* (*fāri*, to speak)], *n.* A story, esp. one in which lower animals speak and convey some moral lesson; a myth; the plot of a drama or epic; a falsehood. *v.i.* To write fables; to romance; to tell falsehoods. *v.t.* To feign, invent. **fabled, a.**

**fabric** (fāb'rik) [L. *fabrica*], *n.* Something put together; a building, frame, or structure; woven, felted, or knitted material. **fabricate, v.t. To form by art, to manufacture; to invent, trump up. **fabrica'tion, n.** **fabricator, n.****

**fabulist** (fāb'ū-list) [F. *fabuliste* (as FABLE)], *n.* A writer or inventor of fables. **fabulous, a.** Feigned, fictitious; mythical.

**façade** (fā-sad') [F.], *n.* The front of a building.

**face** (fās) [L. *facies*], *n.* The front part of the head, the visage, countenance; expression, appearance, aspect; the visible state of things; that part of anything which presents itself to the view. *v.t.*

To turn the face towards; to meet in front; to confront boldly; to stand opposite to; to put a coating, covering, or facings on. *v.i.* To look or be situated in a certain direction. **face-value, n.** The nominal value shown on coin, bank-notes, etc.

**facet** (fās'et) [F. *facette*], *n.* A small plane forming the side of a crystal, diamond, etc.

**facetiae** (fā-sē'shi-ē) [L.], *n.pl.* Humorous or witty sayings; comic or indecent books.

**facetious** (fā-sē'shūs) [F.], *a.* Given to pleasantry; waggyish, jocular.

**facial** (fā'shāl) [L. *faciālis*], *a.* Of or pertaining to the face.

**facile** (fās'il) [L. *facilis*], *a.* Easy to be done; easily led, pliant; dexterous, fluent; easy-tempered. **facilitate** (fā-sil'i-tāt), *v.t.* To make easy; to further, help forward. **facil'ity, n. Easiness in performing or in being performed; opportunity or advantage for the performance or attainment of anything; readiness, fluency; quickness, dexterity, pliability.**

**facing** (fā'sing) [FACE-ING], *n.* The action of the verb; a covering in front for ornament, defence, etc.; (*pl.*) trimmings on uniforms.

**facsimile** (fāk-sim'i-li) [L.], *n.* An exact copy of writing, printing, a picture, etc.

**fact** (fākt) [L. *factum*, a thing done], *n.* An act or deed; something that has occurred or been done; something true or existing as distinct from an inference or conjecture; reality, actuality.

**faction** (fāk'shūn) [L. *factio*, a way of making a party], *n.* A united body of persons, esp. a party within a party; party spirit, dissension. **factious, a. Given to faction; seditious, turbulent.**

**-faction, comb. form.** Denoting making, turning, or converting, as *rarefaction*, *satisfaction*.

**factitious** (fāk-tish'ūs) [L. *facticius*], *a.* Artificial; conventional, affected.

**factive** (fāk'ti-tiv) [L. *factus*, made], *a.* Causing, effecting.

**factor** (fāk'tōr) [L.], *n.* An agent, deputy; (*Sc.*) a steward or estate agent; one of the quantities that multiplied together make a given number or expression; any circumstance, fact, or influence which contributes to a result.

**factory** (fāk'tōr-i) [L. *factus*, made], *n.* A trading station established in a foreign place by a company of merchants; a building in which any manufacture is carried on.

**factotum** (fāk-tō'tūm) [L. *fac*, imper. of *facere*, to do, *totum*, all], *n.* A man of all work, a handy-man.

**faculty** (fāk'ūl-ti) [L. *facultās*], *n.* Power or ability of any special kind; capacity for any natural action, as seeing, feeling, speaking; the members of a learned profession, esp. medicine; one of the departments of instruction in a University; an authorization to perform certain functions, esp. ecclesiastical.

**fad** (fäd) [?], *n.* A whim, passing fancy;

a hobby; a favourite theory. **faddish**, *a.* **faddist**, *n.* **faddy**, *a.*

**fade** (fād) [O.F. *fader*, from *fade*, dull], *v.i.* To wither, to lose freshness, vigour, or beauty. **fadeless**, *a.* **Unfading**.

**fag** (fāg) [?], *v.i.* To toil wearily; to work till one is weary; to act as a fag. *v.t.* To tire, weary out; to use as a drudge. *n.* Laborious drudgery; fatigue; a tiresome task; a junior at a public school who performs certain duties for some senior boy; (*slang*) a cigarette.

**faggot** (fāg'ót) [F. *fagot*], *n.* A bundle of sticks or small branches.

**Fahrenheit** (fa'rén-hít) [inventor, d. 1736], *a.* Pertaining to the thermometer with the freezing-point at 32° and boiling-point at 212°.

**faience** (fa-yans) [It. town *Faenza*], *n.* A fine kind of pottery with painted designs.

**fail** (fāl) [O.F. *faillir*, to miss, L. *fallere*, to deceive], *v.t.* To be or become deficient or wanting; to run short; not to succeed (in); to lose strength, sink; to die away; to become bankrupt. *v.t.* To be wanting to; to be insufficient for; to come short of. *n.* Failure, default. **failing**, *n.* A weakness, foible. *prep.* In default of. **failure**, *n.* A coming short; an omission, non-performance; bankruptcy; an unsuccessful person or thing.

**fain** (fān) [A.-S. *fægen*], *a.* Glad, well-pleased; contented. *adv.* Readily.

**faint** (fānt) [O.F. *feint*, feigned], *a.* Weak, languid; giddy, inclined to swoon; dim, indistinct, slight. *v.i.* To swoon. *n.* A swoon, a fainting fit.

**fair** (1) (fār) [A.-S. *fæger*], *a.* Beautiful, pleasing to the eye; satisfactory, specious; just, equitable, above-board; passably good, of moderate quality; clear, pure; legible, plain; of light complexion. *adv.* Courteously, plausibly; openly, justly; on equal terms; according to the rules. *n.* A beautiful woman. **fairway**, *n.* The navigable part of a river, etc.; an open drive on a golf-course. **fairish**, *a.* Pretty fair. **fairly**, *adv.* In a fair manner; completely, utterly; passably. **fairness**, *n.*

**fair** (2) [O.F. *feire*, L. *feria*, holiday], *n.* A market or gathering for trade in a particular town or place (usu. annually), with shows and entertainments. **fairing**, *n.* A present bought at a fair.

**faery** (fär'i) [O.F. *faerie*, enchantment], *n.* An imaginary being having magical powers and human form supposed to meddle in the affairs of men. *a.* Pertaining to faeries; faery-like.

**faith** (fāth) [O.F. *fei*, L. *fides*], *n.* Mental assent to what is stated or put forward without having absolute proof; firm and earnest belief; conviction, complete reliance; belief in the doctrines and moral principles of a religion; a system of belief or of doctrines; fidelity, loyalty; a pledge, engagement; reliability, trustworthiness. **faithful**, *a.* **faithfulness**, *n.* **faithless**, *a.* Unbelieving; disloyal,

not true to promises or duty, unreliable; treacherous.

**fakir** (fâ-kér') [Arab. *faqir*], *n.* A Mohammedan religious mendicant.

**falcon** (fawl'shón) [O.F. *fauchon*, L. *fals*, a sickle], *n.* A short, broad sword with curved blade.

**falcon** (fawl', faw'kón) [O.F. *faucon*, as prec.], *n.* A small bird of prey, esp. one trained to hawk game. **falconer**, *n.* One who keeps and trains hawks, or who hunts with hawks. **falconry**, *n.*

**fall** (fawl) [A.-S. *feallan*], *v.t.* (*past fell*, *p.p. fallen*). To descend by the force of gravity; to descend suddenly, drop; to sink, to flow or be poured down, to become lower; to come down, to be killed; to decline; to decrease in power, value, weight, etc.; to subside, abate, languish, die away; to fail, be disgraced; to sink into sin; to turn out, result, happen; to be uttered (as by chance); to droop. *n.* The act of falling; a bout at wrestling, a throw; a waterfall; degree of inclination, the slope; amount of descent, distance through which anything falls; autumn, the fall of the leaf; amount of rain, snow, etc., in a district; downfall, declension from greatness or prosperity, ruin, overthrow; a lapse from virtue; a veil; that part of the rope in hoisting-tackle to which the power is applied; a cadence.

**fallacy** (fāl'á-si) [L. *fallacia*, from *fallere*, to deceive], *n.* An unsound or misleading argument, anything that misleads or deceives; a sophism; sophistry, unsoundness of reasoning or of belief. **fallacious**, *a.*

**fallible** (fāl'ibl) [late L. *fallibilis*, as prec.], *a.* Liable to err or be mistaken. **fallibility**, *n.*

**fallow** (1) (fāl'ō) [A.-S. *fealu*], *a.* Pale brownish or reddish-yellow.

**fallow** (2) [A.-S. *fealga*, rel. to *fealga*, harrows], *n.* Land ploughed and harrowed but left unsown. *a.* Ploughed and tilled but not sown; unused.

**false** (fawls) [A.-S. *fals*, L. *falsus*, deceived], *a.* Not true; deceptive, misleading; erroneous, wrong; lying, deceiving; deceitful, faithless; sham, spurious. **falsehood**, *n.* Untruthfulness; a lie, an untruth, lying; deceitfulness, unfaithfulness; a counterfeit. **falseness**, *n.* **falsity**, *n.*

**falsetto** (fawl-set'ō) [It.], *n.* A pitch of voice higher than the natural register. *a.* Pertaining to such voice.

**falsify** (fawl'si-fi) [FALSE, -FY], *v.t.* To give a false or spurious appearance to (a document, statement, etc.); to misrepresent; to counterfeit; to disappoint (expectations). **falsification**, *n.*

**falter** (fawl'tér) [?], *v.i.* To stumble, waver, be unsteady; to stutter; to hesitate. **falteringly**, *adv.*

**fame** (fām) [L. *fāma*], *n.* Public report or rumour; reputation, renown, celebrity.

**famed**, *a.* Much talked of; celebrated.

**familiar** (fâ-mil'yār) [as next], *a.* Well-



known, intimate; usual, ordinary, not novel; easily understood; unconstrained, free, unceremonious. *n.* A close friend; a spirit supposed to attend at call. **familiarity** (-ăr'i-ti), *n.* Use, habitude; close friendship, intimacy; unceremoniousness, esp. towards superiors or inferiors; a liberty. **familiarize**, *v.t.* To make familiar; to habituate, accustom.

**family** (făm'i-lî) [L. *familia*, from *famulus*, a servant], *n.* Those that live in the same house, including servants; father and mother and children; these with other relations; children, as dist. from their parents; those descended from a common ancestor; a race, a group of peoples from a common stock.

**famine** (făm'in) [L. *fames*, hunger], *n.* Great scarcity; hunger, starvation.

**famish** (făm'ish) [as prec.], *v.i.* To suffer extreme hunger; to die of hunger.

**famous** (fă'mús) [L. *fama*, fame], *a.* Renowned, celebrated; first-rate.

**fan** (făn) [A.-S. *fann*], *n.* An instrument opening out in a wedge-shape for agitating the air and cooling the face; a winnowing implement or machine; the blade of a propeller; a bird's tail; a rotatory ventilating apparatus. *v.t.* To agitate the air with a fan; to cool with a fan; to stimulate; to winnow. **fan-light**, *n.* A window shaped like an open fan, esp. over a doorway.

**fanatic** (fă-năt'ik) [L. *fănaticus*, from *fănum*, a temple], *a.* Extravagant in opinions (esp. religious); enthusiastic in the extreme; bigoted. *n.* A person affected with fanaticism. **fanatical**, *a.* **fanaticism**, *n.*

**fancy** (făn'si) [FANTASY], *n.* The faculty or act of forming images, esp. those of a playful or capricious kind; inventive (not creative) imagination; a mental image; a delusion, a baseless impression, a caprice, whim; a personal liking; a fad, hobby. *v.t.* To picture to oneself; to suppose; to imagine or believe erroneously; to like, take a fancy to; to breed as a hobby or sport. *a.* Adapted to please the fancy rather than for use; ornamental. **fancy dress**, *n.* Masquerade costume. **fancy work**, *n.* Ornamental knitting, embroidery, crocheting, etc. **fancier**, *n.* One who breeds or sells birds, dogs, rabbits, etc. **fanciful**, *a.* Dictated by or arising in the fancy; unreal, imaginary; whimsical.

**fandango** (făn-dăng'gô) [Sp.], *n.* A lively Spanish dance for two persons.

**fane** (făn) [L. *fănum*], *n.* A temple.

**fanfare** (făn'făr) [F.], *n.* A flourish of trumpets.

**fang** (fang) [A.-S., a seizing], *n.* A tusk or long pointed tooth.

**fantasia** (făn-tă-ză'a, făn-tă'zi-ă) [It., FANTASY], *n.* (*Mus.*) A composition in which form is subservient to fancy.

**fantasy** (făn'tă-si) [Gr. *phantazein*, to make visible], *n.* An extravagant or whimsical fancy or design; the faculty of

forming fanciful images; a visionary idea. **fantas'tic**, *a.* Fanciful, whimsical, odd, grotesque.

**far** (far) [A.-S. *feor*], *a.* (farther, -est, further, -est) Distant, a long way off; reaching a long way; remote from. *adv.* At or to a great distance in space, time, or proportion; by a great deal; by a great interval, widely. **far-fetched**, *a.* Unnatural, fanciful.

**farce** (fars) [F. *farcir*, L. *farcire*, to stuff], *n.* A play in which the action is trivial and mirth the sole purpose; an absurd proceeding; pretence, mockery. *v.t.* To stuff, to fill, to puff out; to season. **farcical**, *a.* Droll, comical.

**fare** (fär) [A.-S. *faran*], *v.t.* To go, to travel; to get on, to be in any state, to turn out (well or ill); to be entertained, to live as regards food and drink. *n.* The sum paid for conveyance, passage-money; the person or persons conveyed; food provided. **farewell**, *int.* Adieu, good-bye. *n.* A good-bye, an adieu. *a.* valedictory.

**farina** (fă-rî', -rě'nă) [L., *far*, corn], *n.* Flour or meal; any powder; pollen; starch. **farina'ceous**, *a.*

**farm** (farm) [A.-F. and O.F. *ferme* (*à ferme*, on lease)], *n.* A tract of land cultivated under one management; a farm-house; a place where children are farmed. *v.t.* To till, cultivate, take (land) on lease for cultivating; to let out (as taxes, offices, etc.) at a fixed sum or rate per cent.; to contract for (as one who engages to feed or lodge children) at so much per head. *v.t.* To be a farmer. **farmstead**, *n.* A farm with the buildings on it. **farmyard**, *n.* The enclosure attached to farm buildings. **farmer**, *n.* **farming**, *n.* The business of cultivating land.

**faro** (făr'ô) [Pharaoh], *n.* A card-game.

**farrago** (fă-ră'gô) [L.], *n.* A mixture.

**farrier** (făr'i-ër) [L. *ferrarius* (*ferrum*, iron)], *n.* One who shoes horses; a shoeing smith and horse-doctor. **farriery**, *n.*

**farrow** (făr'ô) [A.-S. *feorh*, a pig], *n.* A litter of pigs. *v.* To bring forth pigs.

**farther** (făr'ther) [var. of FURTHER], *a.* More distant or remote; additional. *adv.* At or to a greater distance, extent, or degree; in addition, besides. **farthest**, *a.* The most distant. *n.* The greatest distance, the latest, the most. *adv.* At or to the greatest distance.

**farthing** (făr'thing) [A.-S. *feorthing*], *n.* The fourth part of a penny.

**\*farthingale** (făr'thing-gäl) [Sp. *verdugado* (*verdugo*, a rod)], *n.* A hooped skirt used to extend the wide gown of the 16th cent.

**fascinate** (făs'i-năt) [L. *fascinäre*, to cast a spell], *v.t.* To exercise an irresistible influence over; to captivate, enchant, charm. **fascinating**, *a.* Charming, bewitching. **fascina'tion**, *n.*

**fashion** (făsh'ôn) [L. *facciönem*, nom. -*Ho*, a making], *n.* The make, style, or appearance of anything; mode, manner; prevailing style of dress; custom, usage; the

conventional usages of society; genteel society. *v.t.* To give shape and form to; to fit, adapt. **fashionable**, *a.*

**fast** (1) (*fast*) [A.-S. *fæst*], *a.* Firmly fixed, tight; faithful, steady; durable, unfading, not washing out; swift, moving quickly; dissipated, rakish. *adv.* Firmly, securely; quickly, in rapid succession; in a dissipated manner.

**fast** (2) [A.-S. *fæstan*], *v.i.* To abstain from food; to mortify the body thus. *n.* Total or partial abstinence from or deprivation of food, esp. from religious motives; a time set apart for fasting; any holy time or season.

**fasten** (*fasn*) [A.-S. *fæstnian*], *v.t.* To fix firmly; to make fast, to secure, as by a bolt, knot, etc. *v.i.* To become fast; to seize, to lay hold (upon). **fastener**, *n.* One who or that which fastens. **fastening**, *n.* The act of making secure; that which makes fast or secure, as a bolt, bar.

**fastidious** (*fás-tid'ús*) [L. *fastidium*, loathing], *a.* Difficult to please; squeamish.

**fastness** (*fast'nes*) [**FAST** (1)], *n.* Quality or state of being fast or secure; a fortress.

**fat** (*fát*) [A.-S. *fæ*], *a.* Plump, corpulent, full-fed; (of animals) fed up for killing; fertile, fruitful. *n.* An animal substance of a more or less oily character. **fat-ling**, *n.* A fattened animal. **fatness**, *n.* **fatten**, *v.t.* To make fat, to feed for the table; to fertilize. *v.i.* To become fat, to gain flesh. **fatish**, *a.* Somewhat fat. **fatty**, *a.*

**fatal** (*fá'tál*) [L. *fatális*, as **FATE**], *a.* Proceeding from or decreed by fate; inevitable; fraught with heavy consequences, decisive; causing death (to); deadly, mortal. **fatal'ity**, *n.* A fixed and unalterable course of things; supremacy of fate; deadliness, calamity.

**fate** (*fát*) [L. *fāum*], *n.* The power pre-determining the course of events; destiny, lot; one's ultimate condition; what is destined; death, destruction; (*pl.*) the three Greek goddesses supposed to pre-side over the birth, life, and fortunes of men. **fated**, *a.* Decreed by fate; doomed. **fateful**, *a.* Fraught with fate.

**father** (*fa'thēr*) [A.-S. *fæder*], *n.* A male parent; a male ancestor; an originator, an early leader, esp. of the primitive Church; one who exercises paternal care; the senior member of any profession or body; the First Person of the Trinity; a priest, a confessor, religious teacher, etc.; (*pl.*) elders, senators, the leading men (of a city, etc.). *v.t.* To beget; to be or act as father of; to originate; to adopt or assume as one's own; to accept responsibility for; to ascribe to anyone as his. **father-in-law**, *n.* The father of one's husband or wife. **fatherhood**, *n.* The state of being a father; the character or authority of a father. **fatherland**, *n.* One's native country. **fatherless**, *a.* Destitute of a living father; without any known author. **fatherly**, *a.* Like a father; kind, tender.

**fathom** (*fāth'óm*) [A.-S. *fæthm*], *n.* A measure of length, 6 ft. *v.t.* To ascertain the depth of; to get to the bottom of, to comprehend. **fathomless**, *a.* Not to be fathomed.

**fatigue** (*fá-tēg'*) [L. *fatigāre*], *n.* Weariness, exhaustion from bodily or mental exertion; toil; labour not of a military nature performed by soldiers. *v.t.* To tire; to exhaust the bodily or mental strength of; to harass, importune.

**fatuous** (*fāt'ū-ús*) [L. *fatuus*], *a.* Stupid, foolish; meaningless, silly. **fatu'ity**, *n.*

**faucet** (*faw'sét*) [F. *fausset*], *n.* A tap, esp. for barrels.

**fault** (*fawlt*) [M.E. and O.F. *faute*], *n.* Defect, blemish; an error, failing, blunder. **faultless**, *a.* **faulty**, *a.* **faultily**, *adv.*

**fauna** (*faw'ná*) [L., a Roman goddess], *n.* The animals peculiar to a certain region or epoch.

**fauteuil** (*fō-tu-i*) [F.], *n.* An upholstered arm-chair; a stall in a theatre.

**favour** (*fā'vór*) [L. *favēre*, to show goodwill], *n.* Kindness, goodwill; approval; partiality, preference; a kind or indulgent act; aid, support, facility; leave, consent; a token of love or affection; a knot of ribbons. *v.t.* To behave toward with kindness; to support, facilitate, promote; to oblige (with); to be fortunate for; to approve, show partiality to; to resemble in features. **favourable**, *a.* Friendly, well-disposed; propitious; approving, commending, tending to promote or encourage; advantageous. **favourably**, *adv.*

**favourite** (*fā'vór-it*) [O.F. *favorite*, as *prec.*], *n.* A person or thing regarded with special affection or partiality; one unduly favoured; a competitor considered to have the best chance. *a.* Regarded with special favour. **favouritism**, *n.*

**fawn** (1) (*fawn*) [O.F. *fan*, *faon*], *n.* A young deer; a buck or doe in its first year; the colour of a young deer. *a.* Yellowish-brown. *v.* To bring forth a fawn.

**fawn** (2) (*fawn*) [A.-S. *fahnian*, as **FAIN**], *v.i.* To show affection by cringing (of dogs, etc.); to court in a servile manner.

**fay** (*fā*) [L. *fata*], *n.* A fairy.

**fealty** (*fē'al-ti*) [as **FIDELITY**], *n.* Fidelity to a superior; loyalty, allegiance.

**fear** (*fēr*) [A.-S. *fēr*, danger], *n.* A painful apprehension of danger or evil; a state of alarm; anxiety, solicitude; awe, reverence. *v.t.* To be afraid of, to dread; to shrink from; to reverence, venerate; to suspect. *v.i.* To be afraid; to feel anxiety; to mistrust. **fearful**, *a.* Timid, apprehensive, afraid (lest); terrible, awful; unusual, annoying. **fearfully**, *adv.* **fearless**, *a.* Free from fear; courageous, undaunted. **fearlessly**, *adv.* **fearlessness**, *n.* **fearsome**, *a.* Fearful, terrible, alarming.

**feasible** (*fē'zibl*) [O.F. *faisable*, L. *facere*, to do], *a.* That may or can be done; practicable; plausible. **feasibil'ity**, *n.*

**feast** (*fēst*) [L. *festus*, joyful], *n.* A sumptuous meal or entertainment, esp. a public



banquet; a celebration of some great event or personage, esp. a religious anniversary; anything giving great enjoyment. *v.t.* To entertain sumptuously; to please greatly, as with something delicious. *v.i.* To feed sumptuously.

**feat** (fēt) [O.F. *fait*], *n.* A notable act; an exploit, achievement.

**feather** (feth'ēr) [A.-S. *fether*], *n.* A plume or quill, a number of which form the covering of a bird; a hairy fringe on a dog's tail or legs; a tongue on the edge of a board fitting into a groove; (*Rowing*) the act of feathering. *v.t.* To dress, cover, or adorn with feathers. *v.i.* (*Rowing*) To turn the oar and carry through the air edgewise; (of hounds) to make a quivering movement with the tail when hunting.

**feature** (fē'chūr) [O.F. *feature*], *n.* A part of the face, esp. such as gives individual expression (*usu. in pl.*); a distinctive part of anything, a salient point, striking incident. *v.i.* (*colloq.*) To portray; to present on a cinematograph film. **featured**, *a.* Having a certain cast of face; presented in a newspaper, on a film, etc.

**febrifuge** (feb'ri-fūj) [L. *febris*, fever, *fugare*, to drive away], *n.* A medicine that dispels or mitigates fever.

**febrile** (fē'bril) [L. *febrilis*, as *prec.*], *a.* Pertaining to fever.

**February** (feb'rū-ā-ri) [L. *februa*, a purification festival], *n.* The second month of the year.

**feckless** (fek'lēs) [?], *a.* Puny, futile.

**feculent** (fek'ū-lēnt) [L. *feculentus*], *a.* Full of dregs or sediment.

**fecund** (fē'kūnd) [L. *fecundus*], *a.* Fruitful, prolific. **fecundate**, *v.t.* To make fruitful; to impregnate. **fecunda'tion**, *n.* **fecun'dity**, *n.*

**federal** (fed'ēr-āl) [F. *fédéral*, L. *fœdus -eris*, a treaty], *a.* Pertaining to a treaty, league, or contract; relating to a polity formed by the union of several states, or to such a Government as dist. from the separate states. **federalism**, *n.*

**federate** (fed'ēr-āt) [as *prec.*], *v.t.* To organize as a federal group of states; to bring together for a common object. *v.i.* To combine and form a federal group; to league together for a common object. *a.* United under a federal government; leagued together. **federation**, *n.*

**fee** (fē) [A.-F. O.F. *fē*], *n.* Remuneration for the execution of official functions or performance of professional service. *v.t.* To pay a fee to; to engage for a fee. **fee-simple**, *n.* An estate held in one's own right, without limitation to any particular class of heirs.

**feeble** (fēbl) [O.F. *foible*], *a.* Weak, infirm, debilitated; lacking in force, vigour, or power; pointless, insipid; faint.

**feed** (fēd) [A.-S. *fēdan*], *v.t.* To give food to; to supply with material, or with that which is necessary to existence, continuance, or development; to serve as nourishment for; to fatten; to gratify. *v.i.* To take food; to eat; to subsist (on or upon).

*n.* Fodder, pasturage; the act of feeding or giving food; amount of provender given to cattle, etc., at a time; a feast. **feeder**, *n.* One who fattens cattle; one who eats, esp. in a certain manner; a child's bib; a tributary stream; canal, etc.

**feel** (fēl) [A.-S. *fēlan*], *v.t.* To perceive by the touch; to have the sense of touch; to have a sensation of, or be conscious of; to experience, undergo, be affected by; to touch, try, or find out by handling or groping. *v.i.* To have perception by the touch; to be conscious of (as cold, wet, hungry, tiredness). *n.* The sense of touch; characteristic sensation of something; perception, esp. of an emotional kind. **feeler**, *n.* Any device to ascertain the designs, wishes, or opinions of others; an organ of touch in invertebrates. **feeling**, *a.* Perceiving by the touch; easily affected, sensitive, of great sensibility. *n.* The sense of touch; the sensation produced by touching; a mental impression, consciousness; emotion, sensitiveness; (*pl.*) susceptibilities, sympathies. **feelingly**, *adv.*

**feign** (fān) [O.F. *feindre*, L.  *fingere*], *v.t.* To invent; to pretend, simulate. *v.i.* To dissimulate. **feignedly**, *adv.*

**feint** (fānt) [F. *feinte*, as *prec.*], *n.* A pretence of aiming at one point while another is the real object; a pretence. *v.i.* To make a feint or pretended attack.

**feldspar** (feld'spar) [G. *feld*, field, *spath*, spar], *n.* (*Min.*) A crystalline mineral.

**felicitate** (fē-lis'i-tāt) [L. *fēlicitāre*], *v.t.* To congratulate. **felicitat'ion**, *n.* Congratulation. **felicitous**, *a.* Happy, prosperous; apt, well-expressed; charming in manner, etc. **felicity**, *n.* Happiness; appropriateness; a happy expression.

**feline** (fē'līn) [L. *fēles*, a cat], *a.* Pertaining to cats, or the cat tribe; catlike; sly.

**fell** (1) (fel) [A.-S. *fiellan*], *v.t.* To knock down, bring to the ground.

**fell** (2) [A.-S. *fel*, skin], *n.* The hide of an animal, esp. if covered with hair; a fleece.

**fell** (3) [Icel. *fjall*], *n.* A rocky hill.

**fell** (4) (O.F. *fel*, as *FELON*), *a.* Cruel, savage; terrible, dire.

**fellah** (fel'ā) [Arab. *fellaḥ*], *n.* (*pl.* *fellaheen*) An Egyptian agricultural labourer.

**felloe** (fel'i, -ō) [A.-S. *fēlg*], *n.* One of the curved segments forming the rim of a wheel; the whole rim.

**fellow** (fel'ō) [Icel. *fēlagi*], *n.* An associate, partner; one of the same kind or species; an equal, a peer, compeer; one of a pair; a member of an incorporated society; the holder of a fellowship; a man, a boy; a person of little estimation; (*in comb.*) one associated with oneself. *v.t.* To match, pair with, suit. **fellowship**, *n.* Companionship, close intercourse, cordiality of feeling, community of interest; a brotherhood, a corporation; the dignity of fellow in a college or learned society; an endowment for maintaining one engaged in research.

**felo-de-se** (fel'ō-dē-sē) [A.-L., *felon* upon himself], *n.* (*pl.* *felos*) A suicide.

**felon** (fel'ôn) [O.F. from late L. *fellōnem*, nom. *fello*], *n.* One who has committed a felony. *a.* Cruel, malicious; wicked, murderous. **felonious**, *a.* **felony**, *n.* An offence of a heinous character.

**felt** (felt) [A.-S.], *n.* A kind of cloth made of wool, etc., rolled, beaten, and pressed, with lees or size; a piece of this.

**felucca** (fê-lûk'â) [It.], *n.* A small Mediterranean vessel with lateen sails.

**female** (fê-mâl) [L. *femella*, dim. of *femina*, woman], *a.* Denoting the sex which brings forth young or lays eggs; pertaining to or characteristic of woman. *n.* A woman or girl; a she-animal.

**feminine** (fem'i-nin) [O.F. *feminin*, as prec.] *a.* Pertaining to, or characteristic of the female sex; womanly; effeminate; (*Gram.*) belonging to the gender denoting females. **feminin'ity**, **femin'ity**, *n.* The qualities or manners becoming a woman. **fem'in-ism**, *n.* Advocacy of the claims of women, esp. to equality with men.

**femur** (fê-mûr) [L. *femur*, the thigh], *n.* (*pl.* *femora*) The thigh-bone. **femoral** (fem'ôr-âl), *a.* Pertaining to the thigh.

**fen** (fen) [A.-S. *fenn*], *n.* Low, flat, and marshy land; a marsh, bog.

**fence** (fens) [short for DEFENCE], *n.* A structure enclosing a piece of ground, or to keep cattle from straying, as a wall, hedge, paling, etc.; a guardplate, etc., in machinery; the art of fencing or sword-play; skill in debate; a purchaser or receiver of stolen goods. *v.i.* To defend, shield, or protect; to enclose with a fence; to parry. *v.t.* To practise the art of sword-play; to defend oneself or repel attack skillfully; to argue adroitly, to equivocate; to deal in stolen goods. **to sit on the fence**: To remain neutral in respect to opposing policies. **fenced**, *a.* **fencer**, *n.* **fencing**, *n.* Fences, a railing or railings; materials for fences; the act or art of using a sword; a protection round machinery; equivocation, parrying of argument.

**fencible** (fen'sibl) [short for DEFENSIBLE], *n.* A soldier enlisted only for home defence.

**fend** (fend) [short for DEFEND], *v.t.* To keep off, ward off. *v.i.* To provide or to get a living (for).

**fender** (fen'dér) [from prec.], *n.* A fitting round a hearth to confine the ashes; a rope or timber buffer to protect the side of a vessel from injury by collision.

**Fenian** (fê-ni-ân) [O.Ir. *Féne*, a name of the ancient Irish], *n.* A member of an Irish secret society (formed 1858), whose object was to overthrow the British Government in Ireland and establish an independent republic. *a.* Pertaining to this society or object.

**fennel** (fen'él) [A.-S. *finol*], *n.* A fragrant umbelliferous plant with yellow flowers.

**feoff** (fêf) [O.F. *seoffer*, from *sief*, FEE], *v.t.* (*Law*) To grant possession. *n.* A fief. **feoffment**, *n.* The conveyance of an hereditament to another, accompanied by delivery; the mode of such conveyance.

**feral** (fêr'âl) [L.], *a.* Wild, savage.

**ferment** (fêr'mént) [L. *fermentum*, *servēre*, to boil], *n.* Any substance which causes fermentation; leaven; internal motion of the constituent parts of a fluid; tumult, agitation. *v.t.* (fêr'mént') To excite fermentation in; to rouse, agitate, excite. *v.i.* To be in a state of fermentation; to be agitated, as by violent emotions. **fermenta'tion**, *n.* A process excited in certain substances by living organisms or chemical agents, with evolution of heat, effervescence, and chemical decomposition; commotion, agitation, excitement.

**fern** (fêrn) [A.-S. *fearn*], *n.* A plant with fronds, or leaves, which are often divided in a graceful, feathery form. **fernery**, *n.* A place where ferns are cultivated. **ferny**, *a.*

**ferocious** (fê-rô'shûs) [L. *ferox*, *ferus*, wild], *a.* Pierce, cruel, barbarous, **ferociously**, *adv.* **ferocity** (fê-ro's'i-ti), *n.* State or quality of being ferocious.

**-ferous**, *suffix*. Bearing, producing, as *auriferous*, *fossiliferous*.

**ferret** (1) (fêr'èt) [O.F. *furet*, L. *fâr*, robber], *n.* A partially tamed variety of polecat used for ratting and rabbiting. *v.t.* To drive out of a hole, clear (ground), hunt, or take with ferrets. *v.i.* To hunt rabbits, etc., with a ferret; to search or rummage about (for).

**ferret** (2) [? It. *floretti*, a kind of silk], *n.* A tape made of silk or cotton.

**ferri-** [L. *ferrum*, iron], *comb. form.* Denoting a compound of iron. **ferri'ferous**, *a.* Yielding iron.

**ferro-** [as prec.], *comb. form.* Denoting a substance containing iron; denoting a compound of iron. **ferro-concrete**, *n.* Concrete strengthened by incorporating bars, etc., of iron.

**fer'rous**, *a.* Pertaining to iron.

**ferrule** (fêr'ûl) [L. *viriola*, dim. of *viria*, bracelets], *n.* A metallic ring or cap.

**ferry** (fêr'i) [A.-S. *ferian*, as FARE], *v.t.* To transport over a river or other narrow water, in a boat, etc. *n.* The passage where a ferry-boat plies; the provision of such transport; the right of ferrying; a boat used at a ferry. **ferryman**, *n.*

**fertile** (fêr'til, -til) [L. *fertilis* (*ferre*, to bear)], *a.* Productive, fruitful; having abundant resources; quick, ready. **fer'til'ity**, *n.* **fer'tilize**, *v.t.* To make fertile or productive; to make rich (as soil). **fertilizer**, *n.* A manure.

**ferule** (fêr'ûl) [L. *ferula*, a rod], *n.* A rod or cane used to punish children in school.

**fervent** (fêr'vent) [L. *servens*, boiling], *a.* Glowing; ardent, zealous, vehement. **fervently**, *adv.* **fervency**, *n.*

**fervid** (fêr'vid) [as prec.], *a.* Burning, fervent; impassioned. **fer'vour**, *n.* Heat; ardour, intensity of feeling; zeal.

**festal** (fes'tâl) [FEAST], *a.* Pertaining to a feast or holiday; festive, joyous.

**fester** (fes'tér) [O.F. *festre*, as FISTULA], *v.t.* To suppurate; to form purulent matter;



to rankle; to become corrupted or rotten. *v.t.* To cause to fester or rankle.

**festival** (fes'ti-vál) [as foll.], *a.* Pertaining to a feast; **festal**. *n.* A festival day or time, a joyous celebration.

**festive** (fes'tiv) [L. *festivus*, as **FEAST**], *a.* Of or befitting a feast or festival; joyous, mirthful. **festiv'ity**, *n.* A festival, a joyous celebration or entertainment; gaiety, mirth; (*pl.*) merry-making.

**festoon** (fés-toon') [It. *festone*], *n.* A suspended chain of flowers, foliage, etc., forming a curve or curves.

**fetch** (1) (fech) [A.-S. *feccan*], *v.t.* To go for and bring; to cause to come; to draw forth, to heave (as a sigh); to sell for (a price); to bring to any state, etc.; to reach, arrive at, accomplish; to delight, charm; to strike. *n.* A stratagem, a trick, a dodge; a deep sigh. **fetching**, *a.* Fascinating, charming, taking.

**fetch** (2) (?), *n.* A wraith or double.

**fête** (fât) [F., as **FEAST**], *n.* A festival.

**fetid** (fê'tid) [L. *fetere*, to stink], *a.* Having an offensive smell; stinking.

**fetish** (fê'tish) [Port. *feitico*, sorcery, L. *factivus*, artificial], *n.* Any material object supposed to be the vehicle or instrument of a supernatural being, the possession of which gives power over that being; (*fig.*) an object of devotion, an idol.

**fetlock** (fet'lok) (?), *n.* A tuft of hair behind the pastern joint of a horse; the joint.

**fetter** (fet'é'r) [A.-S. *fetor*], *n.* A chain for the feet, a shackle; anything which restrains or confines. *v.t.* To put fetters upon; to restrain, hamper, impede.

**fettle** (fetl) (?), *v.t.* To clean or put right; to work with zeal. *v.i.* To fuss about. *n.* Condition, order, trim.

**feu** (fû) [var. of **FEE**], *n.* In Scotland, a perpetual lease at a fixed rent; the land, houses, etc., so held.

**feud** (1) (fûd) [O.H.G. *fehida*], *n.* Hostility between two tribes or families as revenge; enmity, animosity.

**feud** (2) [as **FEE**], *n.* A fief; lands, etc., held in fee. **feudal** (fû'dál), *a.* Pertaining to a feud or fief; according to or resembling the feudal system of the Middle Ages, by which the ownership of land inhered in the lord, possession or tenancy being granted to the vassal in return for military service. **feudalism**, *n.*

**fever** (fê'vêr) [A.-S. *fêfor*], *n.* A disease characterized by high temperature, quickened pulse, nervous and muscular prostration, and destruction of tissues; a state of nervous excitement; agitation. **feverish**, *a.*

**few** (fû) [A.-S. *fêawe*], *a.* Not many; small or restricted in number. *n.* A small number (of). **fewness**, *n.*

**fez** (fez) [town in Morocco], *n.* A close-fitting, brimless red cap with a tassel.

**fiancé** (fê-an-sâ) [F., betrothed], *n.* (*fem.* -cée) One who is betrothed.

**fiasco** (fi-âs'kô) [It., a flask], *n.* (*pl.* -os) A failure; an ignominious sequel.

**fiat** (fi'ât) [L., let it be done], *n.* An order, esp. by a judge; a command, decree.

**fib** (fib) (?), *n.* A harmless or venial lie. *v.i.* To tell fibs.

**fibre** (fi'bêr) [F., from L. *fibra*], *n.* A slender filament; a thread or filament of which the tissues of animals and plants are constituted; forming the raw material in textile manufactures. **fibrous**, *a.*

**fibula** (fib'û-lâ) [L., a brooch], *n.* The outer and smaller bone of the leg.

**-fic**, *suffix*. Forming adjectives, as **honorific**, **terrific**.

**-fication**, *suffix*. Forming nouns from verbs in -FY, as **purification**, **specification**.

**fichu** (fish'u) [F. *ficher*, to put on], *n.* A light covering worn by ladies on the neck and shoulders.

**fickle** (fikl) [A.-S. *ficol*], *a.* Changeable, inconstant. **fickleness**, *n.*

**ficile** (fik'til) [L. *ficilis*, from *figere*, to fashion], *a.* Moulded of earth or clay.

**fiction** (fik'shun) [L. *factio*, as *prec.*], *n.* That which is feigned, imagined, or invented; a story, romance, novel. **fictional**, *a.* **fictionist**, *n.* A novelist. **fictitious**, (-tish'us), *a.* Feigned, counterfeit, false.

**fid** (fid) (?), *n.* A bar of wood or iron to support a top-mast; a wooden pin, etc.

**fiddle** (fidl) [A.-S. *fithle*], *n.* A violin (*in contempt or familiarly*); a frame to keep things from rolling off the table in bad weather at sea. *v.i.* To play upon a fiddle; to trifle; to fidget the hands about. *v.t.* To play on a fiddle; to worry, to fritter away. **fiddlededee**, *int.* and *n.* Nonsense. **fiddle-faddle**, *n.* Trifling talk; nonsense. **fiddle-head**, *n.* Ornamental carving at the bows of a ship. **fiddle-stick**, *n.* A fiddle-bow; (*pl., fig.*) rubbish, something absurd. *int.* (*pl.*) **Fiddlededee**. **fiddler**, *n.* One who plays the fiddle; one who fusses about trifles.

**fideli** (fi-del'i-ti) [L. *fideliâs*, from *fideli*, faith], *n.* Loyal observance of duty; loyalty, faithfulness; veracity, reliability.

**fidget** (fi'et) (?), *n.* A state of nervous restlessness; one who worries or makes others uncomfortable. *v.i.* To move about restlessly; to worry, to be uneasy. **fidgety**, *a.*

**fiduciary** (fi-dû'shâr-i) [L. *fiduciâlis*, from *fiducia*, trust], *a.* Pertaining to or of the nature of a trust or a trusteeship; held in trust. *n.* A trustee.

**fie** (fi) [M.E. and O.F. *f*, L. *f*], *int.* Indicating contempt, disgust, or impatience.

**fief** (fêf) [O.F., as **FEE**], *n.* An estate held of a superior under feudal tenure.

**field** (fêld) [A.-S. *fêld*], *n.* A piece of land, esp. one enclosed for tillage or pasture; a region yielding some natural product abundantly (as an oil- or coal-field); the place where a battle is fought; the battle itself; cricket or football players taken collectively; all the competitors in a race, or all except the favourite; the participants in a hunt; a wide expanse, as of sea or sky; the space visible in an optical instrument at one view; (*Her.*) the sur-

face of a shield. *v.* (*Cricket, etc.*) To stop and return the ball; to act as fielder; to back the field against the favourite. **field-day**, *n.* A day on which troops are exercised in field evolutions; a day of unusual importance. **field-glass**, *n.* A binocular telescope in compact form. **field-marshal**, *n.* A military officer of the highest rank. **field-officer**, *n.* An officer above a captain, but below a general. **field-piece**, *n.* A light piece of artillery for service in the field. **field-work**, *n.* The outdoor operations necessary in surveying, etc.; (*pl.*) temporary fortifications. **fielder**, **fieldsmen**, *n.* One who fields at cricket, etc.

**fieldfare** (fēld'fär) [*A.-S. feldefare*], *n.* A species of thrush.

**fiend** (fēnd) [*A.-S. fēond, from fēogan, to hate*], *n.* A devil, an infernal being; a person of diabolical wickedness or cruelty.

**fiendish**, *a.* fiendishly, *adv.*

**fierce** (fērs) [*O.F. fers, L. ferus, wild*], *a.* Savage, furiously combative; ardent, eager, raging, impetuous. **fierceness**, *n.*

**fiery** (fir'i) [*FIRE, -y*], *a.* Consisting of fire or flaming with fire; like fire; ardent, eager, inflamed; hot-tempered, irascible, untamed. **fierily**, *adv.*

**file** (fīl) [*F. fifre or G. pfeife, pipe*], *n.* A small flute-like pipe. **fifer**, *n.*

**fifteen** (fif'tēn, tēn') [*A.-S. fiftyne*], *a.* One more than fourteen. *n.* The symbol 15 or xv.; a set of fifteen players, a Rugby football team.

**fifth** (fifth) [*A.-S. fifta*], *a.* Next in order to the fourth. *n.* One of five equal parts; a diatonic interval of five notes, equal to three tones and a semitone. **fifthly**, *adv.* In the fifth place.

**fifty** (fif'ti) [*A.-S. fiftig*], *a.* Five times ten; (*colloq.*) a great many. *n.* The symbol representing this, viz. 50, l., or L. **fig** (1) (fig) [*L. ficus*], *n.* A fleshy fruit; the tree bearing this.

**fig** (2) [*G. fegen*], *v.t.* To dress, rig (up or out). *n.* Dress, outfit.

**fight** (fit) [*A.-S. feohtan*], *v.t.* To contend in battle or in single combat; to strive for victory; to oppose, offer resistance. *v.t.* To contend with, struggle against; to carry on or wage (a contest, battle, etc.). *n.* A struggle between individuals or armies. **fighter**, *n.*

**figment** (fig'mēt) [*L. figmentum*], *n.* A fiction, something existing only in the imagination.

**figurative** (fig'ūr-ā-tiv) [*as foll.*], *a.* Representation by figure or type; emblematic, symbolic; full of figures of speech; flowery; pictorial. **figuratively**, *adv.*

**figure** (fig'ūr, -ūr) [*F., from L. figura, from fig-, stem of fingere, as FEIGN*], *n.* External form or shape; bodily shape; the representation of any form, as by carving, modelling, painting, etc.; a statue, image; a diagram; an emblem, type, simile; an idea; a personage, character; the impression that a person makes; a symbol representing a number, esp. an Arabic

numeral; a movement or division in a set dance; words deflected from their literal or ordinary sense, metaphor, ellipsis, hyperbole. *v.t.* To form an image or likeness of; to represent, picture, imagine; to symbolize; to cover, or ornament with figures; to work out in figures; to mark with numbers or prices; to express by a metaphor. *v.t.* To cipher; to appear, be conspicuous. **figure-head**, *n.* The ornamental carving on the prow of a ship; a nominal leader, one without real authority. **figured**, *a.*

**filament** (fil'a-mēt) [*L. filāre, to spin*], *n.* A slender, thread-like process, esp. in animal and vegetable tissues; the thread in an incandescent electric lamp.

**filbert** (fil'bért) [*F. noix de filbert, from St. Philibert*], *n.* The nut of the cultivated hazel.

**filch** (filch) [?], *v.t.* To steal, pilfer.

**file** (1) (fil) [*L. filum, a thread*], *n.* A device on or in which documents, etc., are kept in order; the collection so arranged; a row of soldiers, persons, or things ranged one behind the other; (*Chess*) a line of squares from player to player. *v.t.* To place in or on a file; to place on the records. *v.t.* To march in a file or line, as soldiers. **rank and file**: The general body as distinguished from the leaders.

**file** (2) [*A.-S. fēol*], *n.* A steel instrument with ridged surface, used for cutting and smoothing metals, etc. *v.t.* To smooth or polish; to cut (the surface) away with a file.

**filial** (fil'i-āl) [*L. filius, son*], *a.* Pertaining to a son or daughter; befitting a child in relation to parents.

**filibuster** (fil'i-būs-tér) [*Dut. vrijbuitter, a freebooter*], *n.* An adventurer in quest of plunder, a freebooter.

**filigree** (fil'i-grē) [*F. filigrane, L. filum, a thread, grānum, grain*], *n.* Ornamental tracery or open-work in fine gold or silver wire; anything delicate and fantastic.

**filings** (fi'lingz) [*FILE (2)*], *n.pl.* The fine particles cut or rubbed off with a file.

**fill** (fil) [*A.-S. fyllan*], *v.t.* To make full; to occupy the whole of, to pervade; to appoint one to discharge the duties of; to discharge the duties of; to distend (as sails). *v.i.* To become or grow full; to be distended; to be satisfied. *n.* As much as will satisfy; a full supply. **filler**, *n.* **filling**, *a.* Satisfying. *n.* Anything serving to fill up; substance used to fill holes, cavities, or defects.

**fillet** (fil'ēt) [*M.E. and O.F. filet, dim. of fil, L. filum, a thread*], *n.* A band (metal, string, or ribbon) for binding the hair or worn on the head; a bandage; a fleshy portion of meat, esp. of the thigh of veal; meat or fish removed from the bone; a raised rim or moulding; (*pl.*) the loins of a horse. *v.t.* To bind or adorn with a fillet; to make meat or fish into fillets.

**fillip** (fil'ip) [*FLIP*], *v.t.* To strike with the nail of the finger by a sudden jerk from under the thumb; to incite, encourage. *n.*



A sharp blow with the finger sprung from under the thumb; an incentive; a trifle.

**filly** (fíl'i) [cogn. with FOAL], *n.* A female foal; a young, lively girl.

**film** (fílm) [A.-S. *filmen*, membrane], *n.* A thin skin or coating; a thin strip of celluloid, etc., covered with a sensitized material for photography. *v.t.* To cover with a film; to record on a cinematographic film. **filminess**, *n.*

**filter** (fíl'tér) [O.F. *filtré*], *n.* An apparatus for straining or purifying liquids; the porous material through which liquids are passed. *v.t.* To strain, purify, by passing through a filter. *v.i.* To pass through a filter; to percolate.

**filth** (fílh) [A.-S. *fylh*], *n.* Foulness, corruption, pollution; anything that defiles morally; obscenity. **filthy**, *a.* **filthiness**, *n.*

**filtrate** (fíl'trát) [FILTER], *v.t.* and *i.* To filter. **filtration**, *n.*

**fin** (fín) [A.-S. *finn*], *n.* The organ by which fishes and cetaceans propel and steer themselves; the flipper of a seal, whale, etc. **finny**, *a.*

**final** (fí'nál) [L. *finis*, the end], *a.* Pertaining to the end; last; conclusive, decisive. *n.* The deciding heat of an athletic contest; the last of a series of examinations.

**finality**, *n.* State or quality of being final; the end of everything. **finally**, *adv.*

**finale** (fi-ná'li) [It., as prec.], *n.* The last part, etc., the close.

**finance** (fi-náns') [late L. *financia*, from *fināre*, to pay a fine], *n.* The science or system of management of revenue and expenditure, esp. public; (*pl.*) monetary affairs, the income of a state, firm, or individual. *v.t.* To provide with capital. *v.i.* To manage financial operations.

**financial**, *a.* **financier**, *n.*

**finch** (fínch) [A.-S. *finc*], *n.* A name for various small birds.

**find** (fínd) [A.-S. *findan*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. found*) To chance on, meet with, come across; to discover by search, study, experience, etc.; to perceive, recognize; to supply, provide, support; (*Law*) to decide, determine. *n.* The discovery of anything valuable; the thing so found; the finding of a fox. **findable**, *a.* **finder**, *n.* One who finds; an inventor; a small telescope fixed to and parallel to the axis of a larger one, for finding objects; a contrivance attached to a microscope or camera. **finding**, *n.*

**fine** (1) (fín) [L. *finis*, end], *n.* A money penalty for an offence; a fee paid by an incoming tenant. *v.t.* To impose a pecuniary penalty upon; to punish by fine. **in fine**: In conclusion, in short, finally; to sum up. **finable**, *a.* Deserving or liable to a fine.

**fine** (2) [late L. *finus*], *a.* Excellent in quality or appearance; refined, pure; delicate, nice, dainty (of taste, etc., also of differences, etc.); in small grains or particles; slender, tenuous; keen, sharp; of delicate texture; finished, accomplished,

beautiful, showy, smart; free from clouds or rain, sunshiny; euphemistic. *v.t.* To refine, purify; to make finer, to sharpen, taper. *v.i.* To become clarified; to taper, dwindle (away). **fineness**, *n.* **finery**, *n.* Fine clothes, showy decorations.

**finesse** (fi-nés') [F., as prec.], *n.* Artifice, stratagem; a subtle contrivance to gain an end. *v.i.* To use artifice to gain an end.

**finger** (fíng'gér) [A.-S.], *n.* One of the five members of the hand; one of the four longer digits as dist. from the thumb; anything resembling or serving the purpose of a finger, an index, catch, guide. *v.t.* To touch with or turn about in the fingers; to meddle with. **finger-board**, *n.* The board at the neck of a stringed instrument; a key-board. **finger-bowl**, *n.* A bowl in which to rinse the fingers after dessert. **finger-post**, *n.* A sign-post. **finger-print**, *n.* An impression of the whorls of lines on fingers, used for identifying criminals. **finger-stall**, *n.* A cover for protecting a finger. **fingered**, *a.* Having fingers, or a certain kind of fingers (as *light-fingered*). **fingering**, *n.* Act of touching with the fingers.

**finial** (fín'i-ál) [FINAL], *n.* A terminal ornament surmounting the apex of a gable, etc.

**finical** (fín'i-kál) [?], *a.* Affecting great precision, or delicacy; over-nice, fastidious. **finicking**, **finicky**, *a.* **Finical**.

**finis** (fí'nis) [L.], *n.* The end, finish.

**finish** (fín'ish) [L. *finire*, to end], *v.t.* To bring to an end; to complete; to arrive at the end of. *v.i.* To come to the end, cease, expire. *n.* The act of finishing; the final stage, the end of a race; the last touches; the final stage of any work. **finisher**, *n.*

**finite** (fí'nít) [L. *finitus*, finished], *a.* Having limits or bounds, not infinite; (*Gram.*) limited by number and person, not infinitive as the indicative, subjunctive, imperative.

**Finn** (fín) [A.-S. *Finnas*, *pl.*], *n.* A native of Finland. **Finnish**, *a.*

**fjord** (fýörd) [Norw.], *n.* A long, narrow inlet of the sea, bounded by high cliffs.

**fir** (fēr) [M.E. *firre*, prob. from Scand.], *n.* A coniferous timber tree; its wood. **fir-cone**, *n.* The cone-shaped fruit of the fir. **fir-needle**, *n.* The spine-like leaf of the fir.

**fire** (1) (fír) [A.-S. *fýr*], *n.* The production of heat and light by combustion; combustion, flame, incandescence; fuel burning, as in a grate, etc.; a conflagration; the discharge of fire-arms; ardent emotion, liveliness of imagination, poetic inspiration.

**fire-alarm**, *n.* An apparatus for communicating warning of a fire. **fire-arm**, *n.* A weapon that projects a missile by explosive force, esp. a rifle or pistol.

**fire-box**, *n.* The chamber in which the fuel is burned in a locomotive, etc. **fire-brand**, *n.* A piece of wood kindled or on fire; (*fig.*) an incendiary.

**fire-brick**, *n.* A brick capable of withstanding intense heat. **fire-brigade**, *n.* An organized body of men for the extinction of fires. **fire-clay**, *n.* A kind of clay capable of standing intense heat. **fire-damp**, *n.* The explosive carburetted hydrogen which accumulates in coal-mines. **fire-engine**, *n.* A machine for throwing water to extinguish fires. **fire-escape**, *n.* An apparatus for enabling persons to escape from buildings that are on fire. **fire-fly**, *n.* A small luminous winged insect. **fire-irons**, *n.pl.* The implements for tending a fire—poker, tongs, and shovel. **fireman**, *n.* One employed to extinguish or tend fires; a member of a fire-brigade; a stoker. **fire-place**, *n.* A grate; a hearth. **fire-plug**, *n.* A hydrant for connecting a fire-hose with a water-main. **fire-proof**, *a.* Proof against fire; incombustible. **fire-ship**, *n.* A vessel freighted with combustibles and explosives, sent among an enemy's ships in order to set them on fire. **fireside**, *n.* The space around a fire-place, the hearth; home life. *a.* Home, domestic. **firewood**, *n.* Wood for burning; fuel. **firework**, *n.* A preparation of combustibles and explosives for producing a brilliant display, signalling, incendiary purposes, or in war.

**fire** (2) [from *prec.*], *v.t.* To set on fire, kindle, ignite. *v.i.* To take fire; to discharge fire-arms; to shoot (at) with fire-arms. **firing**, *n.* The act of discharging fire-arms, or of cauterizing; the application of a cautery to a horse; fuel. **firing-line**, *n.* A line of troops engaging the enemy with fire-arms. **firing-party**, *n.* A detachment told off to fire over a grave, or to shoot a condemned man.

**firkin** (fēr'kin) [formerly *ferdekyn*], *n.* A fourth of a barrel, or nine gallons; a small cask used for butter, etc.

**firm** (1) (fērm) [O.F. *ferme*, L. *firmus*], *a.* Fixed, stable; solid, unyielding; **firmness**, *n.*

**firm** (2) [L. *firmāre*, to confirm, as *prec.*], *n.* A partnership or association for carrying on a business.

**firmament** (fēr'mā-mént) [L. *firmamentum*, as *prec.*], *n.* The sky regarded as a solid expanse. **firmamental** (-men'tál), *a.*

**first** (fērst) [A.-S. *fyrst*], *a.* Foremost in order, time, place, rank, etc.; earliest in occurrence. *adv.* Before all others in order, etc.; before some time, act, or event; rather, in preference, for the first time. *n.* That which or the person who comes first; the beginning; (*pl.*) the best quality of a commodity (such as flour); (*Mus.*) the upper part in a duet, etc. **first-born**, *a.* Eldest. *n.* The first in order of birth. **first-class**, *a.* First-rate; of the highest quality or degree. *n.* The highest division in an examination list; the best class of railway carriage or other accommodation. **first-hand**, *a.* Obtained directly from the source; direct. **first-rate**, *a.* Of the highest class or

quality. *adv.* Excellently, very well. **firstling**, *n.* The first-born, the first-born in a season. **firstly**, *adv.*

**firth** (fērth) [Sc.], *n.* An estuary.

**fiscal** (fis'kál) [L. *fiscus*, a basket, purse], *a.* Pertaining to the public revenue or exchequer, financial. *n.* A public functionary in various foreign countries.

**fish** (fish) [A.-S. *fisc*, L. *piscis*], *n.* (*pl.* **fish**, -es) An aquatic, oviparous, cold-blooded vertebrate, having permanent gills, usually covered with scales, and progressing by means of fins; the flesh of fish used as food. *v.i.* To try to catch fish; to seek to learn or obtain anything by indirect means. *v.t.* To attempt to catch fish in; to drag up from under water; to search (water, etc.) by sweeping, dragging, etc. **fish-glue**, *n.* Isinglass. **fish-hook**, *n.* A barbed hook for catching fish. **fishmonger**, *n.* A retailer of fish. **fish-plate**, *n.* A plate used to fasten rails together. **fish-wife**, -woman, *n.* A woman that sells fish. **fisher**, *n.* One who is employed in fishing; an animal that fishes; a fishing-boat. **fisherman**, *n.* **fishing**, *n.* The action of the verb; the sport of angling; a place where angling is carried on. **fishing-rod**, *n.* A long, slender, tapering rod, usu. in sections, for angling. **fishing-tackle**, *n.* Apparatus required by a fisherman. **fishy**, *a.* Like, consisting of, pertaining to, or suggestive of fish; of a doubtful character.

**fissile** (fis'il) [L. *fissilis*, from *findere*, to cleave], *a.* That may be cleft or split.

**fissure** (fish'ür) [L. *fissūra*, as *prec.*], *n.* A cleft made by the splitting or parting of any substance.

**fist** (fist) [A.-S. *fyst*], *n.* The clenched hand, esp. in readiness to strike; the hand; handwriting. *v.t.* To strike with the fist. **fisticuffs**, *n.pl.* A fight with fists.

**fistula** (fis'tū-lá) [L., a pipe], *n.* A kind of ulcer in form like a pipe.

**fit** (1) (fit) [A.-S. *fit*], *n.* A violent seizure or paroxysm; a sudden transitory attack of illness, or of epilepsy or other disease characterized by convulsions, swooning, and hysteria; a transient state of impulsive action, a caprice. **fitful**, *a.* Spasmodic, capricious.

**fit** (2) (fit) [M.E. *fyt*], *a.* Adapted, suitable, becoming, meet; qualified, prepared, in a suitable condition (to do or for); in good bodily condition. *v.t.* To adapt to any shape, size, etc.; to accommodate; to try on a garment; to equip; to qualify, prepare; to be adapted or proper for; to correspond to exactly. *v.i.* To be adjusted or adapted to the right shape, etc.; to be suitable, becoming, etc. *n.* Exact adjustment, as of a dress to the body; the manner in which anything fits. **fitly**, *adv.* **fitments**, *n.* Fittings. **fitness**, *n.* **fitted**, *a.* Adapted, suitable (for). **fitter**, *n.* One who or that which fits; one who puts machinery together.



- fitting**, *a.* Suitable, appropriate, right, proper. *n.* The act of making fit; (*pl.*) fixtures, furniture in a house, shop, etc.
- fitchew** (fich'oo) [O.F. *fichau*], *n.* A polecat.
- five** (fiv) [A.-S. *fif*], *a.* and *n.* Amounting to one more than four; a symbol representing this, 5 or v; a set of five things; a card, counter, etc., with five pips. **fivefold**, *a.* and *adv.* Five times as much or as great.
- fives** (fivz) [from prec.], *n.* A game in which a ball is struck against a wall by the open hand or a small bat. **fives-court**, *n.* A walled court where the game is played.
- fix** (fiks) [L. *fixus*, fixed], *v.t.* To make fast or firm; to fasten secure firmly; to establish; to make permanent or stable (as colours, a photograph, etc.); to arrest (as attention, etc.); to settle, determine, decide (on); to adjust, arrange properly, set to rights. *v.i.* To become fixed; to settle down permanently. *n.* An awkward predicament, a dilemma. **fixa'tion**, *n.* **fix'a'tive**, *a.* Serving to fix. *n.* A substance used to make colours permanent. **fixed**, *a.* Fast, firm; established, settled, unalterable. **fix'ture**, *n.* Any thing or person fixed in a permanent position; (*pl.*) furniture or fittings permanently fastened to the structure of a building; a sporting event, or the date for it.
- fizz** (fiz) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a hissing or sputtering sound. *n.* That sound; champagne, ginger-beer, lemonade.
- fizzle** (fizl) [freq. of prec.], *v.i.* To fizz feebly. *n.* The sound or action of this; a lame ending, a fiasco.
- flabby** (fläb'i) [as FLAP], *a.* Hanging loosely, limp; lacking in fibre or nerve.
- flabbily**, *adv.* **flabbiness**, *n.*
- flaccid** (fläk'sid) [L. *flaccidus*, from *flaccus*, flabby], *a.* Lacking firmness or vigour.
- flag** (1) (fläg) [O.F. *flaguir*, to become flaccid], *v.i.* To droop; to become limp, spiritless, or dejected; to lose interest.
- flag** (2) [Teut.], *n.* A piece of bunting or other cloth, usu. square or oblong, plain or bearing a device, attached by one edge to a halyard and hoisted on a pole or mast as a banner, ensign, or signal; a flagship. *v.t.* To put a flag over; to decorate with or mark out with flags; to signal by means of flags. **flag-lieutenant**, *n.* An officer in immediate attendance upon an admiral. **flag-officer**, *n.* A commander of a squadron; an admiral, vice-admiral, or rear-admiral. **flagship**, *n.* The ship which carries the admiral, and on which his flag is displayed. **flagstaff**, *n.* The pole or staff on which a flag is displayed.
- flag** (3) [prob. as prec., from its waving], *n.* An herbaceous plant with long blade-like leaves growing in moist places.
- flag** (4), **flagstone** [FLAKE], *n.* A broad flat stone used for paving.
- flagellate** (fläg'ë-lät) [L. *flagellatus*, scourged], *v.t.* To whip, scourge. *a.* (*Zool., Bot., etc.*) Having whip-like processes. **flagellant** (fläg'ë-länt), *n.* One who thrashes (himself or others), esp. as a religious discipline. *a.* Given to scourging. **flagella'tion**, *n.* A scourging.
- flageolet** (fläg'ë-let') [O.F. *flageol*], *n.* A small wind-instrument.
- flagitious** (flä-jish'üs) [L. *flagitium*, a disgraceful act], *a.* Heinous, villainous.
- flagon** (fläg'on) [O.F. *flacon*], *n.* A vessel with a narrow mouth for holding liquors.
- flagrant** (flä-gränt) [L. *flagrans*, blazing], *a.* Glaring, notorious, scandalous.
- flail** (fläl) [A.-S. *fligel*], *n.* A wooden staff hinged to a longer staff, used for threshing grain.
- flair** (flär) [F.], *n.* Keen perception.
- flake** (fläk) [?], *n.* A thin scale-like fragment, a chip; a loosely cohering mass, a fleecy particle (as of snow); a gleam of light. *v.t.* To form into flakes or loose particles; to chip in flakes; to fleck.
- flambeau** (fläm'bō) [F.], *n.* A torch.
- flamboyant** (fläm-boi'änt) [F.], *a.* Applied to decorated French Gothic architecture, from its flame-like tracery; florid, highly decorated; wavy or flame-like (as hair).
- flame** (fläm) [L. *flamma*], *n.* Burning gas or vapour; a blaze, fire, glow, a bright light, a blaze of colour; ardour, passion; a sweetheart. *v.t.* To burn with or send out flame, to blaze; to blaze up in passion; to glow. **flaming**, *a.* **flamy**, *a.*
- flamingo** (flä-ming'gō) [Port. *flamengo*], *n.* A long-necked bird, with small body and very long legs, and rose coloured feathers.
- flange** (fläng) [?], *n.* A projecting rib on a wheel, pipe, etc., for strength, guide, or attachment to something else.
- flank** (flänk) [F. *flanc*], *n.* The side, between the hips and the ribs; either side of a building, mountain, army, etc. *v.t.* To stand or be at the flank or side of, to border; to attack, turn, threaten, secure, or guard the flank of. *v.i.* To border; to be posted on the flank.
- flannel** (flän'el) [from W. *gwlanen*], *n.* A soft woollen stuff of open texture, with a light nap; (*pl.*) garments made of this. **flannelled**, *a.* Covered with or wrapped up in flannel. **flannelette**, *n.* A cotton fabric made to imitate flannel.
- flap** (fläp) [imit.], *v.t.* To beat with anything broad and flexible; to move rapidly up and down or to and fro (as wings). *v.i.* To move the wings rapidly; to flutter, swing about, or oscillate; to hang down, as the brim of a hat; to strike a loose blow. *n.* Anything broad and flexible, hanging loosely; the hinged leaf of a table, etc.; the motion of flapping; a light stroke with something broad and loose; an implement for driving flies away. **flapper**, *n.* A wild-duck not yet able to fly; a flap; a young girl.
- flare** (flär) [?], *v.i.* To blaze, to flame up, esp. unsteadily; (*fig.*) to be gaudy, too showy in dress. *n.* A large unsteady light, a glare. **flaring**, *a.*
- flash** (fläsh) [?], *v.i.* To appear with or send out a sudden and transient gleam;

to glitter, burst forth, appear, or occur suddenly. *v.t.* To emit or send forth in flashes; to cause to gleam; to transmit instantaneously (as by telegraph); to send swiftly along. *n.* A sudden and transitory blaze or gleam; an instant; a sudden outburst, as of anger, merriment, etc.; show, ostentation; thieves' jargon, slang. *a.* Gaudy; counterfeit, forged; slang. **flash-light**, *n.* A brilliant light used in night photography. **flashy**, *a.* Showy but empty; gaudy, tawdry.

**flask** (flask) [F. *flasque* or It. *flasco*], *n.* A small bottle, esp. for the pocket.

**flat** (1) (flăt) [Icel. *flatr*], *a.* Having a level and even surface; horizontal, smooth, having few or no elevations or depressions; prostrate, overthrown, ruined; depressed; monotonous, dull, pointless, spiritless; absolute, downright; without variety of tint or shading; below the true pitch. *adv.* Flatly, positively; prostrate. *n.* A plain surface; a level plain or low tract of land; a flat part of anything; a note a semitone lower than the one from which it is named; one easily duped, a duffer. **flat-iron**, *n.* An instrument for smoothing clothes, etc. **flat-race**, *n.* A race on level ground without obstacles. **flat-ten**, *v.t.* To make flat, to level; to make dull or insipid; to dispirit. **flattish**, *a.* **flatly**, *adv.* **flatness**, *n.*

**flat** (2) [A.-S. *flat*, a floor], *n.* A story of a house; a self-contained suite of rooms on one floor.

**flatter** (flăt'ér) [?], *v.t.* To cajole or gratify by compliment, etc.; to praise falsely or unduly; to raise false hopes in; to represent too favourably. *v.i.* To use flattery. **flatterer**, *n.* **flattery**, *n.*

**flatulent** (flăt'ü-lént) [L. *flatulens*], *a.* Troubled by gases generated in the alimentary canal or the stomach; (*fig.*) inflated, pretentious. **flatulence**, *n.*

**flaunt** (flawnt) [?], *v.t.* To make an ostentatious show; to behave pertly. *v.i.* To display ostentatiously or impudently; to parade, show off.

**flavour** (flă'vór) [O.F. *flaur*, smell], *n.* That quality in a substance which affects the taste or smell. *v.t.* To impart a flavour to; to season. **flavoured**, *a.* **flavouring**, *n.* Something that flavours.

**flaw** (flaw) [Scand.], *n.* A crack, a defect, an imperfection; a sudden gust of wind, a squall. *v.t.* To break, crack; to render invalid. *v.i.* To crack. **flawless**, *a.* **flawly**, *a.*

**flax** (fläks) [A.-S. *flæx*], *n.* A plant the fibre of which is made into yarn and spun into linen cloth. **flax-dresser**, *n.* One who prepares flax for the spinner. **flaxen**, *a.* Made of flax; like flax; light yellow or straw-coloured. **flaxy**, *a.*

**flay** (flä) [A.-S. *flæan*], *v.t.* To strip the skin from; (*fig.*) to criticize savagely.

**flea** (flä) [A.-S. *flæah*], *n.* An insect belonging to the genus *Pulex*, esp. *P. irritans*, which is parasitic on man, and remarkable for its leaping powers.

**fleam** (flēm) [O.F. *fieme*], *n.* A lancet for bleeding horses and cattle.

**fleck** (flek) [Scand.], *n.* A spot, freckle, stain; a patch of colour or light.

**fledge** (flej) [A.-S. *flycege*], *v.t.* To furnish with feathers or plumage. *v.i.* To acquire feathers or plumage for flight. **fledged**, *a.* Feathered; able to fly. **fledgeling**, *n.* A young bird just fledged; an inexperienced person.

**flee** (flē) [A.-S. *flēon*], *v.i.* (*past and p.p.* **fled**) To run away, as from danger; to vanish. *v.t.* To run away from; to shun.

**fleece** (flēs) [A.-S. *flēos*], *n.* The woolly covering of a sheep or similar animal; the wool shorn from a sheep at one time; a web of carded fibres of cotton, etc. *v.t.* To shear the wool from; to furnish with a fleece; (*fig.*) to plunder, strip. **fleecy**, *a.* Woolly, wool-bearing.

**fleet** (flēt) [A.-S. *flēot*, a ship (*flēotan*, to float)], *n.* A number of ships in company, esp. a body of warships under one command; the entire body of warships belonging to one government, a navy. *v.i.* To move swiftly; (*fig.*) to glide away, to vanish. **fleet-footed**, *a.* Able to run with great speed. **fleeting**, *a.* Passing quickly, transient. **fleetingly**, *adv.* and *a.* Swift of pace, nimble, rapid, speedy. **fleetly**, *adv.* **fleetness**, *n.*

**Fleming** (flēm'ing) [M.Dut. *Vlāming*], *n.* A native of Flanders. **Flemish**, *a.*

**flesh** (flench), **flense** (flens) [Dan.], *v.t.* To strip the blubber or the skin from (a whale or seal).

**flesh** (flesh) [A.-S. *flæsc*], *n.* The soft part of an animal body covered by the skin; animal (as apart from fish) tissue used as food; the body, as distinguished from the soul; the human race. *v.t.* To encourage by giving flesh to, to make eager (of hawks, dogs, etc.), hence to initiate, to exercise or use for the first time. **flesher**, *n.* A butcher. **fleshly**, *a.* Pertaining to the flesh, corporeal, sensual; human, as distinct from spiritual. **fleshy**, *a.* Fat, plump; pulpy (as fruit).

**fleur-de-lis** (flēr-dē-lē) [F., lily flower], *n.* (*pl.* **fleurs-**) Various species of iris; the heraldic charge borne in the French royal arms.

**flews** (flooz) [?], *n.pl.* The large chaps of a deep-mouthed hound.

**flex** (1) (fleks) [L. *flexus*, bent], *v.t.* To bend or cause to bend. *n.* (*Elec.*) A piece of flexible wire. **flexible**, *a.* Pliant, easily bent; easily persuaded, manageable, versatile. **flexibility**, *n.* **flexile**, *a.* Easily bent; pliant, tractable; supple, versatile.

**flick** (flik) [onomat.], *n.* A smart, light blow as with a whip. *v.t.* To strike thus.

**flicker** (flik'ér) [as prec.], *v.i.* To flutter, flap the wings; to burn unsteadily, waver. *n.* An unsteady light.

**flight** (1) (flit) [A.-S. *flyht*, from O.Teut. *fleugan*, to FLY (2)], *n.* Act or power of flying; swift movement or passage, as



of a projectile, of time; a soaring, a sally, a sustained effort; the distance to which anything can fly; a number of birds or insects moving together; a volley (of arrows, etc.); a series of steps. **flighty**, *a.* Capricious, volatile. **flightiness**, *n.*

**flight** (2) [M.E. *fliht*, *fluhte*, from O.Teut. *thliuhan*, to FLEE], *n.* The act of fleeing or running away; a hasty departure, retreat, or evasion.

**flimsy** (flim'zi) [?], *a.* Thin, slight, unsubstantial; easily torn; ineffective, frivolous, paltry. **flimsily**, *adv.*

**flinch** (flinch) [?], *v.i.* To shrink from; to wince, give way, fail.

**fling** (fling) [Scand.], *v.i.* To rush violently, to flounce; (of horses) to kick, struggle; to flout, throw aspersions (at). *v.t.* To cast or throw with sudden force; to hurl, send forth, emit; to throw to the ground. *n.* A cast or throw from the hand; a gibe, a sneer; a lively Highland dance; a plunge, flounce.

**flint** (flint) [A.-S.], *n.* A variety of quartz easily chipped into a sharp cutting edge, which strikes fire with steel; a piece of this shaped for use in a gun, etc., or as an implement used by prehistoric man; anything extremely hard. **flint-glass**, *n.* A very pure and lustrous kind of glass. **flint-lock**, *n.* A lock for fire-arms, in which the cock holds a piece of flint for striking fire. **flinty**, *a.*

**flip** (flip) [?], *v.* To flip or jerk; to strike lightly; to flap or flick (at). *n.* A quick light blow or stroke. **flipper**, *n.* The broad fin of a fish; the limb of a turtle, penguin, etc.

**flippant** (flip'ant) [?] *a.* Pert, trifling, lacking in seriousness. **flippancy**, *n.*

**flirt** (flért) [?], *v.t.* To jerk or flip (away); to wave rapidly (as a fan). *v.i.* To play at love-making, to coquet; to move with jerks. *n.* A flirting motion, a jerk, a fling; a person, esp. woman, who plays at courtship. **flirtation**, *n.* Coquetry.

**flit** (flit) [as FLEET], *v.i.* To pass from place to place; to fly about rapidly; to depart.

**flitch** (flitch) [A.-S. *flisce*], *n.* The side of a pig salted and cured.

**float** (1) (flôt) [A.-S. *flotian*], *v.i.* To be supported, or to drift, on the surface of a fluid; to hover in the air. *v.t.* To support on a fluid; to convey on water; to set afloat; to put into circulation. **floating**, *a.* Resting on the surface of a fluid; circulating, not fixed or invested; fluctuating.

**float** (2) [A.-S. *flota*, a ship, as prec.], *n.* Anything buoyed up on the surface of a liquid; the cork or quill on a fishing-line or net; a fish's bladder; a timber-raft; a dray for heavy goods.

**flocculent** (flók'ü-lént) [L. *floccus*, a tuft], *a.* In small flakes, woolly, tufted.

**flock** (1) (flok) [A.-S. *flocc*], *n.* A company of animals, esp. sheep, goats, or birds; a crowd; a congregation in relation to

their minister. *v.i.* To come together in a flock; to assemble. *v.t.* To crowd.

**flock** (2) [L. *floccus*, a tuft], *n.* A lock or tuft of wool, cotton, hair, etc.; wool-dust; torn rags used to stuff mattresses, etc.

**floe** (flô) [Scand.], *n.* A large sheet of floating ice.

**flog** (flog) [?], *v.t.* To thrash, esp. with a birch rod; to whip, lash; to urge or drive by beating. **flogging**, *n.*

**flood** (flûd) [A.-S. *flôd*], *n.* An abundant flow of water, esp. one that overflows land not usually covered, an inundation; the inflow of the tide; a downpour; a river, the sea; (*fig.*) an overflowing, abundance. *v.t.* To overflow, deluge; to supply copiously (with). *v.i.* To be at the flood (of the sea); to rise and overflow.

**flood-gate**, *n.* A gate in a water-way opening when the water attains a certain height, a sluice; the lower gate of a lock. **flood-tide**, *n.* The rising tide.

**floor** (flôr) [A.-S. *flôr*], *n.* The bottom surface of a room, etc.; the material of which this is made; a story in a building; the part of the house assigned to members of a legislative assembly; the bottom of a coal seam, etc. *v.t.* To furnish with a floor; to knock down; to get the better of, to defeat. **flooring**, *n.* Material for floors.

**flap** (flap) [FLAP], *v.i.* To fall loosely and heavily; to sway about heavily, to flap (as wings).

**flora** (flôr'a) [Roman goddess of flowers], *n.* The whole vegetation of a country or geological period. **floral**, *a.* Pertaining to flowers.

**florescence** (flô-res'ens) [L. *flôrescens*, beginning to flourish], *n.* The flowering of a plant; the season when a plant flowers.

**floriculture** (flôr'i-kûl-tûr) [L. *flos*, *floris*, flower, CULTURE], *n.* The cultivation of flowering plants. **floriculturist**, *n.*

**florid** (flôr'id) [L. *flôridus*], *a.* Covered with or abounding in flowers; bright in colour; ruddy; elaborately ornate.

**florin** (flôr'in) [It. *florino*, L. *flos*, *floris*, flower], *n.* An English silver coin, worth 2s.; a foreign coin of various values (orig. Florentine, stamped with a lily).

**florist** (flôr'ist) [L. *flôs flôris*, FLOWER], *n.* A cultivator of or dealer in flowers.

**floss** (flos) [?], *n.* The exterior soft envelope of a silk-worm's cocoon; the downy substance on the husks of certain plants, as the bean. **floss-silk**, *n.* Untwisted filaments of the finest silk.

**floatation** (flô-tâ'shùn) [FLOAT (1)], *n.* Act or state of floating; the floating of a company.

**flotilla** (flô-tîl'á) [Sp., dim. of *flota*, a fleet], *n.* A small fleet; a fleet of small vessels.

**flotsam** (flôt'sám) [A.-F. *floteson*, as FLOAT (1)], *n.* Goods lost in shipwreck and found floating.

**flounce** (1) (flouns) [Scand.], *v.i.* To throw oneself about; to make agitated movements of the limbs.

**flounce** (2) (flouns) [O.F. *froncer*, to wrinkle, L. *frons*, forehead], *n.* A gathered or plaited strip of cloth sewed to a petticoat, dress, etc.

**flounder** (floun'dér) [Scand.], *n.* A flat-fish resembling the plaice. *v.i.* To struggle or stumble about, as when stuck in mire; to blunder along, do things badly.

**flour** (flour) [var. of FLOWER], *n.* The finer part of meal, esp. wheat-meal; fine soft powder of any substance. *v.t.* To sprinkle flour upon. **floury**, *a.*

**flourish** (flúr'ish) [L. *florere*], *v.i.* To grow luxuriantly; to prosper, increase in wealth, etc.; to be alive (about a certain date); to use florid language; to make fanciful strokes in writing; to sound a fanfare. *v.t.* To brandish, fling, or wave about; to flaunt. *n.* A figure formed by strokes fancifully drawn; rhetorical display; a brandishing or waving of a weapon, etc. **flourishing**, *a.* Thriving, prosperous; making a show.

**flout** (flout) [?], *v.t.* To insult; to treat with contempt. *n.* A word or act of contempt; a sneer, insult.

**flow** (flō) [A.-S. *flōwan*], *v.i.* To move or spread as a fluid; to circulate, as blood; to rise, as the tide; to issue, gush out; to glide or float, to move easily or freely; to abound, to come or go in abundance. *n.* Act, state, or motion of flowing; the quantity that flows; a stream; abundance, a plentiful supply; the rise of the tide; undulation (of drapery, etc.). **flowing**, *a.*

**flower** (flou'ér) [L. *flōrem*, nom. *flōs*], *n.* The blossom of a plant; the growth comprising its organs of reproduction; a flowering plant; (*fig.*) the finest or choicest individual, part, period, etc.; an embellishment; the period of youthful vigour; (*Chem., pl.*) substances of a powdery consistence. *v.i.* To bloom, to blossom; to be in the prime. **flower-pot**, *n.* A pot to hold plants. **flowered**, *a.* Embellished with flowers or figures of flowers. **flowering**, *a.* That flowers; flowery. **flowery**, *a.* Abounding in flowers or blossoms; highly figurative, florid.

**fluctuate** (flŭk'tū-āt) [L. *fluctuātus*, waved], *v.i.* To rise and fall like waves; to vary, be unsettled; to waver. **fluctuating**, *a.* **fluctua'tion**, *n.*

**flue** (floo) [?], *n.* A passage or tube by which smoke can escape or hot air be conveyed; light down or fluff.

**fluent** (floo'ént) [L. *fluens*, flowing], *a.* Fluid, mobile, changeable; graceful; ready with words. **fluency**, *n.*

**fluff** (flŭf) [?], *n.* Light down or fur; flocculent matter; nap.

**fluid** (floo'id) [L. *fluidus* (*fluere*, to flow)], *a.* Composed of particles that move freely in relation to each other; capable of flowing, liquid, gaseous. *n.* A liquid, not a solid; a substance whose particles readily change their relative positions. **fluid'ity**, *n.*

**flake** (1) (flook) [A.-S. *flōc*], *n.* A flounder

or other flat-fish; a parasitic worm found in the livers of sheep; the broad holding portion of an anchor; a barb of a harpoon.

**flake** (2) [?], *n.* An accidentally successful stroke, esp. in billiards; any lucky chance. *v.* To score, hit, or obtain by luck.

**fluky**, *a.* Obtained by chance, not skill.

**flume** (floom) [O.F. *flum*, L. *flumen*, a river, from *fluere*, to flow], *n.* An artificial channel for conveying water to a mill, etc.

**flummery** (flŭm'ér-i) [W. *llymry*], *n.* A food made of meal boiled to a jelly; humbug; empty compliment.

**flunkey** (flŭng'ki) [?], *n.* A servant in livery; a toady. **flunkeydom**, *n.*

**furry** (flŭr'i) [onomat.], *n.* Agitation, bustle; a sudden and violent shower. *v.t.* To agitate, fluster.

**flush** (1) (flŭsh) [?], *v.i.* To start up suddenly (of game-birds). *v.t.* To cause to take wing; to put up.

**flush** (2) [?], *v.i.* To flow swiftly; to rush; to become suffused; to colour as with a rush of blood, to redden up, blush. *v.t.* To cleanse by a rush of water; to flood; to redden; to level (up); to fill in (a joint) so as to make even with the surface. *n.* A sudden flow of water or rush of blood to the face causing a redness; the race from a mill-wheel; the cleansing of a drain with a rush of water; a sudden access of emotion, elation, excitement; a hot fit in fever; vigour; bloom. *a.* Full to overflowing; plentifully supplied, esp. with money.

**fluster** (flŭs'tér) [Scand.], *v.t.* To flurry, to make nervous; to befuddle with drink. *v.i.* To be in an agitated or confused state. *n.* Flurry, agitation.

**flute** (flood) [O.F. *flaute*], *n.* A tubular wind-instrument with blow-hole near the end and holes stopped by the fingers or with keys; a long vertical groove in the shaft of a column, etc. *v.i.* To play a flute; to whistle or sing with a flute-like sound. *v.t.* To play, sing, or utter with flute-like tones; to form flutes or grooves in. **fluted**, *a.* Channelled, furrowed.

**fluting**, *n.* A groove, channel; fluted work in pillars, etc. **flutist**, *n.*

**flutter** (flŭt'ér) [A.-S. *flotorian*], *v.i.* To flap the wings rapidly; to flit or move about with quick, irregular motions; to quiver, vibrate; to be agitated or uncertain. *v.t.* To cause to vibrate, or to quiver or flap about rapidly; to agitate. *n.* The act of fluttering; a state of excitement; a gamble, a speculation.

**fluvial**, **fluviate** (floo'vi-ál, -à-tíl) [L., from *fluvium*, river], *a.* Of or belonging to a river; caused by a river.

**flux** (flŭks) [L. *fluxus* (*fluere*, to flow)], *n.* Act or state of flowing; motion of a fluid; state of continual change; an issue or flowing out, a discharge; the flow of the tide; an abnormal fluid discharge from the body; rate or quantity of flow of water, heat, electricity, etc.

**fluxion** (flŭk'shŭn) [L. *fluxio*, as prec.], *n.*



Act or state of flowing; that which flows; fusion of metals; continuous variation.

**fly** (1) (flī) [as foll.], *n.* (*pl.* flies) A two-winged insect, esp. the house-fly; a disease in turnips, etc., caused by flies; an artificial fly for fishing. **fly-blow**, *v.t.* To deposit eggs in, as the blow-fly in meat; to taint. *n.* The egg of a blow-fly.

**fly** (2) [A.-S. *flēogan*], *v.t.* (*past* flew, *p.p.* flown) To move or ride through the air with or as with wings; to flutter or wave in the air; to pass through the air with great speed; to flee, try to escape, depart (*with p.p. fled*); to burst (in pieces); to start, spring, hasten, burst (as to arms or into a rage). *v.t.* To cause to fly or float in the air; to flee from.

**fly** (3) (flī) [from *prec.*], *n.* Act or state of flying; distance something flies; (*pl.* flies) a one-horse carriage; a fly-wheel; a flap covering button-holes, the entrance to a tent, etc.; (*pl.*) a gallery where the curtains or scenes in a theatre are controlled. **fly-leaf**, *n.* A blank leaf at the beginning or end of a book. **fly-wheel**, *n.* A heavy-rimmed wheel attached to a machine for regulating the speed.

**flying** (flī'ing) [FLY (2)], *a.* Moving with or as with wings; adapted to move swiftly; brief, hurried.

**foal** (fōl) [A.-S. *fola*], *n.* The young of the horse or ass; a colt, a filly. *v.* To bring forth young (as a mare or she-ass).

**foam** (fōm) [A.-S. *fām*], *n.* Froth, spume; bubbles produced in liquids by violent agitation or fermentation. *v.t.* To produce, or emit foam; to be filled with or pass (away) in foam; to rage.

**fob** (fob) [?], *n.* A watch-pocket in the waistband of breeches. *v.t.* To put into one's pocket; to cheat, to impose upon.

**focus** (fō'kūs) [L., hearth], *n.* (*pl.* -ci, -si, -cuses) A point at which rays of light, heat, etc., meet after reflection or refraction; the point from which any activity originates, point of concentration. *v.t.* To bring (rays) to a point; to adjust (eye or instrument) so as to be at the right focus; to bring into focus. **focal**, *a.* Pertaining to, or situated at a focus.

**fodder** (fod'ēr) [A.-S. *fōdor*, as FOOD], *n.* Food served to cattle, as hay, etc. *v.t.* To supply with fodder.

**foe** (fō) [A.-S. *fāh*, hostile], *n.* A personal enemy; an enemy in war; an ill-wisher. **foeman**, *n.* An enemy in war.

**fœtus** (fō'tūs) [L. *fœtus*, offspring], *n.* The young of viviparous animals in the womb, and of oviparous vertebrates in the egg. **fœtal**, *a.* Pertaining to a fœtus.

**fog** (fog) [?], *n.* Coarse, rank grass, aftermath; a dense watery vapour suspended near the surface of land or sea; (*Phot.*) a cloudiness on a negative; (*fig.*) a state of confusion or perplexity. *v.t.* To becloud, perplex, bewilder; (*Phot.*) to make (a negative) cloudy. *v.t.* To become foggy. **fog-bank**, *n.* A dense mass of fog at sea resembling land at a distance. **fog-horn**, *n.* An in-

strument to give warning to ships, etc., in a fog. **fog-signal**, *n.* A detonator placed on a railway for the guidance of engine-drivers. **foggy**, *a.*

**fogy** (fō'gi) [?], *n.* An old-fashioned, eccentric person.

**foible** (foibl) [F.], *n.* A weak point in one's character.

**foil** (1) (foil) [O.F. *foil* (F. *feuille*), L. *folium*, a leaf (cp. Gr. *phyllion*)], *n.* An amalgam of quicksilver and tin at the back of a mirror; a thin leaf of metal put under gems; that which serves to set off something to advantage.

**foil** (2) [O.F. *fouler*, to full (cloth)], *v.t.* To baffle, frustrate, throw off the scent; to defeat, parry.

**foil** (3) [?], *n.* A straight thin sword, blunted by a button used in fencing.

**foist** (foist) [?], *v.t.* To introduce surreptitiously or wrongfully; to palm off (on or upon) as genuine.

**fold** (1) (fōld) [A.-S. *fald*], *n.* A pen for sheep; a flock of sheep.

**fold** (2) [A.-S. *fealdan*], *v.t.* To double or lay one part over another; to clasp, embrace. *v.i.* To become doubled; to shut in folds. *n.* A part doubled or laid on another; a bend, a plait. **folder**, *n.*

**-fold**, *suf.* Forming adjectives and adverbs denoting multiplication, as *fourfold*, *manifold*.

**foliaceous** (fō-li-ā'shūs) [L. *folium*, leaf], *a.* Having the texture, structure, etc., of leaves; leaf-shaped.

**foliage** (fō'li-āj) [as *prec.*], *n.* Leaves in the aggregate.

**folio** (fō'li-ō) [L. in *foliō*, in form of sheet folded once], *n.* A sheet of paper folded once; a book of the largest size, with sheets folded once; a leaf of paper or page of manuscript, or of an account book; the number of a page; 72 (or 90) words of manuscript.

**folk** (fōk) [A.-S. *folc*], *n.* People collectively; a particular class, as old folk; a people or race. **folk-lore**, *n.* Popular superstitions, tales, traditions, or legends; the systematic study of these. **folk-lorist**, *n.* One versed in this. **folk-song**, *n.* A song or ballad that has been handed down by tradition. **folk-tale**, *n.* A popular myth.

**follicle** (fol'ikl) [L. *folliculus*, a little bag], *n.* A small cavity, sac, or gland.

**follow** (fol'ō) [A.-S. *folgian*], *v.t.* To go or come after; to pursue; to accompany, attend upon, side with, espouse the cause of; to pattern oneself upon; to go along (a road, etc.); to engage in, practise as a profession; to act upon (a rule, etc.); to happen after in time, order, or importance; to watch the course of; to grasp the meaning of; to result; to seek after. *v.i.* To come or go after another person or thing; to pursue; to ensue; to be the logical consequence. **follower**, *n.* One who follows; a disciple, adherent. **following**, *a.* Coming next after, succeeding. *n.* A body of adherents.

**folly** (fól'i) [O.F. *folie*, *fol*, FOOL], *n.* Foolishness, want of judgment; a foolish act, idea, or conduct.

**foment** (fô-ment') [L. *fomentâre*], *v.t.* To apply lotions to; to warm, poultice; (*fig.*) to foster, promote. **fomenta'tion**, *n.*

**fond** (fond) [M.E. *fanned*], *a.* Foolish, tender, or loving; doting. **fondly**, *adv.*

**fondle** (fondl) [freq. of FOND], *v.t.* To caress. *v.i.* To indulge in caresses (with).

**fondling**, *n.* A person or thing fondled.

**font** (font) [A.-S. *fant*, L. *fons*, a fount], *n.* The vessel to contain water for baptism.

**food** (food) [A.-S. *fôda*], *n.* Any substance which is capable of nourishing the living being.

**fool** (1) (fool) [O.F. *foi*], *n.* A person without common sense or judgment; a silly person; a dupe; a jester. *v.t.* To make a fool of; to dupe, cheat, play tricks upon; to disappoint; to waste (time away).

**foolhardy**, *a.* Daring without sense or judgment; rash, reckless. **foolhardiness**, *n.*

**foolscap**, *n.* A pointed cap with bells, worn by jesters; a size of paper about 17 x 13 in. (from its water-mark, a fool's cap and bells). **foolery**, *n.* Act of playing the fool; folly; absurdity. **fooling**, *n.* Foolish, *a.* Foolishness, *n.*

**fool** (2) [?], *n.* A dish made of fruit.

**foot** (fut) [A.-S. *fô*], *n.* (*pl.* feet) The part of the leg which touches the ground in standing; the part below the ankle; the locomotive organ of invertebrates; that part of dress which receives the foot; a measure containing 12 in.; the lowest part, the base; foot-soldiers, infantry; a set of syllables forming the rhythmical unit in verse. *v.i.* To walk, dance; to go on foot. *v.t.* To travel over by walking; to add a new foot to (as stockings); to pay (a bill).

**football**, *n.* An inflated bladder encased in leather used in the game; a game played by two parties, fifteen (*Rugby*) or eleven (*Association*) on each side. **foot-board**, *n.* A step for getting into or out of a vehicle; a foot-plate. **foot-fail**, *n.* The sound of a footstep. **foothold**, *n.* Support at or to the foot; a position of stability or security. **footing**, *n.* Place for standing; foothold; a firm or secure position; entrance into a new sphere, society, trade, etc.; (*Arch.*) a course at the base or foundation of a wall. **footlights**, *n. pl.* A screened row of lights in front of the stage of a theatre. **footman**, *n.* A male domestic servant in livery. **footnote**, *n.* A note at the bottom of a page. **footpad**, *n.* A highwayman who robs on foot. A vessel for washing feet. **foot-path**, *n.* A narrow path or way for foot-passengers only. **footplate**, *n.* The platform for the driver and fireman on a locomotive. **foot-pound**, *n.* The unit of energy, the amount that will raise one pound avoirdupois one foot. **foot-soldier**, *n.* An infantry soldier. **footsores**, *a.* Having the feet sore or tender. **footstep**, *n.* Tread; a footprint; the sound of the step of a foot;

trace of a course pursued or of action done.

**fop** (fop) [M.E. *foppe*], *n.* A coxcomb.

**foppery**, *n.* Foppish, *a.*

**for** (fôr, fôr) [A.-S.], *prep.* In place of; in exchange against; as the price of; in consideration of; because of, in favour of; in order to; appropriate to; toward, conducive to; on behalf of, in relation to; as regards; so far as; as, as being; to the amount of; notwithstanding; during. *conj.* Since, because; seeing that.

**for-**, *pref.* Away, off, as in *forget*, *forgive*; negative, or privative, as in *forbear*, *forbid*, *forsake*; intensive, as in *forlorn*.

**forage** (for'aj) [O.F. *fourrage*], *n.* Food for horses and cattle; the act of foraging. *v.i.* To collect forage; to hunt for supplies. *v.t.* To obtain or supply with forage.

**forasmuch** (for-âz-mûch') [FOR, AS, MUCH (AS)], *conj.* (*coll.* by as). Seeing that; in consideration that.

**foray** (for'ä) [conn. with FORAGE], *n.* A predatory expedition, raid.

**forbear** (1) (fôr'bär) [FORE-, BE-, -ER], *n.* (*usu. pl.*) A forefather, ancestor.

**forbear** (2) (fôr'bär') [FOR-, BEAR (2)], *v.t.* (*past* -bore, *p.p.* -borne). To refrain from; to bear with, treat with patience. *v.i.* To be patient, to refrain from resentment. **forbearance**, *n.*

**forbid** (fôr-bid') [FOR-, BID], *v.t.* (*past* -bad, -bade, *p.p.* -bidden) To prohibit; to exclude, oppose. **forbidden**, *a.* Prohibited, interdicted. **forbidding**, *a.* Repulsive, disagreeable.

**force** (1) (fôrs) [L. *fortis*, strong], *n.* Strength, energy, active power; military or naval strength; an army; (*pl.*) troops; violence, coercion; efficacy, validity; significance, import; persuasive power; animation, vividness; (*Phys.*) that which causes, stops, or alters motion in a body. *v.t.* To compel, to constrain by force; to use violence to, to ravish; to strain, distort; to impose or impress (upon) with force; to make a way by force; to stimulate, cause to grow, etc., artificially; to cause to ripen prematurely; (*Carâs*) to compel (a player) to play in a certain way. **forced**, *a.* Constrained, affected; unnatural. **forcedly**, *adv.* **forceful**, *a.* Full of, possessing, or impelled with force; violent, impetuous, forcible. **forcing-house**, *n.* A hothouse. **forcemeat**, *n.* Meat chopped fine and seasoned.

**force** (2) [Scand.], *n.* A waterfall.

**forceps** (fôr'seps) [L.], *n.* A pair of tongs, pincers, or pliers.

**forcible** (fôr'sibl) [as FORCE (1)], *a.* Done by force; having force, powerful, efficacious. **forcibly**, *adv.*

**ford** (fôrd) [A.-S.], *n.* A shallow part of a river where it may be crossed by wading. *v.t.* To cross (as water) by wading. **fordable**, *a.*

**fore** (fôr) [A.-S.], *prep.* Before. *adv.* In the front; in or towards the bows of a ship. *a.* Being in front or the front part; anterior, prior, first. *n.* The



front part; (*Naut.*) the bow. **fore-and-aft**: At, along, or over the whole length of a ship from stem to stern.

**fore-**, *pref.* Before, in front, beforehand, as *foreordain*, *forerunner*; in the front or front part of; of or near the bow or foremast; as *forecourt*, *forecastle*, *forepeak*.

**forearm** (fôr-arm'), *v.t.* To prepare beforehand for attack or defence.

**fore-arm** (fôr-arm), *n.* The part of the arm between the wrist and elbow.

**forebode** (fôr-bôd'), *v.t.* To foretell, predict, portend; to feel a presentiment of. *v.i.* To prognosticate, esp. evil. **foreboding**, *n.* Presage, esp. of evil.

**forecast** (fôr-kast'), *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* **forecast**) To foresee, predict. *v.i.* To form a scheme beforehand. *n.* (fôr'kast) Provision against the future; calculation of probable events.

**forecastle**, **fo'c'sle** (fôr'kasl, fôksl), *n.* The forward part of the upper deck; in merchant-ships, a forward space below deck where the crew lives.

**foreclose** (fôr-klôz') [O.F. *forclos*, L. *foris*, outside, **CLOSE**], *v.t.* To exclude or bar; to preclude; to settle beforehand. *v.i.* To deprive a mortgager of his equity of redemption on failure to pay money due.

**foreclosure**, *n.* The act of foreclosing.

**forefather** (fôr'fa-thër), *n.* An ancestor.

**forefinger** (fôr'fing-gër), *n.* The finger next to the thumb, the first or index finger.

**fore-foot** (fôr'fut), *n.* A front foot of a quadruped.

**forefront** (fôr'frünt), *n.* The foremost part or position.

**forego** (1) (fôr-gô') [FORE-, GO], *v.t.* and *i.* (*past* -went, *p.p.* -gone) To go before, to precede in time, order, or place. **fore-going**, *a.* Preceding, previously mentioned. **foregone**, *a.* Past; preceding; determined before.

**foreground** (fôr'ground), *n.* The nearest part of a view; the part of a picture showing this.

**forehead** (fôr'ed) [A.-S. *forhēafod*], *n.* The face from the eyebrows to the hair.

**foreign** (fôr'in) [O.F. *forain*, L. *forās*, out of doors], *a.* Belonging to another country or nation; alien, strange, extraneous; irrelevant. **foreigner**, *n.*

**forejudge** (fôr-jūj'), *v.t.* To judge or decide before trial.

**foreknow** (fôr-nô'), *v.t.* (*past* -knew, *p.p.* -known) To know beforehand. **foreknowledge**, *n.*

**foreland** (fôr'lând), *n.* A promontory.

**foreleg** (fôr-leg), *n.* A front leg of an animal, chair, etc.

**forelock** (fôr'lok), *n.* A lock of hair growing over the forehead.

**foreman** (fôr'mán), *n.* The chief man of a jury, the spokesman; a workman supervising others.

**foremast** (fôr'mast), *n.* The mast nearest the bow of a vessel.

**foremost** (fôr'möst) [A.-S., double superl. from *forma*, first], *a.* First in time, place,

order, rank, or importance; chief. *adv.* In the first place; before anything else.

**forename** (fôr'nām), *n.* A Christian name.

**forenoon** (fôr'noon), *n.* The part of the day from morning to noon.

**forensic** (fô-ren'sik) [L. *forensis*, pertaining to the forum], *a.* Pertaining to courts of judicature, or to public debate.

**foreordain** (fôr-ôr-dân'), *v.t.* To ordain beforehand, to predestinate.

**fore-part** (fôr'part), *n.* The first, most advanced, or earlier part.

**forerunner** (fôr-rün'ër), *n.* A messenger sent before; a precursor.

**foresail** (fôrsl, fôr'säl), *n.* The principal sail on the foremast.

**foresee** (fôr-së'), *v.t.* (*past*. -saw, *p.p.* -seen) To see or know beforehand, to have prescience of. **foreseeing**, *a.*

**foreshore** (fôr'shôr), *n.* The part of the shore lying between high- and low-water marks; ground between sea and land.

**foreshorten** (fôr-shôr'tén), *v.t.* In drawing, etc., to represent (figures or parts) so as to give a correct impression of form and proportions.

**foreshow** (fôr-shô') [A.-S. *fore-scēawian*], *v.t.* (*p.p.* -shown) To predict.

**foresight** (fôr'sit), *n.* Forethought, prudence; the muzzle-sight of a gun.

**forest** (fôr'est) [O.F., from L. *foris*, outside], *n.* An extensive wood or tract of wooded country; a wild uncultivated tract; a large tract of country set apart for hunting. *a.* Relating or pertaining to a forest; sylvan. **forester**, *n.* One who has charge of or lives in a forest. **forestry**, *n.* Act or art of cultivating forests.

**forestall** (fôr-stawl') [A.-S. *forsteall*, interception], *v.t.* To hinder by preoccupation; to anticipate, be beforehand with.

**foretaste** (fôr'täst), *n.* Experience or enjoyment (of) beforehand; anticipation.

**foretell** (fôr-tel'), *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* -told) To predict, prophesy; to foreshadow.

**forethought** (fôr'thawt), *n.* Consideration beforehand; premeditation.

**foretop** (fôr'top), *n.* The top or platform at the head of the foremast.

**forever** (fôr-ev'ër), *adv.* For ever. *n.* Eternity.

**forewarn** (fôr-wawn'), *v.t.* To warn or give notice to beforehand.

**forewoman** (fôr'wum-än), *n.* A workwoman who supervises others.

**foreword** (fôr'wërd), *n.* A preface.

**forfeit** (fôr'fit) [O.F. *forfai*], *n.* That which is lost through fault, neglect, etc.; a penalty, a fine, a stipulated sum to be paid for breach of contract; (*pl.*) a parlour-game. *a.* Lost or alienated through fault or crime. *v.t.* To lose the right to or possession of by fault, crime, omission, or neglect; to confiscate. **forfeiture**, *n.* The act of forfeiting.

**forfend** (fôr-fend'), *v.t.* To avert, ward off.

**forgather** (fôr-gäth'ër) [FOR-, GATHER], *v.i.* To meet or associate (with); to assemble.

**forge** (1) (fôrj) [O.F., ult. from L. *fabrica*,

**FABRIC**, *n.* The workshop of a smith; the open hearth where iron is heated or wrought. *v.t.* To form or fabricate by heating and hammering; to make or construct; to make or imitate fraudulently, to counterfeit; to alter a signature or document with intent to defraud. *v.i.* To commit forgery. **forgeable**, *a.* **forger**, *n.* One who commits forgery. **forgery**, *n.* The act of forging, counterfeiting, of falsifying; a fraudulent imitation. **forging**, *n.* That which is forged; a piece of forged metal work.

**forge** (2) [ʔ], *v.i.* To move (forward or ahead) slowly or with difficulty.

**forget** (fôr-get') [A.-S. *forgitan*], *v.t.* (*past -got, p.p. -gotten, poet. -got*). To lose remembrance of; to put out of mind, to fail to remember, neglect (to do something). **forget-me-not**, *n.* A small plant with bright blue flowers. **forgettable**, *a.* **forgetful**, *a.*

**forgive** (fôr-giv') [A.-S. *forgifan*], *v.t.* (*past -gave, p.p. -given*). To pardon or remit, as an offence or debt; not to exact the penalty for. *v.i.* To show forgiveness. **forgivable**, *a.* **forgiveness**, *n.* **forgiving**, *a.*

**forgo** (fôr-gô) [A.-S. *forgân* (FOR-, GO)], *v.t.* (*past -went, p.p. -gone*). To give up, deny oneself, renounce; to quit.

**fork** (fôrk) [A.-S. *forc*], *n.* An instrument with two or more prongs, used for digging, lifting, carrying, etc., or in cooking and at table; a diverging branch, a point where a road divides into two. *v.t.* To raise, pitch, dig or break up, etc., with a fork. *v.i.* To divide into two; to send out branches. **forked**, *a.*

**forlorn** (fôr-lôrn') [A.-S. *forloren*], *a.* Deserted; wretched, hopeless. **forlorn hope** [Dut. *verloren hoop*, lit. lost troop], *n.* A detachment of men selected for some service of uncommon danger; a bold, desperate enterprise. **forlornness**, *n.*

**form** (fôrm) [O.F. *forme*, L. *forma*], *n.* Shape, configuration; figure, esp. the human; particular arrangement, organization, or constitution; a rule of procedure, ceremony, or ritual; the mode in which anything is perceptible; kind, species, variety; a mould or model upon which a thing is fashioned; a formula, a fixed order of words, a document with blanks to be filled in; behaviour according to accepted rules; fitness, a good state of health or training; a long seat without a back; a class at school; the seat or bed of a hare; a body of type ready for printing. *v.t.* To shape; to arrange; to make, construct, mould to a pattern; to conceive, devise; to articulate; to become; to be the material for.

**-form**, *suf.* Like, having the shape of, as *cruciform*; having a certain number of forms, as *multiform*, *uniform*.

**formal** (fôr-mål) [L. *formâlis*, as FORM], *a.* In a set form; orderly, according to established forms; ceremonious, punctilious, precise; perfunctory; of or per-

taining to the outward form as opposed to reality. **formalism**, *n.* **formalist**, *n.* **formality**, *n.* The condition or quality of being formal; conformity to custom, etc.; conventionality; an established order or method. **formally**, *adv.*

**formation** (fôr-mâ'shûn) [L. *formâtio*], *n.* Act or process of forming or creating; state of being formed; manner in which anything is formed; conformation, arrangement; a thing formed. **formative**, *a.* Having the power of giving form.

**former** (fôr'mêr) [as FOREMOST], *a.* Preceding in time; the first-mentioned (of two); ancient, bygone. **formerly**, *adv.* In former times; of the past.

**formidable** (fôr-mî-dâbl) [L. *formidâre*, to dread], *a.* Tending to excite fear; dangerous to encounter; difficult to resist, overcome, or accomplish.

**formless** (fôr'm'lês), *a.* Without form, shapeless.

**formula** (fôr'mû-lâ) [L., dim. of *forma*, FORM], *n.* (*pl. -læ, -las*) A prescribed form of words; a formal enunciation of faith, etc.; a conventional usage; a prescription. **formulate**, *v.t.* To express in formula.

**fornicate** (fôr'ni-kât) [L. *fornicâre*], *v.i.* To commit fornication. **fornica'tion**, *n.* Sexual intercourse of unmarried persons. **fornicator**, *n.*

**forsake** (fôr-sâk') [A.-S. *forsacan*], *v.t.* (*past -sook, p.p. -saken*) To leave, abandon, withdraw from; to cast off.

**forsooth** (fôr-sooth') [FOR-, SOOTH], *adv.* (*ironically*) In truth, certainly, doubtless.

**forswear** (fôr-swâr') [A.-S. *forswerian*], *v.t.* (*past -swore, p.p. -sworn*) To abjure; to renounce upon oath or with protestations. *v.i.* To swear falsely, perjure oneself.

**fort** (fôrt) [L. *fortis* (*domus*), strong (house)], *n.* A fortified place.

**forte** (1) (fôrt) [F.], *n.* A person's strong point; that in which one excels.

**forte** (2) (fôr'tâ) [It., strong], *adv.* (*Mus.*) With loudness or force.

**forth** (fôrth) [A.-S.], *adv.* Out; out from home; out of doors; forward in place, time, or order. **forthcom'ing**, *a.* Coming forth, ready to appear. *n.* A coming forth. **forthwith**, (fôrth-wîth'), *adv.* Immediately; without delay.

**fortify** (fôr'tî-fi) [O.F. *fortifier*], *v.t.* To make strong; to invigorate; to add strength to; to confirm, corroborate; to strengthen by forts, ramparts, etc.; to make defensible. **fortifica'tion**, *n.*

**fortissimo** (fôr-tis'sî-mô) [It., superl. of FORTE (2)], *adv.* (*Mus.*) Very loud.

**fortitude** (fôr'tî-tûd) [L. *fortitûdo*], *n.* Strength, esp. strength of mind which enables one to meet danger or endure pain.

**fortnight** (fôr'nîit) [A.-S. *fēowertigne niht* fourteen nights], *n.* A period of two weeks. **fortnightly**, *a.* Happening once a fortnight. *adv.* Once a fortnight.

**fortress** (fôr'tres) [O.F. *forteressa*], *n.* A fortified place.



**fortuitous** (fôr-tû'i-tús) [L. *fortuitus*, from *fors*, chance], *a.* Happening by chance; casual, accidental.

**fortunate** (fôr'chû-nát) [L. *fortúnatus*, as foll.], *a.* Happening by good luck; bringing or presaging good fortune; lucky.

**fortune** (fôr'chûn) [L. *fortuna*, cogn. with *fors fortis*, chance], *n.* Chance, luck; that which brings good or ill hap; one's future lot; prosperity; wealth; a large property. *v.i.* To happen, to chance.

**forty** (fôr'ti) [A.-S. *fēowertig*], *a.* Four times ten. *n.* The sum of four times ten; a symbol expressing this, 40 or xl; (*pl.*) the years of one's life between 39 and 50, the corresponding period in a century.

**fortieth**, *a.*

**forum** (fôr'úm) [L.], *n.* The public place in Rome in which were the law courts, etc., and where orations were delivered.

**forward** (1) (fôr'wârd) [A.-S. *forweard*], *a.* At, near, or towards the front; onward; advancing, well advanced, early, premature; eager, prompt; pert. *n.* A player at football, etc., stationed at the front of his side. *v.t.* To help onward, promote; to send on or to a further destination. **forwardly**, *adv.* **forwardness**, *n.* The quality or state of being forward; assurance; pertness. **forward** (2), *-s*, *adv.* Towards the front or the fore-part; onward in place or time.

**fosse** (fos) [L. *fossa*], *n.* A ditch.

**fossil** (fos'il) [L. *fossilis*, from *fossus*, p.p. of *fodere*, to dig], *a.* Preserved in the strata of the earth's crust, esp. if mineralized; (*fig.*) antiquated. *n.* An organic body preserved in the strata of the earth's crust; an antiquated person. **fossiliferous**, *a.* Containing fossils.

**foster** (fos'tér) [A.-S. *fōstrian*, from *fōstor*, nourishment], *v.t.* To nourish, rear, promote the growth of; to nurse, cherish; to harbour (as an ill feeling). **foster-brother**, **-sister**, **-child**, etc., *n.* One by nursing or upbringing, but not by birth. **foster-father**, **-mother**, **-parent**, *n.* One who takes the place of a parent in rearing a child.

**foul** (foul) [A.-S. *fāl*], *a.* Dirty, filthy, loathsome, offensive; covered or filled with noxious matter, clogged, choked; obscene, polluted; unfair, against the rules; cloudy, rainy; full of printer's errors, inaccurate (of a proof). *n.* A wilful collision, an interference, any breach of the rules of a game or contest. *v.t.* To defile, soil, pollute; to dishonour; to come into collision with, to impede, block, or entangle. *v.i.* To become foul, clogged, or entangled; to come into collision. **foully**, *adv.* **foulness**, *n.*

**foulard** (fu-lar, -lard') [F.], *n.* A soft, thin material of silk or silk and cotton.

**foumart** (foo'mart) [A.-S. *fāl*, *FOUL*, *mearith*, a marten], *n.* The polecat.

**found** (1) (found) [L. *fundere*, to pour], *v.t.* To cast by melting (metal) or fusing (material for glass) and pouring it into a mould; to make of molten metal or glass.

**founder** (1), *n.* One who casts metal. **foundry**, *n.* A place where metals are cast; the act or art of casting metals.

**found** (2) [L. *fundare*, from *fundus*, bottom], *v.t.* To lay the foundation or basis of; to fix firmly; to establish, endow, originate; to conduct or base (upon). *v.i.* To rest (upon) as a foundation. **founder** (2), *n.* One who originates anything, esp. one who endows an institution.

**foundation** (foun-dā'shûn) [FOUND (2)], *n.* The act of establishing; that on which anything is established or by which it is sustained; permanent basis; the endowment of an institution; the basis of a structure. **foundationer**, *n.* One supported by the endowment of a college or school.

**founder** (3) (foun'dér) [O.F. *fondrer*, to sink in], *v.i.* To fill with water and sink (as a ship); to fall lame (of a horse).

**foundling** (found'ling) [FOUND, -LING], *n.* A deserted child of unknown parents.

**fount** (1) (fount) [L. *fons fontem*], *n.* A spring, a fountain, a well.

**fount** (2) [F. *fonte*, from *fondre*, to FOUND (1)], *n.* A set of type of one face and size.

**fountain** (foun'tân) [O.F. *fontaine*, L. *fons fontis*], *n.* A spring of water; the source of a river; a jet of water driven into the air by pressure; the structure for producing this; a public erection with a drinking-supply; a reservoir to contain a liquid, as in a pen, etc.; a source, a first principle.

**four** (fôr) [A.S. *fēower*], *a.* Consisting of one more than three, or twice two. *n.* The sum of one and three; a symbol expressing this, 4, iiij, or iv; a set of four, a team of four horses, a four-oared boat or its crew, etc. **on all fours**: On the hands and knees; agreeing precisely with.

**four-in-hand**, *a.* Drawn by four horses.

**four-poster**, *n.* A large bedstead with four high posts at the corners.

**fourscore**, *a. & n.* Four times twenty, eighty; eighty years old.

**four-square**, *a.* Square-shaped; firmly established, immovable.

**four-wheeler**, *n.* A vehicle having four wheels, esp. a cab.

**four-fold**, *a.* Four times as many or as much, quadruple. *adv.* In fourfold measure.

**foursome**, *n.* (*Golf*) A game between two pairs, the partners playing alternately.

**fourteen**, *a.* Amounting to four and ten. *n.* The number amounting to four and ten; a symbol denoting this, 14 or xiv.

**fourteenth**, *a. and n.* **fourth**, *a. and n.* **fourthly**, *adv.*

**fowl** (foul) [A.-S. *fugol*], *n.* A bird, esp. of the domestic or poultry kind; birds collectively; their flesh as food. *v.t.* To hunt, catch, or kill birds for sport.

**fowler**, *n.* One who pursues wild-fowl for sport.

**fowling-piece**, *n.* A light smooth-bore gun for shooting wild-fowl.

**fox** (foks) [A.-S.], *n.* A small quadruped, notorious for its cunning, preserved in England for sport; a sly, cunning fellow.

*v.i.* To become sour; to turn reddish (of paper, etc.). **fox-brush**, *n.* The tail of a fox.

**foxglove**, *n.* A plant with purple flowers resembling the fingers of a glove. **foxhound**, *n.* A hound trained to hunt foxes. **fox-terrier**, *n.* A short-haired dog, orig. employed to unearth foxes. **fox-trot**, *n.* A kind of dance. **foxed**, *a.* Stained with spots, as a book or print. **foxy**, *a.* **foyer** (fwa'yā) [F.], *n.* A large public room in a theatre. **fracas** (fra-ka) [F.], *n.* A disturbance, a row; an uproar; a noisy quarrel. **fraction** (frāk'shūn) [L. *fractus*, broken], *n.* A fragment, a small piece; (*Math.*) the expression of one or more parts of a unit. **fractional**, *a.* **fractious** (frāk'shūs) [as prec.], *a.* Apt to quarrel; snappish, fretful. **fractiousness**, *n.* **fracture** (frāk'chūr) [as prec.], *n.* Breaking by violence; a break; breakage, esp. of a bone. *v.t.* To break across. *v.i.* To break or crack. **fragile** (frāj'il) [F., from L. *frangere*, to break], *a.* Brittle, easily broken; frail. **fragil'ity**, *n.* **fragment** (fräg'mént) [L. *fragmentum*, as prec.], *n.* A piece broken off; an incomplete portion. **frag'mentary**, *a.* **fragrant** (frä'gränt) [L. *frāgrans*, emitting a perfume], *a.* Sweet-smelling, odorous. **fragrance**, *n.* **fragrantly**, *adv.* **frail** (fräl) [O.F. *fraile*, as FRAGILE], *a.* Fragile, delicate; in weak health; liable to be led astray. **frailty**, *n.* **frame** (främ) [A.-S. *framian*, to avail, to further], *v.t.* To construct by fitting parts together; to fit, adjust, contrive; to devise, compose, express; to plan, to form in the mind, conceive, imagine; to surround with a frame, to serve as a frame to. *n.* Anything composed of parts fitted together; a structure, skeleton of a structure; the build of anything; disposition of mind; a case to enclose or surround a picture, pane of glass, etc. **framework**, *n.* The frame of a structure; the fabric for enclosing or supporting anything, or forming a substructure; structure, arrangement (of society, etc.). **franc** (fränk) [F.], *n.* A French silver coin, the unit of value, worth about 9½d. **franchise** (frän'chíz) [O.F., from *franchir*, to free oneself], *n.* A right, privilege, etc., granted to an individual or a body; the district to which a certain privilege extended; citizenship; the right of voting for a member of Parliament. **frangible** (frän'jibl) [L. *frangere*, to break], *a.* That may be easily broken. **frangibil'ity**, *n.* **Frank** (1) (fränk) [L. *Francus*], *n.* A member of the ancient German peoples who conquered France in the 6th cent.; a name given by Orientals to a European. **frankish**, *a.* **Frank** (2) [L. *francus*, free, from prec.], *a.* Ingenuous, sincere, candid; generous, unrestrained. *v.t.* To send under an official privilege, so as to pass free; to secure the free passage of (a person or

thing). *n.* A signature authorizing a letter to go through the post free of charge. **frankly**, *adv.* **frankness**, *n.* **frankincense** (fränk'in-sens) [O.F. *francencens*], *n.* A resin burning with a fragrant smell. **franklin** (fränk'lin) [A.-F. *fraunclein*], *n.* Formerly, an English freeholder, not liable to feudal service. **frantic** (frän'tik) [Gr. *phrenitis*, inflammation of the brain], *a.* Raving, outrageously excited; suffering from frenzy. **frantically**, *-tically*, *adv.* **fraternal** (frä-tēr-näl) [L. *frāter*, brother], *a.* Brotherly; pertaining to or becoming brethren. **fraternity**, *n.* The state of a brother; brotherliness; a brotherhood, a body of men associated for a common interest or by similarity of rank, profession, etc. **frat'ernize**, *v.i.* To associate with others of like occupation or tastes. **fratricide** (frät'ri-sid) [L. *frāter*, brother, -CIDE], *n.* The murder or murderer of a brother. **fratricidal**, *a.* **fraud** (frawd) [O.F. *fraude*], *n.* An act or course of deliberate deception, esp. directed to the detriment of another; a trick, trickery; a deceptive person, a humbug. **fraudulent**, *a.* **fraudulence**, *n.* **fraught** (frawt) [obs. *n.*, cargo, cp. FREIGHT], *a.* Freight, laden, stored (with). **fray** (1) (frä) [AFFRAY], *n.* A noisy quarrel, brawl, riot; a combat, contest. **fray** (2) [L. *fricare*, to rub], *v.t.* To wear away by rubbing; to chafe. *v.i.* To become rubbed or worn. **freak** (frēk) [?], *n.* A sudden wanton whim or caprice; a vagary; a monstrosity, a living curiosity. **freakish**, *a.* **freckle** (frekl) [Scand.], *n.* A light-brown spot on the skin. **free** (frē) [A.-S. *frēo*], *a.* At liberty; not under restraint; under a government based on the consent of the governed; not under foreign domination; released from authority or control; independent, unattached; exempt (from); not bound or limited (by rules, etc.), not literal (of a translation); uncereceremonious, reckless; impudent; indelicate; unreserved, ingenuous; admitted to certain privileges (of); liberal, generous; spontaneous. *adv.* **Freely**. *v.t.* To set at liberty, to emancipate; to rid or relieve (of or from); to clear, disentangle. **free-board**, *n.* The space between the water-line on a vessel and the upper side of the deck, or the uppermost full deck. **freedman**, *n.* A manumitted slave. **free-hand**, *a.* (*Drawing*) Executed by the hand without the aid of instruments. **free-handed**, *n.* Open-handed, liberal. **freehold**, *n.* An estate held in fee-simple or fee-tail. **freeholder**, *n.* **free-lance**, *n.* A member of one of the free companies of mercenaries in the Middle Ages; one who works independently of party; an unattached journalist. **freeman**, *-woman*, *n.* One not a slave; one who holds the franchise of a citizen, the freedom of a city, company, etc.



**freemason, n.** A member of the "Free and Accepted Masons," a secret order or fraternity. **freemasonry, n.** freespoken, *n.* Speaking without reserve; blunt, candid, frank. **freestone, n.** A stone which can be cut in any direction. **free-thinker, n.** A rationalist, sceptic, or agnostic; one who rejects authority in religious belief. **free-thinking, n.** and *a.* **free-thought, n.** free-wheel, *n.* A driving wheel on a cycle that can revolve when disconnected from the driving gear; a cycle with such a wheel. *v.i.* To run (on a cycle or motor-car) without employing motive power.

**freebooter** (frē'boo-tēr) [Dut. *vrijbuit* (FREE, BOOTY)], *n.* A pirate, a plundering adventurer.

**freedom** (frē-dōm) [A.-S. *frēo-dōm*], *n.* State of being free, liberty, exemption from restraint or necessity.

**freeze** (frēz) [A.-S. *frēosan*], *v.i.* (*past froze, p.p. frozen*) To be turned from fluid to solid by cold; (*impers.*) to be at that degree of cold at which water turns to ice; to feel cold, to lose animation through cold; to be chilled (by fear). *v.t.* To congeal by cold; to form ice upon or convert into ice; to chill, to paralyse. **freezing, a.** (*fig.*) Very cold; distant, chilling. **freezing-point, n.** The point at which water freezes (32° Fahrenheit, 0° Centigrade).

**freight** (frāt) [O.F. *fret*], *n.* Charge for transportation of goods, esp. by water; a cargo. *v.t.* To load (a ship); to hire or charter for carrying. **freightage, n.**

**French** (french) [A.-S. *Frēncisc*], *a.* Pertaining to France or its inhabitants; belonging to or native of France. *n.* The language spoken by the people of France; the people of France.

**frenzy** (fren'zī) [as FRANTIC], *n.* Delirium, madness; temporary mental derangement. **frenzied, a.**

**frequent** (frē'kwēt) [L. *frequens*], *a.* Occurring often; occurring near together. *v.t.* (frē-kwēt') To resort to often or habitually. **frequency, -quency, n.** The quality of occurring frequently; repetition at short intervals; rate of occurrence or recurrence. **frequentative, a.** Expressing frequent repetition of an action. *n.* A verb doing this. **frequenter, n.** One who frequents. **frequently, adv.**

**fresco** (fres'kō) [It., fresh], *n.* (*pl. -coes*). Water-colour painting on fresh plaster.

**fresh** (fresh) [A.-S. *fersc*], *a.* New; not known or used previously; different; newly produced, not decayed or tainted; pure, not salt, drinkable; not preserved; just arrived (from); looking healthy; clearly remembered; frisky (of a horse); brisk, active; refreshing (of a breeze), etc. **freshen, v.t.** To make fresh; to enliven, revive. *v.i.* To become fresh; to lose saltiness. **freshet, n.** A sudden flood caused by heavy rains, etc. **freshly, adv.** **freshman, n.** A beginner, esp. a student in his first term at a University. **fresh-**

**ness, n.** **freshwater, a.** Pertaining to fresh water, as dist. from the sea.

**fret** (1) (fret) [A.-S. *fretan*], *v.t.* To eat away, corrode, wear away, chafe; to vex, annoy; to disturb (as water). *v.i.* To be worn or eaten away; to be irritated or troubled, to chafe. *n.* Act or process of fretting or rubbing away; a state of chafing or vexation. **fretful, a.** Peevish, irritable; captious. **fretfulness, n.**

**fret** (2) [O.F. *freten*], *v.t.* To ornament (esp. a ceiling) with carved work; to variegate. **fretsaw, n.** A small ribbon-saw used in cutting fretwork. **fretwork, n.** Carved or open woodwork in ornamental patterns.

**fret** (3) [?], *n.* A cross-bar on the finger-board of certain stringed instruments.

**friable** (fri'ābl) [L. *friāre*, to crumble], *a.* Easily reducible to powder.

**friar** (fri'ār) [L. *frāter*, brother], *n.* A member of a male monastic order, esp. the Augustinians, Franciscans, Dominicans, or Carmelites. **friary, n.** A monastery.

**fricassee** (frik-ā-sē') [F.], *n.* A dish of birds, rabbits, etc., cut into pieces, fried or stewed, and served with sauce. *v.t.* To cook thus.

**friction** (frik'shūn) [L. *fricāre*, to rub], *n.* Act of rubbing; resistance which a body meets with in moving over another; conflict, disagreement. **frictional, a.**

**Friday** (fri'dā, -di) [A.-S. *frīge-dæg*], *n.* The sixth day of the week. **Good Friday:** The Friday before Easter, kept sacred by the Christian Church in memory of the Crucifixion.

**friend** (frend) [A.-S. *frēond*], *n.* One attached to another by affection, as dis. from family relationship; an acquaintance, adherent, sympathizer, colleague; a Quaker; anything that helps one in an emergency. **friendless, a.** **friendly, a.** Good-natured; acting as a friend; characteristic of friends; favourable. **friendliness, n.** friendship, *n.*

**frieze** (1) (frēz) [F. *frise*], *n.* The middle division of an entablature; the band of sculpture occupying this.

**frieze** (2) (frēz) [Dut. *Vries*, a Frieslander], *n.* A coarse woollen cloth.

**frigate** (frig'āt) [It. *fregata*], *n.* An obsolete war-ship, next smaller to a line-of-battle ship. **frigate-bird, n.** A large tropical raptorial sea-bird.

**fright** (frit) [A.-S. *fyrhto*], *n.* Sudden and violent fear; a state of terror; one of ridiculous appearance in person or dress. **frighten, v.t.** To alarm, terrify, scare. **frightful, a.** Dreadful, horrible, hideous; causing fright; extraordinary. **frightfully, adv.** **frightfulness, n.**

**frigid** (frij'id) [L. *frigus*, cold], *a.* Cold; lacking warmth of feeling or ardour; stiff, formal; dull, flat. **frigid'ity, n.**

**frill** (fril) [?], *n.* A pleated or fluted edging, on a shirt, etc. **frilling, n.**

**fringe** (frin) [O.F. *frenge*, L. *fibria*], *n.* An ornamental border of loose threads or tassels; an edging; the front hair cut

short and straight. *v.t.* To border with a fringe.

**frillery** (frīp'ér-i) [O.F. *freperie*], *n.*

Worthless, needless, or trumpery finery.

**Frisian** (friz'í-án) [L. *Frisii*], *a.* Pertaining to or native of Friesland.

**frisk** (frisk) [O.F. *frisque*, lively], *v.t.* To gambol about; to frolic. *n.* A gambol, a frolic. **frisky**, *a.* **friskily**, *adv.*

**fritillary** (frit'í-lár-i) [L. *fritillus*, a dice-box], *n.* A liliaceous genus with flowers speckled dull purple; a butterfly with wings similarly marked.

**fritter** (1) (frit'ér) [L. *frictus*, fried], *n.* A light batter containing slices of fruit.

**fritter** (2) [?], *n.* (*pl.*) Fragments, shreds.

*v.t.* To break into small pieces; to trifle away (time, money, etc.).

**frivolous** (friv'ó-lús) [L. *frivulus*], *a.* Trumpery; inclined to unbecoming levity, silly. **frivol'ity**, *n.*

**frizz** (friz) [as FRIEZE (2)], *v.t.* To crisp; to form into a curly, crinkled mass (of hair); to raise a nap on (cloth). *n.* Frizzed hair. **frizzy**, *a.*

**frizzle** (1) (frizl) [as prec.], *v.t.* To curl, to crisp. *n.* Frizzed hair.

**frizzle** (2) [?], *v.t.* To fry (bacon, etc.) with a hissing noise. *v.i.* To hiss while being fried.

**fro** (frō) [as FROM], *adv.* Away, backward.

**frock** (frok) [F. *froc*], *n.* The long upper garment worn by monks; a gown or dress worn by women or children; a frock-coat; a smock-frock. **frock-coat**, *n.* A close-fitting body-coat, with broad skirts of the same length before and behind.

**frog** (1) (frog) [A.-S. *frogga*], *n.* An amphibious animal of the genus *Rana*.

**frog** (2) [Port. *froco*], *n.* A spindle-shaped button used for fastening military cloaks, ladies' mantles, etc.; the loop of a scabbard.

**frog** (3) [?], *n.* A tender horny substance in the middle of a horse's sole.

**frolic** (frol'ík) [?], *a.* Gay, sportive; full of pranks. *n.* A prank; an outburst of gaiety. *v.i.* To play pranks; to indulge in merry-making. **frolicsome**, *a.*

**from** (from) [A.-S. *from*, *fram* (cp. Icel. *frá*, *fro*)], *prep.* Away, out of; beginning with, after; because of.

**frond** (frond) [L. *frons*, a leaf], *n.* (*Bot.*) A leaf-like expansion, esp. of the ferns and allied plants.

**front** (frünt) [L. *frons*, the forehead], *n.* The fore-part of anything; the most conspicuous part; a position directly before one; the forehead; the principal face of a building; (*Mil.*) the line of battle, the ground on which fighting is going on. *a.* Relating to or situated in or at the front. *v.t.* To face, to look (to or towards); to confront, to meet face to face; to furnish with a front. *v.i.* To face, look, be situated with the front (towards).

**frontage**, *n.* The front part of a building; land facing a road or water. **frontal**, *a.*

**frontier** (frun'tēr) [O.F., as prec.], *n.* That part of a country which borders

upon another. *a.* Pertaining to or situated on the frontier.

**frontispiece** (frün'tis-pēs) [L. *frons*, forehead, *specere*, to look], *n.* A picture fronting the title-page of a book.

**frost** (frost) [A.-S. *forst*], *n.* Act or state of freezing, congelation of fluids by cold; temperature below freezing-point; frosty weather; rime; (*fig.*) frigidity. *v.t.* To injure by frost; to cover with or as with rime; to furnish with frost-nails. **frost-bite**, *n.* Inflammation, usu. of the extremities, caused by extreme cold. **frosted**, *a.* **frosting**, *n.* A mixture used to cover cakes; a rough surface on glass, metal, etc., in imitation of frost. **frosty**, *a.*

**froth** (frawth) [Scand., A.-S. *áfroethan*], *n.* Foam, bubbles caused in liquors by agitation or fermentation; scum; empty display of wit or rhetoric. *v.t.* To cause to foam. *v.i.* To form or emit froth. **frothy**, *a.*

**froward** (frō'wārd) [FRO, -WARD], *a.* Refractory, perverse, mutinous. **frowardly**, *adv.* **frowardness**, *n.*

**frown** (frown) [O.F. *frongnier*], *v.i.* To express displeasure or seriousness by contracting the brows; to look gloomy, threatening, or with disfavour; to scowl. *n.* A knitting of the brows in displeasure or mental absorption.

**frowst** (froust) [?], *n.* Stuffiness; unwholesome smell (in a room). **frowsty**, *a.*

**frowzy** (frou'zi) [?], *a.* Musty, fusty.

**fructify** (frük'ti-fi) [L. *fructificāre* (*fructus*, fruit, -FY)], *v.t.* To make fruitful; to fertilize. *v.i.* To bear fruit. **fructuate**, *v.t.* To bear or come to fruit. **fructuation**, *n.* **fructiferous**, *a.* Bearing fruit. **fructification**, *n.*

**frugal** (froo'gál) [L. *frugālis*], *a.* Thrifty, sparing; economical. **frugal'ity**, *n.* Economy, thrift. **frugally**, *adv.*

**fruit** (froot) [L. *frux*], *n.* The edible succulent product of a plant in which the seeds are enclosed; (*Bot.*) the matured ovary with parts adhering thereto, the spores of ferns, etc.; (*pl.*) vegetable products serving for food; (*fig.*) product, result; benefit, profit. *v.i.* To bear fruit. **fruitage**, *n.* **fruitarian**, *n.* One that feeds on fruit. **fruiterer**, *n.* One who deals in fruits. **fruitful**, *a.* Producing fruit in abundance; fertile; prolific. **fruitfully**, *adv.* **fruitfulness**, *n.* **fruity**, *a.* Like fruit; (of wine) tasting of the grape; rich, full-flavoured.

**fruition** (froo-ish'ün) [O.F., as prec.], *n.* Attainment, fulfilment.

**frumenty** (froo'mén-ti) [L. *frumentum*, corn], *n.* A dish of wheat boiled in milk and spiced.

**frump** (frümp) [?], *n.* An old-fashioned, prim, or dowdy woman.

**frustrate** (früs-trát') [L. *frustrā*, in vain], *v.t.* To thwart, to balk; to nullify, disappoint. *a.* (früs'-) Vain; of no effect. **frustration**, *n.*

**fry** (1) (fri) [L. *frigere*], *v.t.* To cook with fat in a pan over the fire. *v.i.* To be



cooked thus. *n.* A dish of anything fried; the offal of pigs, sheep, oxen, etc.

**fry** (2) (fri) [Scand.], *n.* Very young fish; yearling salmon; a swarm of children.

**fuchsia** (fū'shā) [*Fuchs*, German botanist (d. 1866)], *n.* A genus of plants with pendulous funnel-shaped flowers.

**fuddle** (fūdl) [Teut.], *v.t.* To make stupid, esp. with drink. *v.i.* To tiddle, get drunk.

**fudge** (fūj) [?], *int.* Nonsense, humbug. *n.* A made up or nonsensical story.

**fuel** (fū'él) [A.-F. *sewaile*], *n.* Wood, coal, peat, etc., for fires; anything serving to feed or increase excitement, etc.

**-fuge**, *suf.* (*Med.*) Expelling, driving out, as *febrifuge*.

**fugitive** (fū'ji-tiv) [L. *fugere*, to flee], *a.* Fleeing, runaway; transient, volatile, easily carried away; evanescent, ephemeral. *n.* One who flees from danger, pursuit, justice, etc.; a deserter, a refugee.

**fugleman**, (fūgl-mān) [G. *flügel*, wing, *mann*, man], *n.* A soldier who took up position as a guide to the others in drill.

**fugue** (fūg) [F., from L. *fuga*, flight], *n.* A polyphonic composition on one short theme, which is harmonized in counterpoint and reintroduced from time to time with variations.

**-ful**, *suf.* Full of, abounding in, having, as *artful*, *beautiful*, *sinful*; the quantity required to fill, as *cupful*, *handful*, *houseful*.

**fulcrum** (fūl'krūm) [L., a support], *n.* (*pl.* -*cra*) The fixed point on which a lever rests or about which it turns.

**fulfil** (ful-fil') [A.-S. *fullfyllan*], *v.t.* To carry out, execute, satisfy; to perform, correspond to, comply with; to complete (a term of office, etc.). **fulfilment**, **fulfilling**, *n.*

**fulgent** (fūl'jənt) [L. *fulgens*, shining], *a.* Dazzling, exceedingly bright.

**full** (1) (ful) [A.-S.], *a.* Containing as much as it can; well supplied, having abundance (of); satisfied with; charged or overflowing (with feeling, etc.); plentiful; perfect; wholly visible; swelling, plump; sonorous; pregnant; high (as the tide). *adv.* Quite, equally; completely, exactly; very. *n.* Complete measure; the fullest extent, highest state or point. *v.t.* To give fullness to; to make full. *v.i.* To become full. **full-blooded**, *a.* Vigorous; of pure blood. **full-blown**, *a.* Fully expanded (as a flower); mature. **full-swing**, *adv.* At full speed.

**full** (2) [L. *fullo*, a fuller], *v.t.* To cleanse and thicken (as cloth). **fuller** (ful'ér), *n.* One who fuls cloth. **fuller's earth**, *n.* An earth which absorbs grease, used in fulling cloth.

**fullness** (ful'nés) [FULL (1), -NESS], *n.* State or quality of being full; satiety; largeness, volume.

**fulmar** (ful'mār) [Scand.], *n.* An Arctic sea-bird allied to the petrels.

**fulminate** (fūl'mi-nāt) [L. *fulmen*, lightning], *v.t.* To lighten or thunder; to explode with a loud noise; to thunder

out denunciations. *v.t.* To cause to explode; to utter (threats, etc.). **fulmination**, *n.*

**fulsome** (ful'sūm) [FULL (1), -SOME], *a.* Disgusting by excess, coarse, satiating (esp. of flattery, etc.).

**fumble** (fūmbl) [?], *v.i.* To grope about in an aimless or awkward manner. *v.i.* To handle or manage awkwardly. **fumbler**, *n.*

**fume** (fūm) [L. *fūmus*, smoke], *n.* A vaporous exhalation; a narcotic vapour (*usu. in pl.*); mental agitation, esp. anger; anything unsubstantial. *v.i.* To emit or pass off in smoke or vapour; to show irritation, to fret, chafe. **fumy**, *a.*

**fumigate** (fū'mi-gāt) [as prec.], *v.t.* To disinfect by smoke or vapour; to perfume. **fumigation**, *n.* **fu'migator**, *n.*

**fun** (fūn) [?], *n.* Sport, amusement, frolic, drollery.

**function** (fūnk'shūn) [L. *functio*, from *fungi*, to perform], *n.* The specific activity, operation, or power belonging to an agent or organ; occupation, office; a public or official ceremony; a social entertainment of some importance; (*Math.*) a quantity dependent for its value on another or others so that a change in one affects the first. *v.i.* To perform a function or duty; to operate. **functional**, *a.* **functionary**, *n.* One who holds an office or trust; an official. *a.* Pertaining to functions; official.

**fund** (fūnd) [L. *fundus*, bottom], *n.* A sum of money or a stock available; assets, capital; (*pl.*) money constituting a national debt; this regarded as an investment; pecuniary resources. *v.t.* To convert into a single fund or debt; to collect, store; to place in a fund. **funded**, *a.* Invested in public funds; forming part of a national debt.

**fundament** (fūn'dā-mənt) [L. *fundāmentum*], *n.* The lower part of the body, the buttocks.

**fundamental** (fūn-dā-men'tāl) [as prec.], *a.* Pertaining to or serving as a foundation or base; essential, primary, indispensable. *n.* A principle, rule, etc., forming the basis or ground-work.

**funeral** (fū'nér-ál) [L. *fānus*, a funeral procession], *a.* Pertaining to burial. *n.* The solemn and ceremonial burying of the dead; interment, obsequies. **funereal**, *a.* Suitable for a funeral; dismal, sad, mournful.

**fungus** (fūng'gus) [L.], *n.* A mushroom, toadstool, or other similar plant. **fungous**, *a.* Like or of the nature of a fungus; ephemeral; spongy.

**funicular** (fū-nik'ū-lār) [L. *funiculus*, a little rope, -AR], *a.* Pertaining to, consisting of, or depending on a rope or cable.

**funk** (fūnk) [?], *n.* A state of fear or panic; a coward. *v.i.* To flinch, to shrink in fear or cowardice. *v.t.* To be afraid of; to shirk.

**funnel** (fūn'él) [M.E. *fonel*, prob. through O.F. from L. *fundere*, to pour], *n.* A conical vessel for conducting liquids into

vessels with a small opening; a tube or shaft for ventilation, etc.; the chimney of a steamship, etc.

**funny** (fū'nī) [FUN, -Y], *a.* Droll, laughable; causing mirth; strange, queer, puzzling.

**fur** (fēr) [O.F. *forrer*, to line, from Teut.], *n.* The soft fine hair growing thick upon certain animals; (*pl.*) the skins, esp. dressed skins of such animals; a crust deposited by a liquid, esp. on the interior of kettles by hard water; a deposit from wine; morbid matter on the tongue. *v.t.* To line or trim with fur. **furred**, *a.* **furrier** (fūr'i-ēr), *n.* A dealer in furs; one who prepares furs. **furry**, *a.*

**furbelow** (fēr'bē-lō) [?], *n.* A piece of pucked stuff used as trimming, a flounce.

**furbish** (fēr'bish) [O.H.G. *furban*], *v.t.* To polish up; to renovate.

**furcate** (fēr'kāt, -kāt) [L. *furcatus*, as FORK], *a.* Forked, dividing like a fork.

**furiosus** (fū'ri-ūs) [as FURY], *a.* Raging, violent, frantic; tempestuous; vehement, eager. **furiously**, *adv.*

**furi** (fērī) [?], *v.t.* To roll up (a sail) and wrap about a yard, etc..

**furlong** (fēr'long) [A.-S. *furh*, FURROW, *lang*, LONG], *n.* The eighth of a mile, 220 yards.

**furlough** (fēr'lō) [Dut. *verlof*, FOR-, LEAVE (1)], *n.* Leave of absence, esp. to a soldier. *v.t.* To grant this to.

**furnace** (fēr'nās) [L. *forncem*, nom. -*nax*, oven], *n.* A chamber in which fuel is burned for the production of intense heat.

**furnish** (fēr'nish) [F. *fournir*], *v.t.* To provide or supply (with); to equip, fit up. **furnisher**, *n.* **furnishings**, *n.pl.*

**furniture** (fēr'ni-chūr) [F. *fourniture*, as prec.], *n.* Equipment, outfit; movable articles with which a room is furnished.

**furor** (fū-rōr'ā) [It.], Great excitement or enthusiasm; a craze, a rage.

**furrow** (fūr'ō) [A.-S. *furh*], *n.* A trench made by a plough; a narrow groove; a rut; the track of a ship; a wrinkle. *v.t.* To plough, to make grooves, furrows, or wrinkles in. **furrowy**, *a.*

**further** (fēr'ther) [A.-S. *furthra*], *a.* More remote; more advanced; beyond that already existing or stated, additional. *adv.* To a greater distance, degree, or extent; moreover, also. *v.t.* To help forward, advance, promote. **furtherance**, *n.* Promotion, help. **furtherer**, *n.* **furthermore**, *adv.* Moreover, besides. **furthermost**, *a.* Furthest, most remote. **furthest**, *a.* Most remote. *adv.* At or to the greatest distance or extent.

**furtive** (fēr'tiv) [L. *furtivus*, from *furtum*, theft], *a.* Stealthy, sly; designed to escape attention; obtained by or as by theft. **furtively**, *adv.*

**fury** (fū'ri) [L. *furere*, to rage], *n.* Vehement, uncontrollable anger, rage; impetuosity.

**furze** (fērz) [A.-S. *fyrz*], *n.* Gorse or whin, a spinous evergreen shrub with bright yellow flowers.

**fuse** (1) (fūz) [L. *fusus*, poured], *v.t.* To melt; to unite by or as by melting together. *v.i.* To melt, become fluid, or united by melting together. **fusible**, *a.*

**fuse** (2) (fūz) [L. *fusus*, a spindle], *n.* A cord, etc., saturated with combustible material, used for igniting an explosive.

**fusee** (fū-zē) [as prec.], *n.* The cone round which the chain is wound in a clock or watch; a large-headed match used by smokers in a wind. **fusiform**, *a.*

**fuselage** (fū-zè-lāj) [as prec., -AGE], *n.* The light framework of the body of an aeroplane.

**fusel oil** (fū-zèl oil) [G. *fusel*, inferior spirit], *n.* A poisonous alcoholic oil formed during the manufacture of corn, potato, or grape spirits.

**fusil** (fū-zil) [F. *fusil*, a fire-steel], *n.* An obsolete firelock, lighter than a musket.

**fusilier**, *n.* Orig. a soldier armed with this; now a member of certain line regiments.

**fusillade** (fū-zil-lād') [F. *fusiller*, to shoot, as prec.], *n.* A continuous discharge of firearms.

**fusion** (fū'zhūn) [L. *fusio*, as FUSE (1)], *n.* Act of melting or rendering liquid by heat; state of being so melted or liquefied; union by melting together, blending.

**fuss** (fūs) [?], *n.* Excessive activity or trouble; bustle, commotion, too much ado. *v.t.* To make much ado about nothing; to worry. **fussy**, *a.*

**fustian** (fūs'ti-ān) [O.F. *fustaigne*, Arab. *Fustāt*, a suburb of Cairo], *n.* A coarse twilled cotton cloth, with velvety pile; velvetene, corduroy; (*fig.*) bombast.

**fustigate** (fūs'ti-gāt) [L. *fustus*, a cudgel], *v.t.* To beat with a cudgel; to thrash.

**fusty** (fūs'ti) [L. *fustis*, a log], *a.* Mouldy, musty; ill-smelling.

**futile** (fū'til) [L. *futilis*, leaky], *a.* Useless; trifling, worthless. **futility**, *n.*

**futtock** (fūt'ōk) [?], *n.* One of the timbers in the compound rib of a vessel.

**future** (fū'chūr) [L. *futurus*, fut. p. of *esse*, to be], *a.* That will be; that is to come or happen. *n.* Time to come; that which will be; prospective condition, state, etc.; the future tense; (*pl.*) stocks, etc., bought or sold for future delivery.

**futurity** (fū-tūr'i-ti), *n.* The state of being future; future time, esp. eternity.

**-fy** [F. *-fier*, L. *-ficāre*, *facere*, to make], *suffix*. To make; to bring into a certain state (forming verbs), as in *beautify*, *deify*, *petrify*.

**fylfot** (fīl'fot) [?], *n.* A cross with arms continued at right angles, used heraldically, as a mystic symbol, or for decoration; the swastika.

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**gab** (gāb) [?], *n.* (*vulg.*) Idle talk, chatter.

**gabble** (gābl) [?], *v.t.* To utter inarticulate sounds; to talk rapidly and incoherently. *v.t.* To utter noisily or inarticulately. *n.* Rapid, incoherent talk.



**gaberdine** (găb'êr-dên) [Sp. *gabardina*], *n.* A long rough cloak, esp. as worn in the Middle Ages by Jews, almsmen, etc.

**gable** (găbl) [O.F., from Teut.], *n.* The triangular portion of the end of a building under the roof; a wall with upper part shaped like this. **gabled**, *a.*

**gaby** (gă'bi) [?], *n.* A fool, a simpleton.

**gad** (1) (găd) [Scand.], *n.* A pointed metal tool; an iron punch with a wooden handle; a sharp wedge for splitting stone.

**gad** (2) [?], *v.i.* To rove or wander idly (about); to straggle (as a plant). **gad-about**, *n.* One who gads about habitually.

**gadfly** (găd'fli) [GAD (1), FLY (1)], *n.* An insect which bites cattle, etc., a horse-fly; something or someone that irritates.

**Gael** (găl) [Gael. *Guidheal*], *n.* A Scottish Celt. **Gaelic**, *a.* Pertaining to the Gaels or their language; *n.* Their language.

**gaff** (găf) [O.F. *gaffe*], *n.* A stick with a metal hook, used to land heavy fish; the spar extending the upper edge of fore-and-aft sails not set on stays. *v.i.* To seize or land with a gaff.

**gaffer** (găf'êr) [GRANDFATHER], *n.* An old fellow, esp. an aged rustic; a foreman.

**gag** (găg) [?], *v.t.* To stop the mouth (of a person) by thrusting something into it; to deprive of freedom of speech; (*Theat. slang*) to put interpolations into. *n.* Something thrust into the mouth to prevent one from speaking.

**gage** (găj) [as WAGE], *n.* A pledge, a security to be forfeited in case of non-performance of some act; a glove or other symbol thrown as a challenge; a challenge. *v.t.* To deposit as pledge.

**gaiety** (gă'ê-ti) [O.F. *gayeté*], *n.* State of being gay; mirth, festivity.

**gain** (găn) [O.F., from *gagner*], *n.* Anything obtained as an advantage or in return for labour; increase, growth; (*pl.*) profits, emoluments. *v.t.* To obtain; to earn, win, acquire; to progress, to advance, reach, attain to; to win (over). *v.i.* To advance; to gain ground, to encroach (upon); to get the advantage (on or upon). **gainer**, *n.* **gainings**, *n.pl.* Profits, gains.

**gainsay** (găn'să) [Scand.], *v.t.* To contradict, deny; to dispute. **gainsayer**, *n.*

**gait** (găt) [Icel. *gata*], *n.* Manner of walking or going, carriage.

**gaiter** (gă'têr) [F. *guêtre*], *n.* A covering for the leg from knee to ankle.

**gala** (gă'lă) [It.], *n.* A festivity, fête.

**galantine** (găl'an-tên) [F., as GELATINE], *n.* A dish of white meat, freed from bone, spiced, jellied, and served cold.

**galaxy** (găl'ăk-si) [O.F. *galaxie*], *n.* The Milky Way, a luminous band, consisting of innumerable small stars, stretching across the sky; (*fig.*) a brilliant assemblage.

**gale** (1) (găl) [Scand.], *n.* A strong wind, one less violent than a tempest.

**gale** (2) [as GAVEL], *n.* A periodic payment of rent.

**gall** (1) (gawl) [A.-S. *gealla*, cogn. with YELLOW], *n.* A bitter, yellowish fluid

secreted by the liver, bile; rancour, malignity, bitterness of mind.

**Gall** (2) [L. *galla*], *n.* A morbid excrescence on plants, esp. the oak, caused by an insect.

**gall** (3) [A.-S. *gealla*], *n.* A sore or blister, esp. one produced on a horse by chafing. *v.t.* To chafe, to injure by rubbing or friction; to annoy, harass, vex. **galling**, *a.*

**Gallant** (găl'ant) [O.F., pres. p. of *galer*, to make merry], *a.* Gay, showy; fine, stately, high-spirited, courageous, chivalrous; (gă-lănt') specially attentive to women. *n.* A man of fashion, a beau; (gă-lănt'), a man attentive and polite to women. *v.t.* (gă-lănt') To attend as a cavalier, to escort; to pay court to; to flirt with. *v.i.* To play the gallant.

**gal'antry**, *n.*

**galleon** (găl'ê-ôn) [Sp. *galeon*, as GALLEY], *n.* A large ship, used in 15th-17th cents.

**gallery** (găl'ê-ri) [O.F. *galerie*], *n.* An elevated floor or platform projecting from the wall of a church, theatre, etc.; (*Theat.*) the highest and cheapest seats; the persons occupying these; a corridor, passage, a long and narrow room; a balcony.

**galley** (găl'i) [O.F. *gaite*, late L. *galea*, a galley], *n.* A low, flat vessel, with one deck, with sails and oars; a large row-boat used by the captain of a man-of-war; a state barge; the cook-house on board ship; (*Print.*) a tray on which type is placed as it is set.

**Gallic** [L. *Gallicus*], *a.* Of or pertaining to ancient Gaul. **Gallicism**, *n.* A French expression or idiom.

**galligaskins** (găl-i-găs'kinz) [F. *garguesques*, It. *Grechesca*, Greekish], *n.pl.* Loose hose or breeches worn in the 16th and 17th cents.

**gallimaufry** (găl-i-maw'fri) [F. *gallimafrée*], *n.* A hodge-podge; a ridiculous medley.

**gallinaceous** (găl-i-nă'shûs) [L. *gallina*, a hen], *a.* Of or pertaining to the group of birds containing pheasants, partridges, grouse, turkeys, domestic fowls, etc.

**gallipot** (găl'i-pot) [?], *n.* A small glazed earthenware pot for ointments, etc.

**gallivant** (găl-i-vănt') [?], *v.t.* To gad about.

**gallon** (găl'ôn) [O.F. *galon*], *n.* A dry measure of capacity, a one-eighth of a bushel; a measure for liquids, containing 277½ cubic inches, 8 pints or 4 quarts.

**galloon** (găl-loon') [F. *galon*], *n.* A narrow braid interwoven with gold or silver thread.

**gallop** (găl'ôp) [O.F. *galoper*], *v.t.* To run in a series of springs, as a horse; to ride at a gallop; to go or do anything at a very rapid pace. *v.t.* To make (a horse) gallop. *n.* The motion of a horse at its fastest speed, with all the feet off the ground at one point in the motion; the act of riding or a ride at this pace.

**galloper**, *n.* An aide-de-camp.

**Galloway** (găl'ô-wă), *n.* A small, hardy variety of horse, bred in Galloway.

**gallows** (găl'ôz) [A.-S. *galga*], *n.* A framework on which murderers are hanged,

**galop** (gál'óp) [as GALLOP], *n.* A lively dance in 2-4 time; music for this.

**galore** (gá-lór') [Ir. *go, to, leor*, sufficient], *n.* Plenty, abundance. *adv.* In plenty.

**galosh** (gá-losh') [F. *galoche*], *n.* An overshoe for use in wet weather.

**galvanism** (gál'vá-nizm) [L. *Galvani*, Ital. physician (1737-98)], *n.* Electricity produced by chemical action; the science dealing with this; its application for medical purposes. **galvanic**, *a.* **galvanist**, *n.* **galvanize**, *v.t.* To stimulate muscular action or to plate with metal by galvanism; to rouse into life or activity as by a galvanic shock. **galvanized iron**, *n.* Iron coated with zinc (orig. by galvanic deposition).

**gambit** (gám'bit) [It. *gambetto*, a tripping up], *n.* An opening in chess, in which a pawn is sacrificed.

**gamble** (gámbl) [as GAME], *v.i.* To play, esp. a game of chance, for money. *n.* A gambling venture. **gambler**, *n.*

**gamboge** (gám-bōj') [Cambodia], *n.* A gum-resin, from Cambodia, Ceylon, etc., used as a yellow pigment, and in medicine.

**gambol** (gám'ból) [O.F. *gambade*, It. *gambata* (gamba, leg)], *v.i.* To frisk or skip about, frolic. *n.* A frolic; a skipping or playing about.

**game** (1) (gām) [A.-S. *gamen*], *n.* Sport, diversion; jest, as opp. to earnest; an exercise for diversion, usu. with others, a contest played according to rules; (*pl.*) athletic contests, esp. those held at set dates, like the Olympian Games, etc.; (*colloq., pl.*) tricks, dodges, subterfuges; wild animals or birds pursued in the chase, as hares, grouse, etc.; the flesh of these; an object of pursuit. *a.* Pertaining to game; plucky, spirited; ready, willing (to do, etc.). *v.t.* To play at games of chance; to gamble. **gamecock**, *n.* A cock bred for fighting. **game-keeper**, *n.* One employed to look after game, coverts, etc., and to prevent poaching. **gamesome**, *a.* Inclined to play; merry, gay. **gamester**, *n.* One addicted to gaming, a gambler. **gamy**, *a.* Having the flavour or odour of game, high; plucky, spirited, game.

**game** (2) (gām) [?], *a.* Lame, crippled; crooked (of the arm or leg).

**gamin** (gám'in) [F.], *n.* A street arab.

**gammer** (gám'ér) [GRANDMOTHER], *n.* An old woman.

**gammon** (1) (gám'ón) [O.F. *gambon* (gambe, a leg)], *n.* The buttock or thigh of a hog salted and dried; a cured ham. *v.t.* To salt and dry in smoke.

**gammon** (2) [? as next], *n.* Nonsense, humbug; a fraud, hoax. *v.t.* To hoax, to impose upon. *v.i.* To chaff.

**gammon** (3) (gám'ón) [? A.-S. *gamen*, GAME], *n.* A defeat at backgammon in which the winner's score is equivalent to two games.

**gammy** [as GAME (2)], *a.* Spurious; crooked, crippled, lame.

**gamp** (gämp) [Mrs. *Gamp*, in Dickens's 'Martin Chuzzlewit'], *n.* (*facet.*) A large and clumsy umbrella.

**gamut** (gám'út) [med. L. *gamma ut* (gamma, third letter of Greek alphabet, used to mark the lowest note in the mediæval music scale, *ut*, first word in mnemonic stanza containing the names of the hexachord *Ut re mi fa sol la*)], *n.* The major diatonic scale; the whole series of notes recognized by musicians; (*fig.*) the whole range, compass, or extent.

**-gamy** [Gr. *gamos*, marriage], *suf.* Marriage or kind of marriage, as *bigamy*, *polygamy*.

**gander** (gán'dér) [A.-S. *gandra*], *n.* The male of the goose; a simpleton.

**gang** (gáng) [A.-S.], *n.* A number of persons associated, often for a bad purpose; a number of workmen under a foreman, or of slaves or convicts. **ganger**, *n.* An overseer or foreman.

**ganglion** (gáng'gli-ón) [Gr.], *n.* (*pl.* -*glia*). An enlargement in the course of a nerve forming a local centre for nervous action.

**gangrene** (gáng'grén) [Gr. *gangraina*], *n.* Cessation of vitality, the first stage of mortification. *v.t.* To cause this in; (*fig.*) to corrupt. *v.i.* To mortify.

**gangway** (gáng'wá) [A.-S. *gangwey*], *n.* A passage, as between rows of seats; a temporary bridge from a ship to the shore; an opening in the bulwarks for this.

**gannet** (gán'ét) [A.-S. *ganot*], *n.* A sea-bird, the solan goose.

**gantry** (gán'tri) [?], *n.* A wooden stand for barrels; a framework for a travelling crane.

**gap** (gáp) [as foll.], *n.* An opening, breach; a chasm; a blank.

**gape** (gáp) [Icel. *gapa*], *v.t.* To yawn; to stare with open mouth in wonder, etc.; to open in a fissure, to split open. *n.* Act of gaping; (*pl.*) a disease in young fowls, characterized by much gaping; a fit of yawning.

**garage** (gär'áj) [F.], *n.* A building for housing or repairing motor-cars.

**garb** (garb) [It. *garbo*, elegance], *n.* Costume; distinctive style of dress; outward appearance. *v.t.* To dress.

**garbage** (gar'báj) [?], *n.* Animal refuse, offal.

**garble** (garbl) [?], *v.t.* To pervert, falsify.

**garden** (garda) [A.-F. *gardin* (F. *jardin*)], *n.* An enclosed piece of ground for fruit, flowers, or vegetables; a particularly fertile region. *a.* Pertaining to a garden; cultivated, not wild. *v.i.* To cultivate a garden. **gardener**, *n.* **gardening**, *n.* Horticulture; work in a garden.

**gardenia** (gar-dē'ni-á) [Dr. *Garden*, Am. botanist (d. 1791)], *n.* A tropical shrub cultivated for its large fragrant flowers.

**gargle** (gargl) [F. *gargouiller*], *v.t.* To rinse (the mouth or throat) with medicated liquid. *n.* A liquid used for this.

**gargoyle** (gar'gōil) [Fr. *gargouille*, weasand], *n.* A grotesque spout to throw rainwater clear of the wall.



**garish** (gär'ish) [obs. *gauren*, to stare], *a.* Gaudy, flashy; excessively decorated.

**garland** (gar'länd) [O.F. *garlande*], *n.* A wreath or festoon of flowers, etc.

**garlic** (gar'lik) [A.-S. *gārlic*], *n.* A bulbous-rooted plant with a strong odour and pungent taste. *garlicky, a.*

**garment** (gar'mént) [F. *garnir*, see GARNISH], *n.* An article of clothing, apparel.

**garner** (gar'nér) [as GRANARY], *n.* A granary; a store, repository. *v.t.* To store, to gather (up).

**garnet** (gar'nét) [L. (*mālum*) *grānātum*, POMEGRANATE, from resemblance to its seeds], *n.* A red vitreous mineral, prized as a gem.

**garnish** (gar'nish) [O.F. *garniss*, stem of *garnir*, to defend, fortify], *v.t.* To adorn; to embellish (as a dish) with something laid round. *n.* A decoration, esp. things put round a dish. *garniture, n.* Appurtenances; trimmings, ornament.

**garret** (gär'ët) [O.F. *garite*], *n.* A room or story immediately under the roof.

**garrison** (gär'i-són) [F. *garison*, defence], *n.* A body of troops stationed in a fort; a fortified place manned with soldiers, guns, etc. *v.t.* To furnish (a fortress) with soldiers; to occupy as a garrison.

**garrotte** (gá-rot') [Sp. *garrote*, a stick], *n.* Strangulation, esp. as a means of execution; robbery by means of strangling. *v.t.* To execute by this means; to render insensible in order to rob. *garrotter, n.*

**garrulous** (gär'ù-lús) [L. *garrulus*], *a.* Talkative; chattering. *garrulity, n.*

**garter** (gar'tér) [O.F. *gartier*, from *garet* (F. *jarret*), the leg], *n.* A band for holding the stocking up. *v.t.* To fasten with a garter; to put a garter upon.

**garth** (garth) [Icel. *garthr*, A.-S. *geard*, YARD], *n.* A garden, croft, or yard.

**gas** (gäs) [invented from Gr. *chaos*, CHAOS], *n.* An air-like substance of perfect fluid elasticity; such a fluid used for lighting and heating, esp. that obtained from coal; (*Coal-mining*) an explosive mixture of fire-damp and air; a gas-jet; empty talk, brag. *v.i.* To indulge in empty talk; to boast. *v.t.* To subject to the action of gas; to attack or kill by poison-gas.

**gas-burner, n.** The tube or jet at which the gas issues and is lighted. **gaseous** (gä'sé-ús), *a.* In the form of gas; like gas. **gas-fitter, n.** A workman who lays the pipes and puts up fixtures for gas.

**gasify, v.t.** To convert into gas. **gas-jet, n.** A gas-burner; a jet of flame from it.

**gas-meter, n.** A machine for measuring and recording the quantity of gas consumed.

**Gascon** (gäs'kón) [F.], *n.* A native of Gascony, France; a boaster. **gasconade, n.** Boasting, bravado.

**gaselier** (gäs-é-lér') [GAS, (CHAND)ELIER], *n.* An ornamental pendant for gas-burners.

**gash** (gash) [O.F. *garser*], *v.t.* To make a long gaping cut in. *n.* A deep, open cut, especially in flesh; a cleft.

**gasket** (gäs'két) [?], *n.* A cord by which furled sails are bound to the yards.

**gasometer** (gä-som'é-tér) [GAS, -METER], *n.* A reservoir for the storage of gas at gas-works.

**gasp** (gasp) [Scand.], *v.i.* To breathe in a convulsive manner. *v.t.* To emit or utter with gasps. *n.* A short painful catching of the breath.

**gastric** (gäs'trik) [as foll.], *a.* Pertaining to the stomach. **gastritis, n.** Inflammation of the stomach.

**gastro-** [Gr. *gastér*, the stomach], *comb. form.* Pertaining to the stomach.

**gastronomy** (gäs-trón'ó-mi) [Gr. *gastro-nomia* (as GASTRO- and ASTRONOMY)], *n.* The art or science of good eating, epicurism. **gastronomic, a.**

**gate** (gät) [A.-S. *geat*], *n.* A movable frame of open wood or iron bars, etc., swinging or sliding, to close a passage or opening; an opening in a wall or fence as entrance to an enclosure; an opening, an opportunity; a strait, a mountain pass, etc.; a sluice in a lock or dock; the number of people attending a sporting event, the money taken at the gates. *v.t.* (*Oxf. and Camb. Univ.*) To confine to college. **gateway, n.** An opening or passage that may be closed by a gate.

**gather** (gäh'ér) [A.-S. *gædrian*, from *geador*, together], *v.t.* To bring together, collect, accumulate, acquire; to cull, pluck; to get in, as harvest; to deduce, infer; to draw together, pucker, draw into folds or plaits; to sum (up). *v.i.* To come together, assemble, unite; to grow by addition; to concentrate, to generate pus or matter. *n.* A plait or fold of cloth, drawn together. **gathering, n.** Act of collecting or assembling; an assembly, a party; a boll.

**Gatling-gun** [inventor (d. 1903)], *n.* A machine-gun with many barrels loading automatically.

**gaucherie** (gö'shè-rè) [F.], *n.* A social mistake; awkward manners.

**gaud** (gawd) [L. *gaudère*, to rejoice], *n.* A showy trinket, finery; (*pl.*) pomps and shows. **gaudery, n.** Finery, showy ornament, show. **gaudy, a.** Tastelessly ornate, flashy. **gaudiness, n.**

**gauge** (gäi), (*Naut.*) *gäge* [O.F. *gauger*], *v.t.* To ascertain the dimensions, content, etc.; to test the capacity of (casks, etc.) for excise; to estimate (abilities, character, etc.). *n.* A standard of measurement; a measuring rod; a graduated instrument showing the quantity of rainfall, force of steam-pressure in a boiler, etc.; the depth to which a vessel sinks in the water; (*Railway*) the width between the rails. **gaugeable, a.** **gauger, n.** One who gauges; an excise-officer.

**Gaul** (gawl) [L. *Gallus*], *n.* A native of ancient Gaul. **Gaulish, a.**

**gaunt** (gawnt) [?], *a.* Thin, haggard.

**gauntlet** (1) (gawnt'lét) [O.F. *gantelet*, a small glove], *n.* A long metal-covered

glove, worn with armour; a long stout glove covering the wrists.

**gauntlet** (2) [Swed. *gallopp* (*gata*, GATE, *lopp*, a course)], *n.* A punishment, in which the culprit runs between two rows of men armed with knotted cords or the like, with which they strike him.

**gauze** (*gawz*) [F. *gaze*], *n.* A light, transparent stuff; perforated or other material resembling this. **gauzy**, *a.* **gauziness**, *n.*

**gavel** (1) (*gävl*) [A.-S. *gafol*, tribute], *n.* Partition of land among a whole tribe at the holder's death. **gavelkind** (*gävl'kind*), *n.* A custom whereby the lands of one dying intestate descend to all the sons in equal shares; holding land by this tenure.

**gavel** (2) [?], *n.* A mason's setting-maul; a chairman's mallet.

**gavotte** (*gá-vot'*) [F.], *n.* A dance resembling the minuet; music for this.

**gawk** (*gawk*) [?], *n.* A simpleton, booby. **gawky**, *a.* Awkward, clownish.

**gay** (*gä*) [O.F. *gai*], *a.* Full of mirth; light-hearted, merry; given to pleasure; showy, finely dressed. **gaily**, *adv.*

**gaze** (*gäz*) [?], *v.i.* To fix the eye intently on. *n.* A fixed look; a look of curiosity.

**gazelle** (*gä-zel'*) [Arab. *ghazāl*], *n.* A swift and very graceful antelope.

**gazette** (*gä-zet'*) [It. *gazetta*], *n.* A newspaper; an official journal (one of these published in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin respectively) containing lists of appointments, bankrupts, legal notices, etc. *v.t.* To publish in a gazette; to announce the bankruptcy of (*usu. in p.p.*). **gazetteer**, *n.* A geographical dictionary.

**gear** (*gēr*) [M.E. *gere*], *n.* Apparatus, tools, mechanical appliances, harness, tackle, equipment, dress; (*Mech.*) combinations of cog-wheels, links, levers, etc.; the state of being connected up or in working order; (*Sc.*) property, wealth. *v.t.* To harness; to put into gear; to furnish with gearing. **gearing**, *n.* Gear, working parts.

**gee** (*jē*), **gee-up**, *int.* Go on, move faster (to a horse). **gee-gee**, *n.* (*childish and colloq.*) A horse.

**gelatine** (*jel'ä-tēn*) [L. *gelata*, jelly], *n.* A transparent substance, forming a jelly in water, obtained from connective animal tissue. **gelat'inous**, *a.* Of the nature or consisting of gelatine, jelly-like.

**geld** (*geld*) [Scand.], *v.t.* To castrate (esp. a horse), to emasculate. **gelding**, *n.* Act of castrating; a castrated animal, esp. a castrated horse.

**geld** (*jel'id*) [L. *gelu*, frost], *a.* Extremely cold; icy.

**gem** (*jēm*) [L. *gemma*, a bud, jewel], *n.* A precious stone, esp. when cut and polished; an object of great rarity or beauty; a treasure. *v.t.* To adorn with or as with gems. **gemmy**, *a.* Full of or set with gems; bright, glittering.

**gemel** (*jēm'el*) [L. *gemellus*, dim. of *geminus*, twin], *n.* A kind of finger-ring formed of two (or more) rings, also called a **gemel-ring**.

**-gen** [Gr., from root of *gignesthai*, to be born], *suffix*. Producing; produced; growth; as in *hydrogen*, *nitrogen*.

**gendarme** (*zhan-darm*) [F.], *n.* A policeman in France and some other Continental countries.

**gender** (*jēn'dēr*) [O.F. *genre*, as GENUS], *n.* (*Gram.*) One of the classes into which words are divided according to the sex of the things they represent.

**genealogy** (*jē-nē-äl'ō-jī*) [Gr. *genea*, race, -LOGY], *n.* The history of the descent of families; a record of such a descent; pedigree, lineage. **genealog'ical**, *a.* Pertaining to genealogy. **genealogist**, *n.*

**general** (*jēn'ēr-äl*) [O.F., from L. *generālis*, from GENUS], *a.* Relating to a whole genus or class; not special; common, usual, universal; indefinite, vague; not specialized or restricted. *n.* An officer ranking next below a field-marshal; the commander of an army; (*R.-C. Ch.*) the chief of a religious order; a general servant, a maid-of-all-work. **generally**, *adv.* In general; in most cases; commonly, usually; without specifying.

**generalissimo** (*jēn'ēr-äl-lis'i-mō*) [It., superl.], *n.* The chief commander of a combined military and naval force or one furnished by several powers.

**generality** (*jēn'ēr-äl'i-ti*) [as GENERAL], *n.* The state of being general, as opposed to specific; a general principle; a vague statement; the majority.

**generalize** (*jēn'ēr-äl-iz*) [GENERAL, -IZE], *v.t.* To deal with as a class, not an individual; to apply generally, to make of universal application; to deduce or infer (as a general principle) from many particulars. *v.i.* To form general ideas; to reason inductively; to employ generalities. **generalization**, *n.*

**generalship** (*jēn'ēr-äl-ship*) [GENERAL, -SHIP], *n.* Office or rank of a general; skill in the conduct of war, strategy.

**generate** (*jēn'ēr-ät*) [L. *generātus*, begotten], *v.t.* To produce or bring into existence; to originate, beget, procreate. **genera'tion**, *n.* Act of generating; propagation; bringing into existence; a single step in natural descent; a period between one succession and another; those of the same period; offspring, a race. **gen'era-tive**, *a.* **gen'erator**, *n.* One who or that which begets or generates; an apparatus for the production of gas.

**generic**, -al (*jē-nēr'ik*, -äl) [as GENUS], *a.* Pertaining to a genus, opp. to specific; comprehensive.

**generous** (*jēn'ēr-ūs*) [L. *generōsus*, as prec.], *a.* Liberal, open-handed; abundant. **generos'ity**, *n.*

**genesis** (*jēn'ē-sis*) [Gr., from *gen-*, root of *gignesthai*, to be born], *n.* (*pl. -ses*) The act of giving origin to; creation, mode of production or formation. **Genesis**, *n.* The first book of the Old Testament.

**genetic** (*jē-nēr'ik*) [as prec.], *a.* Relating to the origin, or creation of a thing.

**geneva** (*jē-nē-vä*) [Dut. *genever*, L. *juni-*



- perus*, juniper], *n.* A spirit distilled from grain flavoured with juniper-berries.
- genial** (jě'ni-ál) [L. *geniális*, as GENIUS], *a.* Kindly, cordial, sympathetic; conducive to life and growth. **genial'ity**, *n.*
- genista** (jě-nis'tá) [L.], *n.* A genus of leguminous shrubs, with yellow flowers.
- genital** (jen'i-tál) [L. *genitális*, as GENIUS], *a.* Pertaining to procreation.
- genitive** (jen'i-tiv) [L. *genetivus*, of generation], *a.* and *n.* (*Gram.*) Indicating origin, possession, or the like (applied to a case corresponding to the Eng. possessive).
- genius** (jě'nyús) [L., from *gen-*, root of *gignere*, to beget], *n.* (*pl.* **genii**) A tutelary deity or spirit; one who exercises a powerful influence over another for good or ill; (*pl.* **geniuses**) natural bent or inclination of the mind; the dominant spirit or sentiment (of); a large endowment of intellectual, imaginative, or inventive faculty, etc.; a person so endowed.
- genous** [L., as GENIUS], *suf.* Born; bearing, producing; as *indigenous*.
- genre** (zhanr) [F., as GENDER], *n.* Sort, class; manner; a painting of some scene in every-day life; this style of painting.
- genteel** (jěn-tě'l) [O.F. *gentil*], *a.* (*now vulg. or iron.*) Suitable or pertaining to the upper class; well-bred, refined.
- gentian** (jen'shán) [L. *gentiána*], *n.* A genus of bitter herbs, used in medicine as a tonic.
- gentile** (jen'til) [L. *gentilis*, from *gens gentis*, a clan], *a.* Not a Jew; heathen. *n.* One who is not a Jew; a heathen, a pagan.
- gentility** (jen-til'i-ti) [as prec.], *n.* Manners and habits distinctive of good society.
- gentle** (jentl) [O.F. *gentil*, as GENTILE], *a.* Mild, tender, not rough, violent, or stern; not severe, not steep; of honourable birth, belonging to the gentry. *n.* The larva of the flesh-fly. **gentlefolk**, *n.* People of good position or gentle birth. **gentleness**, *n.* **gently**, *adv.*
- gentleman** (jentl'mán), *n.* A man belonging to the gentry, not the nobility, one entitled to bear arms; a man of good breeding, kindly feelings, and high principles, a man of honour or good social position. **gentlemanlike**, *a.* **gentlemanly**, *a.* **gentlemanliness**, *n.*
- gentlewoman** (jentl'wu-mán), *n.* A woman of gentle birth or breeding; a lady; a woman who waits upon a lady of high rank.
- gentry** (jen'tri) [as GENTILE], *n.* The class below the nobility and above the common people.
- genuflect** (jen'ū-flekt) [L. *genu*, knee, *flectere*, to bend], *v.i.* To bend the knee, esp. in worship. **genuflexion** (-flek'shún), *n.*
- genuine** (jen'ū-in) [L. *genuínus*, as GENIUS], *a.* Belonging to the true stock; real, not counterfeit or adulterated; true to type. **genuinely**, *adv.* **genuineness**, *n.*
- genus** (jě'nús) [L., as prec.], *n.* (*pl.* **genera**) A group or class, esp. of animals or plants, differentiated from all others by common characteristics; kind, order, family.
- geo-** [Gr., from *gē*, earth], *comb. form.* Pertaining to the earth. **geocentric** (jě-ō-sen'trik), *a.* As viewed from or having relation to the earth as centre; referring to the centre of the earth.
- geodesy** (jě-od'ě-si) [GEO-, Gr. *-daisia*, division], *n.* Science or art of measuring large portions of the earth's surface. **geodē'sic**, **geodet'ic**, *a.*
- geography** (jě-og'rā-fī) [GEO-, GRAPHY], *n.* The science of the surface of the earth, its physical features, natural productions, inhabitants, political divisions, commerce, etc.; a book dealing with this. **geographer**, *n.* **geograph'ic**, **-al**, *a.*
- geology** (jě-ol'ō-jī) [GEO-, -LOGY], *n.* The science of the earth's crust, its composition, structure, and history of its development; a treatise on this. **geolog'ical**, *a.* **geol'ogist**, *n.*
- geomancy** (jě-ō-mán'si) [GEO-, MANCY], *n.* Divination by means of lines, etc., on the earth or on paper.
- geometry** (jě-om'ě-tri) [GEO-, -METRY], *n.* The science of magnitudes, whether linear, superficial, or solid, with their properties and relations in space. **geomet'ric**, **-al**, *a.* **geometric'ian**, *n.*
- George** (jōrj), *n.* A jewel bearing the figure of St. George, the patron saint of England, worn by the knights of the Garter.
- georgic** (jōr'jik) [Gr. *geōrgos*, a husbandman], *n.* A poem on husbandry or rural affairs.
- geranium** (jě-rā-ni-um) [Gr. *geranos*, a crane], *n.* A genus of hardy herbaceous plants.
- gerfalcon** (jěrfaw-kón) [M.H.G. *gīrvalke* (cp. *G. geier*, vulture)], *n.* A large and powerful falcon.
- germ** (jěrm) [L. *germen -inis*], *n.* The portion of living matter from which an organism develops; an embryo; a partially-developed organism; (*Path.*) a micro-organism, esp. as disease-carrier, a microbe; origin, source, elementary principle. **germicide**, *a.* Destroying germs, esp. disease-germs. *n.* A substance for this purpose. **germinal**, *a.* Of the nature of a germ; germinative; in the earliest stage.
- german** (1) (jěrmán) [L. *germánus*, having the same parents], *a.* Sprung from the same parents, relevant, pertinent.
- German** (2) [L. *Germanus*], *a.* Pertaining to Germany. *n.* A native of or the language of Germany. **German'ic**, *a.*
- germinate** (jěrm-nát) [L. *germinátus*], *v.i.* To sprout, bud; to develop. *v.t.* To cause to sprout or bud; to put forth; **germina'tion**, *n.* **germinative**, *a.*
- gerous** [L. *gerere*, to bear], *suf.* Bearing, having.
- gerrymander** (ger-, jer-i-mán'dér) [Elbridge Gerry, Governor of Massachusetts, *salamander*, which the map of one district was supposed to resemble], *v.t.* To

tamper with (an electoral district or constituency) so as to secure unfair advantages; to garble so as to arrive at unfair conclusions.

**gerund** (jer'ünd) [L. *gerundium*, from *gerere*, to do], *n.* (*Lat. Gram.*) A part of the verb used as a noun instead of the infinitive in cases other than the nominative; (*Eng. Gram.*) a verbal noun ending in -ing, when used as a part of the verb. **gerundial** (jè-rün'di-ál), *a.* **gerun'dive**, *a.* Pertaining to a gerund. *n.* (*Lat. Gram.*) A verbal adjective formed on the gerundial stem giving the sense of *must* or *should* (be done).

**gestation** (jes-tá'shùn) [L. *gestatio*, from *gestare*, to carry], *n.* The act of carrying or process of being carried in the uterus from the time of conception; the period of this.

**gesticulate** (jes-tik'ü-lät) [L. *gesticulāri*, from *gestus*, gesture], *v.i.* To make expressive gestures or motions. *v.t.* To express or represent by gestures. **gesticulation**, *n.*

**gesture** (jes'chür) [late L. *gestura*, from *gestus*, see prec.], *n.* A motion expressive of emotion or illustrating or enforcing something said.

**get** (get) [Scand.], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* got) To procure, obtain, gain possession of, acquire; to earn; to receive as one's portion or penalty; to beget; to persuade (to); to betake (oneself). *v.i.* To arrive at any place, condition, or posture; to depart; to be a gainer, to profit. **get-at-able**, *a.* **gettable**, *a.* **getting**, *n.* (*pl.*) Gains, profits.

**gewgaw** (gü'gaw) [?], *n.* A showy trifle. **geyser** (gä'zër) [Icel. *geysir*, gusher], *n.* A hot spring throwing up a column of water at intervals; an apparatus for rapidly heating bath-water.

**ghastly** (gast'li) [A.-S. *gæstan*, to terrify], *a.* Haggard, deathlike; frightful, shocking. **ghastliness**, *n.*

**gherkin** (gër'kin) [Dut. *agurkken*], *n.* A small variety of cucumber, used for pickling.

**ghetto** (get'ò) [It.], *n.* The quarter of a town inhabited by Jews.

**ghost** (göst) [A.-S. *gāst*, as **GHOSTLY**], *n.* The visible spirit of a deceased person, an apparition; the soul of a dead person in the other world; soul, spirit, vital principle. **ghostly**, *a.* Pertaining to the soul, spiritual; pertaining to religious matters; pertaining to ghosts; dismal, gloomy.

**ghoul** (gool) [Arab. *ghūl*], *n.* An evil spirit supposed, in Eastern tales, to devour the dead.

**giant** (jī'ánt) [O.F. *geant*, Gr. *gigas-antos*], *n.* A mythical being of human form but superhuman size; any person, animal, plant, etc., of abnormal size; a person of extraordinary powers, ability, etc. *a.* Gigantic. **giantess**, *n.*

**gilaour** (jour) [Pers. *gāwār*], *n.* A Turkish name for disbelievers in Mohammed.

**gibber** (jib'ër) [imit.], *v.i.* To jabber, to

talk rapidly and inarticulately. *n.* Talk of this kind. **gibberish** (gib'ër-ish), *n.* Inarticulate sounds; unmeaning language. **gibbet** (jib'èt) [O.F. *gibet*, dim. of *gibe*, a staff], *n.* A gallows; death by hanging. *v.t.* To execute by hanging.

**gibbon** (gib'on) [F.], *n.* A long-armed anthropoid ape.

**gibbous** (gib'ús) [L. *gibbus*, a hump], *a.* Humped, crook-backed; protuberant, convex, esp. of the moon when the illuminated portion exceeds a semicircle but falls short of a circle. **gibbos'ity**, *n.*

**gibe** (jib) [?], *v.i.* To sneer or taunt; to rail, flout, scoff (at). *v.t.* To use sneering or taunting expressions towards; to mock, sneer at. *n.* A sneer, scoff, taunt.

**giblets** (jib'lèts) [O.F. *gibelet*], *n.pl.* The heart, liver, gizzard, etc., of a fowl.

**giddy** (gid'i) [A.-S. *gydig*], *a.* Having a swimming or dizziness in the head; reeling, tending to stagger; changeable, fickle; elated, rash. **giddily**, *adv.* **giddiness**, *n.*

**gift** (gift) [A.-S., from GIVE], *n.* Act, right, or power of giving; that which is given; a natural quality, talent, or endowment. *v.t.* To bestow or confer; to endow with gifts. **gifted**, *a.* Largely endowed with intellect, talented.

**gig** [Scand.], *n.* A light two-wheeled vehicle drawn by one horse; a lightly built row-boat.

**gigantic** (jī-gán'tik) [as GIANT], *a.* Huge, enormous, giant-like. **gigante'an**, **gigantesque** (-tesk'), *a.*

**giggle** (gigl) [imit.], *v.i.* To laugh in a silly manner, to titter; to laugh nervously. *n.* A laugh of such a kind.

**Gilbertian** (gil-bër'ti-án) [Sir W. S. Gilbert (d. 1911), comic opera writer], *a.* Absurdly topsy-turvy.

**gild** (gild) [A.-S. *begylðan*], *v.t.* (*p.p.* gilded, *part.* *a.* gilt) To coat or wash thinly with gold; to impart a golden appearance to; to give a specious or agreeable appearance to, to gloss over. **gilder**, *n.* One whose occupation is to coat articles with gold. **gilding**, *n.*

**gill** (1) (gil) [?], *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) The organs of respiration of fishes and some amphibia; respiratory processes projecting from some aquatic insects; the flesh about the jaws and chin.

**gill** (2) (jil) [short for Gillian, L. *Juliana*], *n.* A lass; a sweetheart.

**gill** (3) (jil) [O.F. *gille*], *n.* One-fourth of a pint.

**gillie** (gil'i) [Gael. *gille*], *n.* A Highland manservant, esp. one who attends a sportsman.

**gillyflower** (jil'i-flou-ër) [O.F. *girofle*, Gr. *karuon*, nut, *phullon*, leaf], *n.* The clove-pink; the white stock; the wallflower.

**gilt** (gilt) [GILD], *a.* Gilded; adorned with or as with gold. *n.* Gold laid over the surface of a thing, gilding.

**gimbal** (jim'bál) [as GEMEL], *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) A form of universal joint for suspending anything so that it may retain a horizontal or other required position.



- gimcrack** (jim'krāk) [?], *n.* A pretty but useless article, a gewgaw. *a.* Showy but flimsy and worthless.
- gimlet** (gim'lēt) [O.F. *guimbelet*], *n.* A small screwed boring-tool for wood.
- gimp** (gimp) [?], *n.* Silk or other twist interlaced with wire or coarse cord; a fishing-line whipped with thin wire.
- gin** (1) (jin) [short for *GENEVA*], *n.* An ardent spirit flavoured with juniper.
- gin** (2) [contr. of O.F. *engin*, *ENGINE*], *n.* A trap, a snare; a machine for separating cotton-fibre from the seeds.
- gin** (3) (jin) [Austral.], *n.* An Australian aboriginal woman.
- ginger** (jin'jēr) [A.-S. *gingifere*, Gr. *singiberis*], *n.* A plant, with a pungent, spicy root-stock; the root-stock used in cookery, as a sweetmeat, or in medicine; (*slang*) mettle, dash, go. *v.t.* To flavour or treat with ginger; (*fig.*) to spirit (up). **gingery**, *a.* Spiced with ginger; (*slang*) red-haired, carrot.
- gingerly** (jin'jēr-li) [?], *adv.* Fastidiously, cautiously, moving without noise or risk to oneself or anything.
- gingham** (ging'am) [Malay *ginggang*, striped], *n.* A fabric woven of dyed yarn, used in stripes or checks; a common umbrella.
- gipsy** (jip'si) [O.F. *Egyptien*, L. *Aegyptius*, an Egyptian], *n.* One of a nomad race (calling themselves Romany), prob. of Hindu extraction, dark in complexion and hair, and speaking a corrupt Sanskrit dialect, who live largely by horse-dealing, fortune-telling, etc.; one resembling a gipsy; a mischievous or erratic person.
- giraffe** (ji-raf') [Arab. *zarāfah*], *n.* An African ruminant with an extremely long neck; the camelopard.
- gird** (1) (gērd) [A.-S. *gyrdan*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* girded, girt) To bind round with a flexible band, esp. to secure the clothes; to fasten (a sword on or to) with a girdle; to invest or equip (with); to surround or encircle with or as with a girdle, to encompass, to besiege.
- gird** (2) [?], *v.t.* To sneer, mock (at). *n.* A sarcasm, a sneer.
- girder** (gēr'dēr) [GIRD (1), -ER], *n.* A principal beam supporting joints, walls, roof, roadway, or other weight.
- girdle** (1) (gērdl) [A.-S. *gyrdel*], *n.* A belt, cord, etc., for securing a loose garment or encircling the waist; anything that encircles as a belt or zone; bones by which limbs are united to the trunk. *v.t.* To surround with or as with a girdle, to environ.
- girdle** (2) [var. of GRIDDLE], *n.* A round flat plate of iron for baking cakes.
- girl** (gērl) [M.E. *gerle*, a young person], *n.* A female child, a young unmarried woman; a maidservant. **girlhood**, *n.* **girlish**, *a.*
- girt** (gērt) [*p.p.* of GIRD (1)], *a.* Girded, bound.
- girth** (gērth) [Icel. *gjörth*, a girdle], *n.* The band by which a saddle or burden is kept secure on a horse's back; a circular bandage, anything that girds; measure round anything, waist-measure.
- gist** (jist) [O.F. (F. *git*), it lies], *n.* The essence or main point of a question.
- give** (giv) [A.-S. *giefan*], *v.t.* (*past gave*, *p.p. given*) To transfer possession of or right to without compensation; to bestow, confer, present; to grant, concede, put in one's power; to hand over, commit, consign, put in one's keeping; to transfer in exchange, to pay, sell; to render as due; to surrender, to yield up; to yield as product; to impart. *v.i.* To part with freely; to yield as to pressure, to collapse; to recede; to make way or room; to open (upon). *n.* The state of yielding or giving way; elasticity.
- gizzard** (giz'ard) [M.E. & O.F. *giser*, L. *gigeria*, cooked entrails of poultry], *n.* The second stomach in birds.
- glacial** (glās'i-āl) [F., from L. *glaciālis*, from *glacies*, ice], *a.* Pertaining to ice; like ice, icy; (*Geol.*) due to or characterized by glaciers or floating ice.
- glacier** (glās'i-ēr) [F., as prec.], *n.* A stream-like mass of ice slowly descending from high altitudes.
- glacis** (glā'sis) [F., as prec.], *n.* A sloping declivity in front of a rampart.
- glad** (glād) [A.-S. *glæd*], *a.* Pleased, gratified; indicating satisfaction; affording pleasure, joy, etc.; bright, gay. **gladden**, *v.t.* To make glad; to cheer. **gladly**, *a.* and *adv.* **gladness**, *n.* **gladsome**, *a.*
- glade** (glād) [Scand.], *n.* An open space in a forest.
- gladiator** (glād'i-ā-tōr) [L., from *gladius*, a sword], *n.* A man employed to fight in the Roman amphitheatre; (*fig.*) a controversialist. **gladiatorial**, *a.*
- gladiolus** (glā-di'ō-lūs) [as prec.], *n.* (*pl. -li*) A genus of plants with a fleshy bulb, sword-shaped leaves, and bright flowers.
- Gladstone** (glād'stōn) [W. E. Gladstone (d. 1898), Eng. statesman], *n.* A light, narrow portmanteau.
- glaiive** (glāv) [O.F., from L. *gladius*, a sword], *n.* A broadsword, a falchion.
- glamour** (glām'ōr) [corr. of GRAMMAR], *n.* The influence of some charm causing things to seem different from what they are; magic, enchantment.
- glance** (glans) [?], *v.t.* To give a quick look (at); to glide off or from (as a blow); (*fig.*) to allude, to hint (at); to dart a gleam of light or brightness. *v.i.* To shoot or dart swiftly or suddenly; to direct (a look) rapidly or cursorily. *n.* A quick or transient look, a hurried glimpse (at).
- gland** (gländ) [L. *glans* -ndis, acorn], *n.* An organ secreting certain constituents of the blood; a cellular organ in plants. **glandular**, *a.* Characterized by glands.
- glanders** (glän'dērz) [O.F. *glandre*, as prec.], *n.pl.* A dangerous and contagious disease in horses. **glandered**, *a.*
- glare** (glār) [?], *v.t.* To shine with a dazzling light; to look with piercing eyes, to stare. *n.* A fierce overpowering light,

disagreeable brightness; an intense, fierce look or stare. **glaring**, *a.*

**glass** (glas) [A.-S. *glas*], *n.* A hard, brittle, transparent substance; a mirror, looking-glass; a drinking-vessel of glass; the quantity which this will hold; a lens; an optical instrument, an eye-glass, telescope; an hour-glass; a barometer; a window; (*pl.*) a pair of spectacles. *v.t.* To case in or cover with or as with glass, to glaze; to make (the eye) glassy. **glass-blower**, *n.* One who fashions glass vessels by blowing. **glass-furnace**, *n.* A furnace in which the materials of glass are fused. **glass-house**, *n.* A house or building where glass is made; a conservatory. **glass-snake**, *n.* An American limbless lizard. **glass-ware**, *n.* Articles made of glass. **glassy**, *a.* Like glass, vitreous; smooth, mirror-like (of water); dull, lacking fire (of the eye).

**glaucous** (glaw'kūs) [Gr. *glaukos*, sea-green], *a.* Sea-green, pale greyish-blue.

**glaze** (glāz) [as GLASS], *v.t.* To furnish with glass, or with windows; to overlay (pottery) with a vitreous substance; to cover (a surface) with a thin glossy coating. *v.i.* To become glassy (as the eyes). *n.* A smooth, lustrous coating on earthenware, pictures, paper, confectionery, etc. **glazer**, *n.* A workman who glazes earthenware; a wheel for grinding or polishing cutlery or for smoothing calico. **glazier** (glā'zi-ēr), *n.* One who sets glass in windows, etc. **glazing**, *n.*

**gleam** (glēm) [A.-S. *glæm*], *n.* A flash, beam, ray, esp. when transient. *v.t.* To send out quick and transient rays.

**glean** (glēn) [O.F. *glener*], *v.t.* To gather (ears of corn which have been passed over on the cornfield); (*fig.*) to collect bit by bit, pick up here and there. *v.i.* To gather the ears of corn left on the ground. **gleaner**, *n.* **gleaning**, *n.*

**glebe** (glēb) [L. *glēba*, the soil], *n.* Land furnishing part of the revenue of a benefice.

**glee** (glē) [A.-S. *glēo*], *n.* Joy, mirth, gladness; a composition for several voices in harmony, usually without instrumental accompaniment. **gleeful**, *a.* Merry, gay, joyous. **gleeman**, *n.* A minstrel.

**glen** (glēn) [Gael. *gleann*], *n.* A narrow valley, a dale.

**glengarry** (glēn-gār'i) [in Inverness], *n.* A woollen Scotch cap.

**glib** (glīb) [?], *a.* Smooth, slippery; voluble, fluent, not very weighty or sincere. **glibly**, *adv.* **glibness**, *n.*

**glide** (glīd) [A.-S. *glīdan*], *v.t.* To move smoothly and gently; to slip along rapidly, smoothly, and easily. *n.* Act of gliding. **glider**, *n.* One who or that which glides; an aeroplane which glides through the air without an engine.

**glimmer** (glīm'ēr) [?], *v.t.* To emit a feeble light. *n.* A faint, uncertain, or unsteady light; an uncertain sign (as of intelligence, etc.). **glimmering**, *n.*

**glimpse** (glīmps) [M.E. *glīmsen*], *n.* A momentary look, an imperfect view (of);

a faint and transient appearance. *v.t.* To see for an instant.

**glint** (glīnt) [?], *v.t.* To gleam, glitter, sparkle. *n.* A gleam, a flash, a sparkle.

**glisten** (glīsn) [A.-S. *glisian*, to shine], *v.t.* To gleam, to sparkle, usu. by reflection.

**glitter** (glīt'ēr) [Heb. *glitra*, Teut. *glit*, to shine], *v.t.* To sparkle; to shine with a succession of brilliant gleams or flashes; to be brilliant or showy. *n.* A bright sparkling light; brilliancy; speciousness.

**gloaming** (glō'ming) [A.-S. *glōmung*], *n.* Evening twilight.

**gloat** (glōt) [Teut.], *v.t.* To look or dwell (on or over) with feelings of malignity, lust, or avarice.

**globe** (glōb) [L. *globatus*], *n.* A ball, a sphere; the earth; a sphere on which are represented the heavenly bodies, or a map of the world; an orb as emblem of sovereignty; a spherical aquarium, lampshade, etc. *v.t.* To form into a globe. **Globy**, *a.* **globule** (glōb'ul) [L. *globulus*, a little globe], *n.* A particle of matter in the form of a small globe; a blood-corpuscle. **globular**, *a.* Shaped like a small globe.

**gloom** (glōom) [M.E. *gloumen*, to lour], *v.t.* To appear dimly; to look dismal or frowning; to lour, to be cloudy or dark. *n.* Obscurity, partial darkness; depression, melancholy; circumstances that occasion this. **gloomy**, *a.* **gloominess**, *n.*

**glorify** (glōr'i-fi) [L. *glōria*, glory, *facere*, to make], *v.t.* To magnify, make glorious, pay honour to in worship, to praise; to beautify. **glorification**, *n.*

**glory** (glōr'i) [O.F. *glorie*, L. *glōria*], *n.* High honour, distinction; fame; an occasion of praise, subject for pride or boasting; magnificence, grandeur; brilliance, splendour; a state of exaltation; adoration in worship; the felicity of heaven; a halo. *v.t.* To boast, feel pride, exult. **Glorious** (glōr'i-ūs), *a.*

**gloss** (1) (glōs) [L. and Gr. *glōssa*, the tongue], *n.* An explanatory note in a book; a comment, interpretation; a glossary, translation, or commentary. *v.t.* To explain, annotate; to comment upon.

**gloss** (2) [prob. Scand.], *n.* Lustre from a polished surface; sheen; (*fig.*) a deceptive outward appearance. *v.t.* To make glossy or lustrous; to render plausible. **glossy**, *a.* **glossiness**, *n.*

**glossal** (glōs'āl) [Gr. *glōssa*, tongue], *a.* Of or pertaining to the tongue, lingual.

**glossary** (glōs'ā-ri) [L. *glōssarium*, as GLOSS (1)], *n.* A list or vocabulary of explanations of obsolete or strange words or forms. **glossarial** (glō-sār'i-āl), *a.*

**glottis** (glōt'is) [Gr. *glōttis*, var. of *glōssa*, GLOSS (1)], *n.* (*Anat.*) The mouth of the windpipe contributing, by its dilation and contraction, to the modulation of the voice. **glottal**, *a.*

**glove** (glūv) [A.-S. *glōf*], *n.* A covering for the hand, usu. with a separate division for each finger; a padded glove for boxing. *v.t.* To cover with a glove. **glover**, *n.* One who makes or sells gloves.



- glow** (glō) [A.-S. *glōwan*], *v.i.* To radiate light and heat, esp. without flame; to show a warm colour; to feel great bodily heat; to be warm, flushed, or ardent. *n.* Incandescence, red or white heat; warmth of colour; ardour; heat produced by exercise. **glow-worm**, *n.* A beetle, the female of which is phosphorescent.
- glower** (glou'ér) [?], *v.i.* To scowl, stare fiercely or angrily. *n.* A savage stare.
- glaze** (glōz) [F. *gloser*, as GLOSS (1)], *v.t.* To palliate, extenuate. *v.i.* To comment. *n.* Flattery, wheedling; specious show. **over**: To palliate speciously or explain away.
- glucose** (gloo'kōs) [Gr. *glukus*, sweet], *n.* A fermentable sugar obtained from dried grapes, starch, etc.
- glue** (gloo) [O.F. *glu*, as GLUTEN], *n.* An impure gelatine made from hides, horns, and hoofs, boiled to a jelly, and used hot as a cement; an adhesive substance. *v.t.* To join or fasten with glue; to attach firmly. **gluey**, *a.* **gluing**, *pres.p.*
- glum** (glūm) [var. of GLOOM], *a.* Sullen, moody, dissatisfied.
- glut** (glūt) [O.F. *gloutir*, L. *glūtire*, to swallow], *v.t.* To fill to excess, to gorge, sate; to over-supply (as a market). *n.* A surfeit; an over-supply of a market.
- gluten** (gloo'ten) [L. *gluten*], *n.* A yellowish-grey, elastic albuminous substance in wheat-flour, etc. **glutin**, *n.* Vegetable gelatine. **glutiniz**, *v.t.* To render viscous or gluey. **glutinous**, *a.* Gluey, tenacious; covered with a sticky exudation. **glutinos'ity**, *n.*
- glutton** (glūtn) [as GLUT], *n.* One who eats to excess; one who indulges to excess, as in reading, working, etc.; a carnivorous animal of the weasel tribe, the wolverine. **gluttonous**, *a.* **gluttony**, *n.*
- glycerine** (glis'ér-in) [F. *glycérine*, Gr. *glukus*, sweet], *n.* A sweet, colourless, viscid liquid obtained from fats and oils.
- gnarl** (narl) [Teut.], *v.t.* To twist or contort (*usu. in p.p.*). *n.* A protuberance, twisted growth, or knot, in a tree.
- gnash** (nāsh) [Icel. *gnastan*], *v.t.* To strike or grind (the teeth) together; to champ. *v.i.* To grind the teeth as in rage.
- gnat** (nāt) [A.-S. *gnæt*], *n.* A small two-winged fly, the female of which bites.
- gnathic** (nāth'ik) [Gr. *gnathos*, jaw], *a.* Of or pertaining to the jaw.
- gnaw** (naw) [A.-S. *gnagan*], *v.t.* (*p.p.* **gnawed**, **gnawn**) To bite or eat away by degrees; to bite persistently, or in agony, rage, or despair; to corrode. *v.i.* To use the teeth in biting thus; to cause corrosion or wearing away.
- gneiss** (nīs) [O.H.G. *gneistan*, to sparkle], *n.* A rock consisting of feldspar, quartz, and mica.
- gnome** (1) (nōm) [F., perh. from Gr. *gē*, earth, *-nomos*, dweller], *n.* A misshapen sprite formerly supposed to inhabit the interior of the earth, and to guard mines, quarries, etc.
- gnome** (2) [Gr. *gnōmē*, from *gignōskein*, to know], *n.* A maxim, a saw. **gnomic**, *a.*
- gnomon** (nō'món) [Gr., as *prec.*], *n.* The rod or plate showing the time by its shadow on a sundial; a vertical pillar used for determining the altitude of the sun; the figure remaining when a parallelogram has been removed from the corner of a larger one of the same form.
- gnostic** (nos'tik) [Gr. *gnōstos*, known, as GNOME (2)], *a.* Relating to knowledge, intellectual; having esoteric knowledge; of the Gnostics. *n.* An adherent of Gnosticism. **Gnosticism**, *n.* An early system of religious philosophy that combined ideas from Greek and Oriental philosophy with Christianity.
- gnu** (nū) [Hottentot], *n.* An oxlike antelope.
- go** (gō) [A.-S. *gān*], *v.t.* (*past went*, *p.p.* **gone**, *gawn*, *gon*, *2nd sing.* **goest**, *3rd sing.* **goes**, *gōz*, *"goeth*) To move (from one place, condition, or station to another); to depart, pass away; to be moving, acting, operating, working; to travel; to proceed; to come out, succeed, turn out (well or ill); to take a certain course (for or against); to be habitually (as hungry, naked); to be used, said, etc., habitually, to be circulated or current; to extend, point in a certain direction; to tend; to have a certain tenor; to fit, to suit (with); to be harmonious (with a tune, etc.); to be abandoned, abolished, or lost; to give way, break down; (*usu. in p.p.*) to die; to become (as wild, mad); (*aux.*) to be about (to do), to intend, purpose. **go-ahead**, *a.* Characterized by energy and enterprise. **go-as-you-please**, *a.* Unceremonious, untroubled by rules. **go-between**, *n.* An intermediary between two parties. **go-by**, *n.* The act of passing without notice; intentional failure to notice; evasion. **go-off**, *n.* The start. *n.* (*pl.* **goes**) Spirit, animation; push, enterprise; a scrape, an awkward turn of affairs; a bout (of doing something); one's turn in a game; fashion, the mode; a drink, especially of spirits.
- goad** (gōd) [A.S. *gād*], *n.* A pointed instrument to urge oxen to move faster; anything that spurs or incites. *v.t.* To urge on with a goad; to stimulate, incite.
- goal** (gōl) [?], *n.* A winning-post; (*Football*) the posts between which the ball is to be driven; the act of kicking the ball here; the end of one's ambition; purpose.
- goat** (gōt) [A.-S. *gāt*], *n.* A hairy, horned, and bearded domesticated ruminant.
- goatherd**, *n.* One who tends goats.
- goatee**, *n.* A small beard on the point of the chin. **goatish**, *a.* Resembling a goat; of a rank smell.
- gobbet** (gob'ët) [O.F. *gobe*], *n.* A mouthful, a lump, a piece, esp. of meat.
- gobble** (gobl) [O.F. *gobe*, mouthful], *v.t.* To swallow down hastily and noisily. *v.i.* To swallow food in this manner; to make a noise in the throat as a turkey-cock.

**n.** A noise like this. **gobbler, n.** A glutton; a turkey-cock.  
**goblet (gob'lét)** [O.F. *gobelet*], **n.** A drinking-vessel with a stem and no handle.  
**goblin (gob'lin)** [F. *gobeline*], **n.** A mischievous spirit, a gnome.  
**god (god)** [A.-S.], **n.** (*Monothéism*, *God*) The Supreme Being, the self-existent and eternal Creator and Ruler of the universe; a deity, a divinity; an image worshipped as an embodiment or symbol of supernatural power, an idol; a person or thing greatly idolized; (*pl.*) the occupants of the upper gallery in a theatre. **godchild, goddaughter, godson, n.** One for whom a person stands sponsor at baptism. **godfather, -mother, -parent, n.** One who is sponsor for a child at baptism. **v.t.** To act as sponsor to; to give one's name to, be responsible for. **godsend, n.** An unlooked-for acquisition. **goddess, n.** A female deity; a woman of pre-eminent beauty, goodness, or charm. **Godhead, n.** Divine nature or essence; a deity. **godless, a.** **godlike, a.** **godly, a.** God-fearing, pious, devout. **godliness, n.**  
**goer (gō'ér)** [GO, -ER], **n.** One who or that which goes (as a *fast goer*, a fast horse).  
**goggle (gogl) [?], v.i.** To strain the eyes; to squint, stare; to project (of the eyes). **v.t.** To roll (the eyes) about or turn (the eyes) sideways. **a.** Prominent, staring; rolling from side to side. **n.** A strained or staring rolling of the eyes; a leer; (*pl.*) spectacles. **goggle-eyed, a.**  
**going (gō'ing)** [GO -ING], **n.** The act of moving; departure; condition of ground, roads, racecourse, etc. **a.** Working, in actual operation. **goings-on, n.pl.** Behaviour, conduct.  
**goitre (goi'tér)** [F. *goître*, from L. *guttur*, throat], **n.** A morbid enlargement of the thyroid gland, causing an unsightly deformity of the neck. **goitrous, a.**  
**gold (göld)** [A.-S.], **n.** A precious metal of a bright yellow colour, used for coins, jewellery, etc.; money, wealth, riches; anything very precious or pure; gilding; the colour of gold. **a.** Made or consisting of gold; coloured like gold. **gold-beater, n.** One who beats out gold for gilding. **gold-field, n.** A district where gold is found. **goldfinch, n.** A yellow-marked singing bird. **goldfish, n.** A golden-red carp. **gold-foil, n.** A thick kind of gold-leaf. **gold-mine, n.** A place where gold is mined. **gold-plate, n.** Vessels, dishes, etc., of gold. **goldsmith, n.** A worker in gold; a dealer in gold-plate.  
**golden (göl'dén)** [prec., -EN], **a.** Made or consisting of gold; of the colour or lustre of gold; excellent, precious, most valuable. **golden number:** The number denoting the year's place in a Metonic lunar cycle of 19 years, used in calculating Easter.  
**golf (golf) [?], n.** A game played with club-headed sticks and small hard balls, over commons or links, consisting in driv-

ing the balls into small holes in as few strokes as possible. **v.i.** To play golf. **golfer, n.**

**gombeen (gom-bēn')** [Ir. *gaimbin*], **n.** Usury. **gombeen-man, -woman, n.** A money-lender.

**-gon** [Gr. *-gōnos*, angled], **suf.** Angled, as in *hexagon, octagon, pentagon*.

**gondola (gon'dó-lá)** [It.], **n.** A long, narrow Venetian boat with peaked ends, propelled by one oar. **gondolier, n.** A man that rows a gondola.

**gone (gawn, gon), [p.p. of GO], a.** Ruined, undone; lost, beyond hope; past, bygone.

**gong (gong)** [Malay], **n.** A tambourine-shaped metal instrument emitting a sonorous note when struck with a padded stick.

**good (gud)** [A.-S. *gōd*], **a.** (*comp. better, superl. best*) Having such qualities as are useful and satisfactory; fit, proper, expedient; conducive to the end desired, profitable, serviceable; adequate; beneficial; genuine, sound; perfect, complete, thorough; safe, sure; possessed of moral excellence, virtuous; kind, friendly, amiable; pleasant, acceptable, palatable. **n.** That which contributes to happiness, advantage, etc.; that which is right, useful, etc.; welfare; prosperity; goodness, virtuous and charitable deeds; (*pl.*) movable property, effects; wares, merchandise. **for good:** Entirely, finally. **good day, good morning, etc., n.** and **int.** Forms of salutation at meeting or parting. **good-fellowship:** Sociability; pleasant company; conviviality. **good-for-nothing, a.** Of no value, worthless. **n.** An idle fellow, a vagabond. **goodwill, n.** Kindly feeling or disposition, benevolence; ready consent; the established custom of a business sold with the business itself.

**good-bye (gud-bl')** [corr. of *God be with you*], **int.** and **n.** Farewell.

**goodly (gud'li)** [GOOD, -LY], **a.** Handsome, comely; kind; large, considerable. **goodliness, n.**

**goodness (gud'nés)** [GOOD, -NESS], **n.** The quality or state of being good; moral excellence, virtue; kindness, good nature; the virtue or essence of anything.

**goody (gud'i)** [GOOD, -Y], **n.** A rustic term for an old woman; (*pl.*) sweetmeats. **googly (goo'gli) [?], n.** (*Cricket*) A ball bowled so as to break a different way from the way it swerves.

**goose (goos)** [A.S. *gōs*], **n.** (*pl. geese, gēs*) A web-footed bird larger than the duck, esp. the domesticated variety; the female of this, dist. from gander; (*fig.*) a simpleton; (*pl. geese*) a tailor's smoothing iron. **goose-flesh, n.** A peculiar roughness of the human skin produced by cold, fear, etc. **gooseherd, n.** One who tends geese.

**gooseberry (guz'bér-i)** [GOOSE, BERRY], **n.** The fruit of a thorny shrub; a chaperon to a pair of lovers.



**gore** (1) (gôr) [A.-S. *gor*, dirt], *n.* Blood from a wound. *gory*, *a.* goriness, *n.*

**gore** (2) [A.-S. *gāra*, as foll.], *n.* A triangular piece sewed into a dress, a sail, etc., to widen it out.

**gore** (3) [A.-S. *gār*, a spear], *v.t.* To pierce, esp. with a horn or horn-like point.

**gorge** (gôrj) [O.F.], *n.* The throat; the gullet; a heavy meal, a surfelt; a narrow pass between cliffs, hills, bastions, etc. *v.t.* To devour greedily. *v.i.* To feed greedily.

**gorgeous** (gôr'jús) [O.F. *gorgias*], *a.* Splendid, richly decorated, magnificent.

**gorget** (gôr'jët) [O.F. *gorgete*], *n.* A piece of armour for the throat or neck.

**gorgonzola** (gôr-gôn-zô'la) [village near Milan], *n.* A cheese something like Stilton.

**gorilla** (gô-ril'á) [Gr.], *n.* A powerful and ferocious African anthropoid ape.

**gormandize** (gôr'mán-díz) [as GOURMAND], *n.* Appreciation of table delicacies. *v.i.* To eat food greedily or in excess. *gormandizer*, *n.*

**gorse** (gôrs) [A.-S. *gorst*], *n.* A prickly shrub with yellow flowers, furze. *gorsy*, *a.*

**goshawk** (gos'hawk) [A.-S. *gos-hafuc* (as GOOSE, HAWK)], *n.* A large hawk.

**gosling** (goz'ling) [A.S. *gos*, GOOSE, -LING], *n.* A young goose; a silly person.

**gospel** (gos'pël) [A.-S. *godspell*, good tidings], *n.* The revelation of the grace of God through Jesus Christ; the doctrine preached by Christ and the Apostles; the four canonical books ascribed respectively to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; a selection from these read in the Church service; anything accepted as infallibly true; the creed of a party, etc.

**gossamer** (gos'á-mér) [M.E. *gossamer*], *n.* Cobweb-like threads floating in the air in calm weather, produced by small spiders; anything flimsy or unsubstantial.

**gossip** (gos'ip) [A.-S. *godsibb*, related in God, a sponsor], *n.* Formerly a sponsor; an acquaintance; a news-spreader, tattler; idle talk, tittle-tattle; rumour. *v.i.* To tattle, to chat; to talk or write in an informal easy-going way. *gossiper*, *n.* *gossipy*, *a.*

**Goth** (goth) [late L. *Gothi*, Gr. *Gothoi*], *n.* One of an ancient tribe of Teutons which swept down upon southern Europe in the 3rd-5th cents.; a barbarian, a rude, ignorant person. *Gothic*, *a.* Pertaining to the Goths or their language; in the style of architecture characterized by pointed arches, clustered columns, etc.; (*fig.*) rude, barbarous.

**gouge** (gouj, goo) [F.], *n.* A concave chisel used to cut holes or grooves. *v.t.* To scoop (out) with a gouge.

**gourd** (goord) [F. *gourde*], *n.* A large fleshy fruit of climbing or trailing plants, the outer coat of which serves for water vessels; a bottle, cup, etc., made of its hard rind.

**gourmand** (goor'mánd) [F.], *n.* One who loves delicate fare, a gourmet; \*a glutton.

**gourmet** (goor-mâ) [F., orig. a wine-taster], *n.* A connoisseur in wines and meats; an epicure.

**gout** (gout) [O.F. *goute*, L. *gutta*, a drop], *n.* A disease affecting the joints, pain and irritability being the leading symptoms; \*a drop, a clot. *gouty*, *a.*

**govern** (güv'érn) [O.F. *governer*, L. *gubernāre*, to steer], *v.t.* To direct and control; to administer the affairs of a State; to regulate, sway, influence; to conduct (oneself) in a specific way; to restrain; (*Gram.*) to require a particular case in the word following it, to have a noun or case dependent upon it (of a verb or preposition). *v.i.* To exercise authority; to administer the law; to have the control (over). *governable*, *a.* *governance*, *n.*

**governess** (güv'ér-nès) [fem. of GOVERNOR], *n.* A woman who instructs young children, esp. in a family.

**government** (güv'érn-mént) [O.F. *gouvernement*, as GOVERN], *n.* Control, regulation, exercise of authority, esp. in public affairs; the form or system of such administration; the body of persons in charge of the government of a State, an administration, ministry; self-control; the power of controlling; the form of policy in a State; the right of governing; the executive power; territory under a governor; (*Gram.*) the influence of a word in determining the case or mood of another. *governmen'tal*, *a.*

**governor** (güv'ér-nôr) [O.F. *gouverneur*], *n.* One who governs, esp. one executing the laws and administering the affairs of a State, province, etc.; the Crown representative in a colony, etc.; the commander in a fortress; (*slang*) one's father, one's employer. *governorship*, *n.*

**gowan** (gou'an) [Sc.], *n.* The daisy.

**gown** (goun) [O.F. *gaune*, late L. *gunna*, a fur garment], *n.* A woman's loose outer garment, a dress, a frock; a long, loose robe worn by clergymen, judges, lawyers, University men, etc. *gownsmán*, *n.* A member of a University; a lawyer.

**grab** (gráb) [?], *v.t.* To seize, snatch, take violently or lawlessly. *n.* A sudden snatch, grasping, or seizing (at); an implement for clutching, a grip; rapacious acquisition. *grabber*, *n.*

**grace** (grás) [L. *grátia*, from *grátus*, pleasing], *n.* That quality which makes form, expression, etc., elegant, harmonious, refined; a natural endowment or acquired accomplishment; a courteous demeanor; (*Mus.*) a note or passage as an embellishment; mercy; a boon; the free, unmerited favour of God; a divine, regenerating, and invigorating influence; the state of being reconciled to God; a short prayer before or after a meal; extension of time legally allowed after a payment falls due; (*Univ.*) a licence to take a degree, a dispensation from statutes, etc. *graceful*, *a.* Full of grace, elegance, or beauty. *gracefulness*, *n.* *graceless*,

*g.* Lacking in propriety, mannerless; abandoned.

**gracile** (grās'īl) [L. *gracilis*], *a.* Slender.

**gracious** (grā'shūs) [L. *grātiosus*, as GRACE], *a.* Exhibiting grace, favour, or kindness; courteous, affable; proceeding from divine grace; merciful. **graciously**, *adv.* **graciousness**, *n.*

**gradation** (grā-dā'shūn) [L. *gradus*, a step], *n.* Orderly arrangement or progression step by step; a stage or degree in rank, merit, etc. **gradatory**, *a.*

**grade** (grād) [as prec.], *n.* A degree or step in rank, quality, value, order, etc.; a class of people of similar rank, etc.; gradient, degree of slope. *v.t.* To arrange in grades; to adjust the rate of slope in, as a road.

**gradient** (grā'di-ēnt) [L. *gradiens*, walking], *n.* Rate of ascent or descent in a railway or road.

**gradual** (grād'ū-āl) [late L. *graduālis*, as GRADATION], *a.* Proceeding by degrees; regular and slow.

**graduate** (grād'ū-āt) [late L. *graduātus*], *v.t.* To mark with degrees; to divide into or arrange by gradations; to apportion (a tax, etc.) according to a scale; to modify by degrees; to confer a degree upon. *v.i.* To alter by degrees; to take a degree in a University. *n.* (grād'ū-āt) One who has received a degree in a University. **graduation**, *n.*

**Gracism** (grē'sizm) [L. *Græcus*, Greek], *n.* A Greek idiom, style, or mode of expression; cultivation of the Greek spirit.

**graft** (graft) [O.F. *grafe*], *n.* A small shoot inserted into a tree of different stock which supplies the sap to nourish it; living tissue transplanted to another animal. *v.t.* To insert as a graft.

**grail** (grāl) [O.F. *graal*, *greal*], *n.* A dish or cup said to have been used by Christ at the Last Supper, and employed by Joseph of Arimathea to collect His blood while on the Cross.

**grain** (grān) [L. *grānum*, rel. to CORN], *n.* A single seed, particularly of those kinds used for food; corn in general; (*pl.*) refuse of malt after brewing or of any grain after distillation; a small, hard particle; the unit of weight in the English system (7000 in 1) 7000 lb. av., 5760 in 1 lb. troy; texture, esp. the arrangement of the fibres of wood; the lines of fibre in wood or, in stone, of cleavage planes; a red dye made from cochineal; any fast dye; temper, natural tendency. *v.t.* To form into grains, to granulate; to bring out, or give the appearance of, the natural grain. *v.i.* To become granulated.

**graining**, *n.* The act of producing a grain; a process in tanning; painting in imitation of the grain of wood.

**-gram** [Gr. *gramma*, a letter, from *graphein*, to write], *suffix*. Forming compounds with prepositional prefixes, numerals, etc., as in *epigram*, *monogram*, *telegram*.

**gramineous** (grā-min'ē-ūs) [L. *grāmen*,

*grass*], *a.* Pertaining to grass, or the tribe of grasses. **graminivorous**, *a.* Subsisting on vegetable food.

**grammar** (grām-ār) [O.F. *gramaire*, Gr. *gramma*, see -GRAM], *n.* The principles or science of the correct use of language;

dealing with phonology, etymology, accent, and syntax; a system of principles and rules for speaking and writing a language; a book containing these; the elements of an art or science. **grammarian** (grā-mār'i-ān), *n.* One versed in grammar; one who teaches grammar. **grammatical**, *a.* Pertaining to grammar; according to the rules of grammar.

**gramme** (grām) [Gr. *gramma*, a small weight], *n.* The standard unit of weight in the metric system, equalling 15.432 grains troy.

**gramophone** (grām'ō-fōn) [Gr. *gramma*, a letter, *phonē*, sound], *n.* An instrument for recording and reproducing sounds.

**grampus** (grām'pūs) [A.-F. *grampais*, L. *crassum piscem*, fat fish], *n.* A large voracious cetacean.

**granary** (grān'ār-i) [L. *grānārium*, as GRAIN], *n.* A storehouse for grain.

**grand** (grānd) [L. *grandis*, great], *a.* Great or imposing in size, character, or appearance; magnificent, fine, dignified, noble; morally impressive, inspiring; fashionable, or aristocratic (society); excellent; pre-eminent in rank, etc., chief; (*Law*) principal, as opp. to petty, common, etc. **grandchild**, *n.* The child of a son or daughter. **granddaughter**, *n.* The daughter of a son or daughter.

**grandfather**, *n.* The father of a parent. **grandfather clock**: A clock worked by weights, in a tall wooden case.

**grandmother**, *n.* The mother of a parent. **grandmotherly**, *a.* **grandparent**, *n.* A grandfather or grandmother.

**grand-sire**, *n.* A grandfather; a male ancestor. **grandson**, *n.* The son of one's son or daughter.

**grandly**, *adv.* **grandness**, *n.*

**grandee** (grān-dē') [as prec.], *n.* A Spanish or Portuguese nobleman of the highest rank; a powerful or important person.

**grandeur** (grān'djūr) [F., as prec.], *n.* Greatness, nobility, sublimity, majesty; splendour.

**grandiloquent** (grān-dil'ō-kwēt) [GRAND, L. *-loquus*, speaking], *a.* Using lofty or pompous language; bombastic.

**grandiloquence**, *n.*

**grandiose** (grān'di-ōs) [It. *grandioso*, as GRAND], *a.* Producing or intended to produce the effect of grandeur, affecting impressiveness, pompous.

**grange** (grānj) [L. *grānea*, as GRAIN], *n.* A farmhouse with the outbuildings, etc.

**grangerize** (grān'jēr-iz) [James Granger (*d.* 1776)], *v.t.* To extra-illustrate (a book, etc.) with portraits, etc. **grangerism**, *n.*

**granite** (grān'it) [It. *granito*, speckled], *n.* A granular, igneous rock consisting of feldspar, quartz, and mica, confusedly crystallized. **granitic**, *a.*



**granny** (grăn'ī), *n.* A grandmother.

**grant** (grant) [O.F. *granter*], *v.t.* To bestow, give, esp. in answer to request; (*Law*) to transfer the title to, to confer or bestow (a privilege, charter, etc.); to admit as true, to concede. *n.* The act of granting; the thing granted; an assignment; a sum bestowed or allowed; a concession or admission of something as true; (*Law*) a conveyance in writing; the thing conveyed. **grantee**, *n.* (*Law*) The person to whom a grant or conveyance is made. **granter**, *n.* One who grants. **grantor**, *n.* (*Law*) One who makes a conveyance.

**granule** (grăn'ŭl, [late L. *grānulum*], *n.* A little grain; a small particle. **granular**, *a.* Composed of or resembling granules. **granulate**, *v.t.* To form into granules; to make rough on the surface. *v.i.* To collect or be formed into grains. **granulation**, *n.*

**grape** (grāp) [O.F.], *n.* The fruit of the vine; (*Mil.*) grape-shot; (*pl.*) a mangy tumour on the legs of horses. **grapefruit**, *n.* An orange-like fruit. **grape-shot**, *n.* Shot arranged between plates, so as to scatter when fired.

**graph** (grāf) [GRAPHIC], *n.* A diagram representing mathematical or chemical relationship.

**-graph** [*Gr. graphein*, to write], *suffix*. -written, -writing, -writer, as in *autograph*, *lithograph*, *telegraph*.

**graphic**, -al (grā'fik, -āl) [as prec.], *a.* Pertaining to the art of writing, delineating, engraving, etc.; forcibly descriptive; having the faculty of vivid description; indicating by means of diagrams instead of statistics, etc. **graphically**, *adv.*

**graphite** (grāf'it) [as prec.], *n.* Blacklead.

**grapnel** (grāp'nél) [O.F. *grapin*, from *grape*, a hook], *n.* A grappling-iron; an anchor.

**grapple** (grāpl) [M.F. *grappil*, a ship's grapnel], *n.* A close hold or grip in wrestling, etc.; a close struggle; a grapnel. *v.t.* To lay fast hold of, to seize, clutch; to come to close quarters with. *v.i.* To contend or struggle (with or together) in close fight or at close quarters. **grappling-iron**, *n.* An iron instrument with claws or hooks for seizing and holding fast.

**grasp** (grasp) [M.E. *grapsen*], *v.t.* To seize and hold fast; to lay hold of and keep with eagerness or greed; to comprehend. *v.i.* To clutch (at). *n.* A fast grip, clutch, or hold; ability to seize and hold; intellectual comprehension.

**grass** (gras) [A.-S. *gers*, *græs*], *n.* The green-bladed herbage on which cattle, sheep, etc., feed; pasture, grazing. *v.t.* To cover with grass or turf. **grasshopper**, *n.* An insect with hind-legs formed for leaping.

**grate** (1) (grāt) [L. *crātes*, hurdle], *n.* A frame of parallel or cross bars, a grating; a frame of iron bars for holding fuel for a fire,

**grate** (2) [O.F. *grater*, from Teut.], *v.t.* To rub against a rough surface so as to reduce to particles; to rub against something, so as to cause a harsh sound; to grind down; to irritate, vex, offend (one's nerves). *v.i.* To rub (upon) so as to emit a harsh, discordant noise; to have an irritating effect (upon). **grater**, *n.* **grating** (1), *a.* Harsh, discordant, irritating.

**grateful** (grāt'fŭl) [L. *grātus*, pleasing, -FUL], *a.* Pleasing, agreeable, acceptable; marked by or indicative of gratitude.

**gratefully**, *adv.* **gratefulness**, *n.*

**gratify** (grāt'ī-fi) [L. *grātus*, pleasing, -FY], *v.t.* To please, to delight; to satisfy the desire of; to give free rein to; to reward.

**gratifying**, *a.* **gratification**, *n.*

**grating** (2) (grā'ting) [GRATE (1), -ING], *n.* A lattice of metal bars or wooden slats.

**gratis** (grā'tis) [L.], *adv.* and *a.* For nothing; without charge, free.

**gratitude** (grāt'ī-tŭd) [F., from L. *grātus*, pleasing], *n.* Grateful feeling, thankfulness.

**gratuitous** (grā-tŭ'ī-tŭs) [L. *grātuitus*, freely given], *a.* Granted without claim or charge; voluntary; without cause; uncalled for, unnecessary.

**gratuity** (grā-tŭ'ī-ti) [O.F. *gratuité*, as prec.], *n.* A gift, a tip; a bounty paid to soldiers on retirement, discharge, etc.

**gratulatory** (grāt'ŭ-lā-tōr-i) [L. *grātulārī*, to CONGRATULATE], *a.* Congratulatory, expressing joy.

**gravamen** (grā-vā'mén) [L., from *gravāre*, to load], *n.* (*pl.* -mina) The substantial cause of an action; the burden of a complaint.

**grave** (1) (grāv) [?], *v.t.* To clean by scraping, etc., and cover with pitch and tallow (as a ship's bottom). **graving-dock**, *n.* A dry dock.

**grave** (2) [A.-S. *grafan*], *v.t.* To shape by cutting into a surface, to engrave; to carve, sculpture. *n.* A hole in the earth for burying a dead body in; a tomb; mortality, death. **gravestone**, *n.* A stone, usu. inscribed, set over or at a grave. **graveyard**, *n.* A burial ground.

**grave** (3) [L. *gravis*, heavy], *a.* Important, momentous; solemn, dignified; sombre, plain. **gravely**, *adv.*

**gravel** (grāv'l) [O.F. *gravele*, dim. of *grave*, strand, gravel, cp. GRAVE (1)], *n.* Small pebbles intermixed with sand, etc.

**gravid** (grāv'id) [L. *gravidus*, from *gravis*, GRAVE (3)], *a.* Pregnant; containing a fetus.

**gravitate** (grāv'ī-tāt) [as GRAVE (3)], *v.i.* To be acted on by gravity; to be attracted; to tend downwards, to sink. **gravitation**, *n.*

**gravity** (grāv'ī-ti) [as prec.], *n.* Heaviness; importance, enormity; solemnity, sedateness, grave demeanour; the force causing bodies to tend towards the centre of the earth.

**gravy** (grāv'i) [?], *n.* The fat and juice from meat during and after cooking.

**grayling** (grā'ling) [GREY, -LING], *n.* A freshwater fish of the salmon family.

**graze** (1) (grāz) [A.-S. *grasian*, from *græs*, GRASS], *v.i.* To eat growing grass; to feed, browse. *v.t.* To feed (cattle, etc.) on growing grass; to supply with pasture; to pasture; to eat. **grazer**, *n.* An animal that grazes. **grazier** (grā'zi-ér), *n.* One who rears and fattens cattle for market. **grazing**, *n.* The act of feeding on grass; a pasture.

**graze** (2) [?], *v.t.* To touch or brush slightly in passing; to scrape in rubbing past. *v.i.* To touch some person or thing lightly in passing. *n.* A slight touch in passing; a slight abrasion.

**grease** (grēs) [O.F. *graisse*, L. *crassus*, adj., fat], *n.* Animal fat in a soft state; oily or fatty matter. *v.t.* (grēs, grēz) To smear or lubricate with grease; to cause to go smoothly, hence to bribe. **greasy** (grē'zi, -si), *a.* **greasily**, *adv.* **greasiness**, *n.*

**great** (grät) [A.-S. *grēat*], *a.* Large in bulk, amount, extent, etc.; big, vast; important, momentous; pre-eminent, the chief; of exceptional ability, possessing genius; grand, majestic; gravid; grievous, burdensome; notorious; denoting a step in relationship (as **great-grandfather**, the father of a grandfather; **great-grandson**, the son of a grandson). *n.* (collect.) Important, highly-placed people. **great-coat**, *n.* An overcoat. **great toe**: The big toe. **greatly**, *adv.* In a great degree, much, exceedingly; nobly. **greatness**, *n.*

**greave** (grév) [O.F. *greve*, shin], *n.* (*usu. pl.*) Armour for the legs. A thicket.

**grebe** (grēb) [F. *grèbe*], *n.* A diving-bird. **Grecian** (grē'shān) [L. *Græcia*, Greece], *a.* Pertaining to Greece. *n.* A Greek; one well versed in Greek.

**greed** (gréd) [from GREEDY], *n.* Avarice, insatiable desire or covetousness. **greedy** [A.-S. *grēdig*], *a.* **greedily**, *adv.* **greediness**, *n.*

**Greek** (grēk) [Gr. *Graikos*, ancient name for the Hellenes], *n.* A native of Greece; one of the Greek race; the language of Greece.

**green** (grēn) [A.-S. *grēne* (cp. Dut. *groen*, G. *grün*) cogn. with *grōvan*, to GROW], *a.* Having a colour like growing herbage; unripe, immature; easily imposed on; fresh, not withered, not dried, seasoned, cured, or tanned; (of a wound) not healed. *n.* The colour of growing herbage; a colour composed of blue and yellow; a grassy plot; (*pl.*) young leaves and stems of cabbages, etc., used for food; (*fig.*) vigour, youth, prime. **green-back**, *n.* A United States bank-note. **greenfinch**, *n.* A common British singing bird. **green-fly**, *n.* An aphid or plant-louse. **greengage**, *n.* A green, fine-flavoured variety of plum. **greengrocer**, *n.* A retailer of vegetables. **greenhorn**, *n.* A simpleton, a raw person. **green-house**, *n.* A glass-house for cultivating and preserving tender plants. **green-room**, *n.* A room in which actors and

actresses wait during intervals. **green-sward**, *n.* Turf covered with grass. **greenwood**, *n.* A wood in summer. *a.* Pertaining to a greenwood. **greenery**, *n.* **greenish**, *a.* **greenness**, *n.*

**greet** (grēt) [A.-S. *grētan*], *v.t.* To salute at meeting; to accost; to receive at meeting or on arrival (with speech, gesture, etc.). *v.i.* To exchange greetings. **greeting**, *n.*

**gregarious** (grē-gār'i-ūs) [L. *grex gregis*, herd], *a.* Living in flocks or herds; tending to associate. **gregoriously**, *adv.*

**grenade** (grē-nād') [Sp. *granada*, pomegranate], *n.* A small explosive shell thrown by hand.

**grenadier** (grēn-ā-dēr') [prec., -IER], *n.* One of a British regiment of Guards; formerly a foot-soldier armed with grenades.

**grey** (grā) [A.-S. *græg*], *a.* Ash-coloured; between white and black; dull, clouded, dismal, depressing; aged, pertaining to old age. *n.* A grey colour; twilight, cold, sunless light; a grey horse. **grey-beard**, *n.* An old man; a large earthen jar for spirit. **Grey Friar**: A Franciscan friar. **grey-haired**, -headed, *a.* **greyhound**, *n.* A swift, slender, and keen-sighted dog used for coursing. **greyish**, *a.* **greily**, *adv.* **greyness**, *n.*

**grid** (grid) [as GRIDIRON], *n.* A grating of parallel bars; a gridiron.

**griddle** (gridl) [A.-F. *gridil*, O.F. *greil*], *n.* A circular iron plate for baking cakes.

**gridiron** (grid'irn) [M.E. *gredire*, as GRIDDLE], *n.* A grated iron utensil for broiling on; a framework of parallel beams for supporting a ship in dry dock.

**grief** (grēf) [as GRIEVE], *n.* Deep sorrow or mental distress due to loss, disappointment, etc.; regret, sadness.

**grievance** (grē'vāns) [O.F. *grevance*, as foll.], *n.* That which causes grief; a wrong, a ground for complaint.

**grieve** (grév) [O.F. *grever*, L. *gravāre*, to burden, as GRAVE (3)], *v.t.* To cause pain or sorrow to; to lament, sorrow over. *v.i.* To feel grief, to sorrow. **grievous**, *a.* Causing grief; hard to be borne, distressing.

**griffin** -on (grif'in, -ón) [Gr. *grupos*, hook-beaked], *n.* A fabulous creature, with the body and legs of a lion, the head and wings of an eagle; (*fig.*) a watchful guardian, a duenna; (-on) a vulture; a dog like a terrier, with short, coarse hair.

**grig** (grig) [?], *n.* A young eel; a cricket or grasshopper; a merry person.

**grill** (gril) [F. *griller*], *v.t.* To broil on a gridiron; to torture as by fire. *n.* Meat, etc., broiled; a gridiron. **griller**, *n.*

**grille** (gril) [F., as GRIDDLE], *n.* A screen of lattice-work, to enclose a place, to fill an opening in a door, etc.

**grilse** (grils) [?], *n.* A young salmon when it first returns from the sea, *usu.* in its second year.

**grim** (grim) [A.-S.], *a.* Stern, relentless; cruel; hideous, ghastly. **grimly**, *adv.*

**grimace** (gri-mās') [F.], *n.* A distortion



- of the face, expressing disgust, contempt, affectation, etc. *v.i.* To make grimaces.
- grimalkin** (gri-mäl'kin) [GREY, *Malkin*, dim. of *Matilda*], *n.* An old cat, esp. a she.
- grime** (grim) [Scand.], *n.* Dirt, smut; dirt deeply engrained. *v.t.* To dirty.
- grimy**, *a.*, **grimly**, *adv.* **griminess**, *n.*
- grin** (grin) [A.-S. *gremnian*], *v.i.* To show the teeth as in laughter; to smile in a malicious, sickly, or affected manner. *n.* A smile with the teeth showing.
- grind** (grind) [A.-S. *grindan*], *v.t.* To reduce to fine particles by crushing and friction; to sharpen, smooth, or polish by friction; to oppress, to harass, esp. with exactions; to work (a mill, handle, etc.); to study laboriously. *v.i.* To perform the act of grinding; to be ground; to rub gratingly; to drudge; to study laboriously. *n.* Act or process of grinding; hard and monotonous work; a turn at the handle of a machine or instrument.
- grinder**, *n.* One who or that which grinds; a grinding-machine; a molar tooth; one who studies hard. **grindstone**, *n.* A flat circular stone, used for grinding tools.
- grip** (grip) [A.-S. *gripe*, a clutch], *n.* The act of holding firmly; a firm grasp; power of grasping; the part of a weapon, etc., that is held in the hand; *v.t.* To seize hold of; to grasp or hold tightly. *v.i.* To take firm hold. **grip-sack**, *n.* A traveller's hand-bag.
- gripe** (gríp) [A.-S. *gripan*], *v.t.* To grip, clutch, to pinch; to oppress; to affect the bowels with colic pains. *v.i.* To lay fast hold of anything; to get money by extortion. *n.* A grasp; a pinch, squeeze; (*pl.*) pains in the abdomen. **gripping**, *a.*
- grisly** (griz'li) [A.-S. *grislic*], *a.* Horrible, fearful, grim.
- grist** (grist) [A.-S. *grist*], *n.* Corn to be ground or which has been ground; malt for a brewing.
- gristle** (grisl) [A.-S.], *n.* Cartilage.
- grit** (grit) [A.-S. *grēot*], *n.* Coarse rough particles such as sand; (*colloq.*) firmness, pluck. **gritty**, *a.* **grittiness**, *n.*
- grizzle** (1) (grizl) [O.F. *grisel*, from *gris*, grey], *a.* Grey. *n.* A grey colour; grey hair; a kind of wig. **grizzled**, *a.* Grey, grey-haired; **grizzly**, *a.* Grey, greyish. *n.* A grizzly bear, a North American bear of great size and strength.
- grizzle** (2) [?], *v.i.* To worry, fret.
- groan** (grōn) [A.-S. *grānian*], *v.i.* To utter a deep moaning sound, as in pain or grief; (*fig.*) to grieve. *n.* A low moaning sound, as of one in pain or sorrow.
- groat** (grōt) [M.E. and L.G. *grote*], *n.* A silver fourpenny-piece.
- groats** (grōts) [cp. A.-S. *grāt*, cp. **GRIT**], *n.pl.* Husked oats or wheat.
- grocer** (grō'sér) [O.F. *grossier*, one who sells in the gross], *n.* A dealer in tea, sugar, coffee, spices, etc. **grocery**, *n.* Grocers' wares.
- grog** (grog) [from nickname of Admiral Vernon, "Old Grog"], *n.* A mixture of spirit and water.
- grogram** (grog'ram) [F. *gros grain*, coarse grain], *n.* A coarse stuff of silk and mohair or silk and wool.
- groin** (groin) [?], *n.* The hollow in the human body where the thigh and the trunk unite; (*Arch.*) the edge formed by an intersection of vaults; a groyne.
- groined**, *a.* **groining**, *n.* (*Arch.*).
- groom** (groom, grum) [?], *n.* A servant who has charge of horses; one of several officers in the royal household; a bridegroom. *v.t.* To tend or care for, as a groom does a horse. **groomsman**, *n.* An unmarried friend who attends on the bridegroom.
- groove** (groov) [as A.-S. *grafan*, to GRAVE], *n.* A channel or long hollow for something to fit into or work in; natural course or events of one's life, a rut. *v.t.* To cut or form a groove in.
- grope** (grōp) [A.-S. *grāpian*], *v.t.* To feel about with the hands as in the dark; to feel one's way; to seek blindly.
- gross** (grōs) [O.F. *gros*, thick], *a.* Fat, bloated, overfed; coarse, uncleanly; dense, thick; (*fig.*) dull, unrefined; indelicate; flagrant; total, not net; general, not specific. *n.* Twelve dozen; the mass; the sum total. **grossness**, *n.*
- grot** (grot) [F. *grotte*, GROTTO], *n.* A grotto.
- grotesque** (grō-tesk') [It. *grottesca*, antique work], *a.* Extravagant or fantastic; ludicrous through these qualities, bizarre.
- grotto** (grot'6) [It. *grotta*, L. *crypta*, Gr. *krupē*, CRYPT], *n.* A small cave.
- ground** (1) (ground) [A.-S. *grund*], *n.* The surface of the earth; a floor or other supporting surface; land, landed estates; (*pl.*) private land attached to a house; the solid earth; the base or foundation; the background, the surface on which a picture, etc., is laid, the prevailing colour or tone; (*fig.*) the reason, motive, origin, cause; (*pl.*) pretext, the first or fundamental principles; dregs, esp. of coffee. *v.t.* To set on or in the ground; to base or establish (on); to instruct thoroughly (in) the elementary principles of; to run (a ship) aground. **ground-bait**, *n.* Bait thrown into the water to attract fish.
- ground floor**: The rooms level with the exterior ground. **ground-landlord**, *n.* The owner of land let on a building lease.
- groundless**, *a.* Without foundation or reason, baseless. **groundling**, *n.* A spectator who stood on the floor of a theatre; one of the vulgar. **ground-plan**, *n.* A horizontal plan of a building at the ground level; an outline of anything.
- ground-rent**, *n.* Rent paid to a ground-landlord for a building-site. **ground-swell**, *n.* A long, deep swell or rolling of the sea, occasioned by a past or distant storm, etc.
- ground-work**, *n.* That which forms the foundation or basis; fundamental principle; parts of any object not covered by decoration, etc. **grounding**, *n.* Instruction in the elements of a subject.

**ground** (2) [*p.p.* of GRIND], *a.* **ground glass**: Glass with the surface ground to make it obscure.

**groundsel** (ground'sél) [A.-S. *gundswylige*], *n.* A weed with small yellow flowers used for feeding cage-birds.

**group** (groop) [F. *groupe*], *n.* The combination of several things to form a single mass; a cluster, an assemblage; a number of persons or things classed together; a grade in classification. *v.t.* To form into or place in a group; to bring together so as to produce a harmonious whole or effect.

**grouse** (grous) [?], *n.* (*pl.* *unchanged*). A game-bird.

**grout** (grout) [A.S. *grūt*, as GRIT], *n.* Coarse meal; (*pl.*) dregs; mortar to run into the joints of masonry, etc.

**grove** (grōv) [A.-S. *grāf*], *n.* A small wood, esp. one sacred to a divinity.

**grovel** (grovl) [obs. *adv.* *grovelling*], *v.i.* To lie or move with the body prostrate on the earth; (*fig.*) to prostrate oneself, to be abject. *groveller*, *n.*

**grow** (grō) [A.-S. *grōwan*], *v.i.* (*past* *grew*, *p.p.* *grown*) To increase by the assimilation of new matter; to develop; to increase in number, power, etc.; to spring up, be produced, arise; to pass into a certain state; to adhere. *v.t.* To cultivate; to produce.

**growl** (groul) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a deep guttural sound as of anger; to grumble; to speak gruffly; to rumble. *v.t.* To express by a growl. *n.* A deep guttural sound like that made by an angry dog; a complaint. *growler*, *n.*

**growth** (grōth) [GROW], *n.* Act or process of growing; increase, development in number, bulk, etc.; that which grows or is grown; a morbid formation.

**groyne** (groin) [?], *n.* A small breakwater on a foreshore, causing shingle, etc., to be retained.

**grub** (grüb) [?], *v.i.* To scratch or tear up the ground superficially; to rummage; to drudge, toil; (*slang*) to take one's food. *v.t.* To dig (up or out); to clear (ground) of roots, etc.; to find by searching. *n.* The larva of an insect, a caterpillar, maggot; (*Cricket*) a ball bowled along the ground; (*slang*) food.

**grudge** (grūj) [O.F. *groucier*], *v.t.* To be envious, to cherish ill-will. *v.t.* To feel envy at; to give or take unwillingly or reluctantly. *n.* Ill-will, a feeling of malice; unwillingness, reluctance. *grudgingly*, *adv.*

**gruel** (groo'él) [O.F.], *n.* Semi-liquid food made by boiling meal in water or milk.

**gruesome** (groo'sūm) [obs. *grue*, to shudder], *a.* Frightful, horrible, repulsive.

**gruesomely**, *adv.* **gruesomeness**, *n.*

**gruff** (grūf) [Teut.], *a.* Of a rough, surly, or harsh aspect; sour, hoarse-voiced.

**grumble** (grūmb) [?], *v.i.* To murmur with discontent; to complain surlily, to growl, mutter. *v.t.* To express in a complaining manner. *n.* Act of grumbling; a complaint. *grumbler*, *n.*

**grumpy** (grūm'pī) [obs. *n.* *grump*, offence], *a.* Surly, peevish, ill-tempered.

**grunt** (grūt) [A.-S. *grunnellan*], *v.i.* To make a noise like a pig; to grumble, growl. *v.t.* To express or utter in a grunting manner. *n.* A deep guttural sound, as of a hog. *grunter*, *n.* A hog.

**gruyère** (groo'yār) [town in Switzerland], *n.* A pale-coloured cheese, firm and full of cavities.

**guano** (gwa'nō) [Sp., from Quichua *huanu*, dung], *n.* The excrement of sea-fowl from South America and the Pacific as manure; an artificial manure.

**guarantee** (gār-ān-tē') [GUARANTY], *n.* An engagement on the part of a third person to see an agreement, etc., fulfilled; act of guaranteeing; security, warranty, or surety given; the person to whom the guarantee is given. *v.t.* To become guarantor for; to undertake responsibility for the fulfilment of a contract; to pledge oneself; to assure the continuance of; to undertake to secure (to another). *guarantor*, *n.* One who guarantees.

**guaranty** (gār-ān-ti) [A.-F. *garantie* O.F. *garantir*, to WARRANT], *n.* Act of guaranteeing, esp. an undertaking to be responsible for a debt of another person; that on which a guarantee or security is based.

**guard** (gard) [Teut., as WARD], *v.t.* To secure the safety of; to watch over, protect, defend, to prevent the escape of. *v.i.* To be cautious or take precautions (against). *n.* Defence, protection, a state of vigilance; a protector; men on guard; a sentry, escort; one in charge of a railway train, etc.; a watch-chain; a screen for a fireplace, window, etc.; (*pl.*) the British household troops. **guard-house**, *room*, *n.* A house or room for those on guard or for prisoners. **guardship**, *n.* A vessel stationed in a harbour for defence. **guardsman**, *n.* An officer or private in the Guards. *guardedly*, *adv.*

**guardian** (gar'di-ān) [O.F. *gardien*, as prec.], *n.* One who has the charge or custody of any person or thing; a member of a board elected to administer the Poor Laws; the superior of a Franciscan convent. *a.* Guarding; acting as a guardian or protector. **guardianship**, *n.*

**guava** (gwa'vá) [Sp. *guayaba*], *n.* The luscious fruit of various tropical American trees of the myrtle family.

**gudgeon** (gū'jōn) [F. *goujon*], *n.* A small freshwater fish, easily caught; (*fig.*) one easily taken in.

**guelder rose** (gel'dér-rōz) [*Guellders*, town], *n.* A shrubby plant bearing ball-shaped bunches of white flowers.

**guerdon** (gēr'dōn) [O.H.G. *wider*, against, *lōn*, loan], *n.* A reward, recompense.

**guerrilla** (gà-ril'á) [Sp. dim. of *guerra*, war], *n.* Irregular warfare; an irregular, petty war; one engaged in such.

**guess** (ges) [M.E. *gessen*, as GET], *v.t.* To judge on imperfect grounds, to conjecture; to imagine, suppose, divine (one to be)



*v.i.* To form a conjecture, to judge at random. *n.* A conjecture; an opinion, estimate, etc., based on imperfect grounds. **guess-work**, *n.* Calculation based on guess; procedure by this means. **guest** (gest) [A.-S. *gæst*], *n.* One entertained in the house or at the table of another; one residing at a boarding-house. **guffaw** (gû-faw') [imit.], *n.* A burst of coarse laughter. *v.i.* To laugh loudly or coarsely.

**guide** (gid) [O.F. *guider*], *v.t.* To direct, lead, or conduct; to rule, regulate. *n.* One who leads another or points the way; a person who conducts a party of tourists, etc.; an adviser; anything adopted as a sign of direction or criterion of accuracy; a mechanical device acting as indicator or regulating motion; a guide-book describing places of interest, means of transit, etc.

**guild** (gild) [A.-S. *gild*, a payment], *n.* A society of craftsmen or others of the same class or pursuit, combined for mutual aid and protection. **guild-hall**, *n.* A hall where a guild or corporation meets; a town-hall.

**guilder** (gil'dér) [Dut. *gulden*], *n.* A former Dutch coin, value about 1s. 8d.

**guile** (gil) [O.F.], *n.* Deceit, craft, cunning. **guileful**, *a.* **guileless**, *a.*

**guillemot** (gil'é-mot) [F., dim. of *Guillaume*, William], *n.* A diving sea-bird.

**guillotine** (gil-ô-tên) [F., J. I. *Guillotin* (d. 1814), who introduced it (1792)], *n.* An apparatus for beheading persons at a stroke; a machine for cutting many thicknesses of paper; an instrument for cutting tonsils, etc.; (*Parl.*) the curtailment of debate by previous arrangement. *v.t.* To execute by or cut with a guillotine.

**guilt** (gilt) [A.-S. *gylt*], *n.* The state of having committed an offence; criminality, culpability. **guiltless**, *a.* **Innocent**. **guilty**, *a.*

**guinea** (gin'i) [*Guinea*, on W. coast of Africa], *n.* A former British gold coin value 21s.; a sum of money equivalent to this. **guinea-fowl**, *n.* A gallinaceous bird something like the turkey, originally from Africa. **guinea-pig**, *n.* A small domesticated cavy from Brazil.

**guise** (giz) [O.F.], *n.* External appearance; semblance; manner, way; dress.

**guitar** (gi-tar') [Sp. *guitarra*, Gr. *kithara*], *n.* A stringed musical instrument.

**gulch** (gûlch) [?], *n.* A deep ravine.

**gules** (gûlz) [O.F. *goules*], *n.* (*Her.*) A red colour, represented in engraving by vertical lines.

**gulf** (gûlf) [F. *golfe*, Gr. *kolpos*], *n.* An inlet of the sea; a deep hollow, chasm, or abyss; a whirlpool, anything that engulfs; an impassable chasm, difference.

**gull** (gûl) [prob. Corn. *gullan*], *n.* A long-winged, web-footed marine bird; (*fig.*) a simpleton, a dupe. *v.t.* To fool, impose upon. **gullible**, *a.* **gullibil'ity**, *n.*

**gullet** (gûl'et) [O.F., dim. of *gole*, L. *gula*, the throat], *n.* The throat.

**gully** (gûl'i) [var. of *prec.*], *n.* A channel or ravine worn by water; a ditch, gutter. **gulp** (gûlp) [imit.], *v.t.* To swallow (down) eagerly or in large draughts. *v.i.* To make a noise in swallowing, to gasp or choke. *n.* The act of gulping; a large mouthful; a catching or choking in the throat.

**gum** (1) (gûm) [A.S. *gōma*], *n.* The flesh round the necks of the teeth. **gumboil**, *n.* A small abscess on the gums.

**gum** (2) (gûm) [M.E. and O.F. *gomme*], *n.* A viscid substance which exudes from trees, used for sticking things together; a gum-tree. *v.t.* To cover, stiffen, or fasten with gum.

**gun** (gûn) [Icel. *gunn*, war], *n.* A tube from which projectiles are shot by explosive force, a cannon, rifle, etc.; a member of a shooting party. **gunboat**, *n.* A small warship carrying heavy guns.

**gun-carriage**, *n.* The frame upon which a cannon is mounted. **gun-cotton**, *n.*

A highly explosive substance made by soaking cotton in nitric and sulphuric acids, and then drying. **gun-fire**, *n.*

The hour at which the morning or evening gun is fired; discharge of guns. **gunman**, *n.*

One who uses a gun, esp. illicitly. **gun-metal**, *n.*

An alloy of copper and tin or zinc from which cannon were formerly cast. **gunner**, *n.* (*Nav.*)

A warrant-officer in charge of ordnance or ordnance stores; (*Mil.*) an artilleryman. **gunnery**, *n.*

The art of managing heavy guns; the science of artillery; practice with heavy guns. **gunpowder**, *n.*

A mixture of saltpetre, carbon, and sulphur used as an explosive. **gun-room**, *n.*

A room on one of the lower decks of a war vessel for junior officers. **gun-runner**, *n.*

A smuggler of firearms. **gunshot**, *n.*

The range of a gun. **gunsmith**, *n.* One who makes or repairs small fire-arms.

**gunwale**, **gunnel** (gûnl) [GUN, WEAL (2)], *n.* The upper edge of a ship's side next the bulwarks.

**gurgle** (gêrgl) [?], *v.i.* To make a bubbling sound, as water poured from a bottle; to run or flow with such a sound.

**gurnard**, **-net** (gêr'nard, -nêl) [?], *n.* A sea-fish having a large angular head, covered with bony plates.

**gush** (gûsh) [Teut.], *v.i.* To flow out copiously or with violence; to be filled with water, tears, etc.; to be effusive or affectively sentimental. *n.*

A violent and copious issue of a fluid; the fluid thus emitted; an outburst; extravagant affection of sentiment.

**gusset** (gûs'et) [O.F. *gousset*, dim. of *gousse*, nut-shell], *n.* A small triangular piece of cloth inserted in a dress.

**gust** (1) (gûst) [Icel. *gustr*], *n.* A short but violent rush of wind; a squall; an outburst of passion. **gusty**, *a.*

**gust** (2) [L. *gustus*, taste], *n.* The sense or pleasure of tasting; relish. **gus'tatory**, *a.*

Of or pertaining to taste. **gusto**, *n.* Zest, enjoyment; flavour, relish.

**gut** (güt) [A.-S. *gutt*], *n.* The intestinal canal; an intestine; catgut, esp. as strings of musical instruments; a narrow passage, esp. a sound or strait. *v.i.* To draw the entrails out of; (*fig.*) to remove or destroy the contents of (as by fire).

**gutta-percha** (güt'á-pér-chá) [Malay *gatah*, gum, *percha*, name of tree], *n.* The inspissated juice of a Malayan tree.

**gutter** (güt'ér) [O.F. *gutiére*], *n.* A channel or trough for carrying away water. *v.i.* To become channelled, as a burning candle. **gutter-snipe**, *n.* A street arab.

**guttural** (güt'úr-ál) [L. *guttur*, throat], *a.* Pertaining to the throat; formed in the throat. *n.* A sound or letter produced in the throat. **gutturally**, *adv.*

**guy** (1) (gi) [O.F. *guie*, see *GUIDE*], *n.* A rope, etc., to steady a load in hoisting.

*v.i.* To guide or steady by means of guys. **guy** (2) [*Guy* Fawkes], *n.* An effigy, burnt on 5 Nov. in memory of the gunpowder plot; a fantastic figure. *v.i.* To display in effigy; to ridicule.

**guzzle** (güzl) [?], *v.* To eat or drink. *n.* A debauch. **guzzler**, *n.*

**gybe** (jib) [Dut. *gijben*], *v.i.* To swing from one side of the mast to the other (of a fore-and-aft sail). *v.t.* To shift (a sail) in this way; to make (a vessel) take the wind on the opposite quarter. *n.* Act or process of gybing.

**gymkhana** (jim-ka'ná) [Hind.], *n.* A meeting for athletic sports and games.

**gymnasium** (jim-ná'zi-üm) [Gr. *gymnazein*, to exercise naked (*gymnos*, naked)], *n.* A place for athletic exercises; a place of instruction for the higher branches of literature and science.

**gymnast** (jim'nást) [as *prec.*], *n.* An expert in gymnastic exercises. **gymnastic**, *a.*

**gynæco-** [Gr. *gunē gunaikos*, woman], *comb. form.* Pertaining to women. **gynæcol'ogy**, *n.* The science dealing with the functions and diseases peculiar to women. **gynæcol'ogist**, *n.*

**-gynous** [Gr. *-gunos*, from *gunē*, woman], *adj.* Pertaining to women; (*Bot.*) having female organs or pistils; as *androgynous*. **gypsum** (jip'süm) [Gr. *gypsos*, chalk], *n.* Hydrous sulphate of lime.

**gyrate** (jir'át) [L. *gyrātus*], *a.* Circular, convoluted. *v.i.* (ji-rát') To rotate, revolve, whirl, in a circle or spiral. **gyra'tion**, *n.* **gyratory**, *a.*

**gyve** (jiv) [M.E. *guive*], *n.* A fetter, shackle.

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**ha** (há) [onomat.], *int.* An exclamation denoting surprise, etc., or, when repeated, laughter.

**haberdasher** (há'b'ér-dášh-ér) [A.-F. *habertas*], *n.* A seller of ribbons, laces, silks, etc. **haberdashery**, *n.*

**habiliment** (há'b-il'i-mént) [O.F. *habiller*, to get ready], *n.* (*Pl.*) Dress, garb.

**habit** (há'b'it) [L. *habēre*, to have, refl. to be constituted, to be], *n.* A settled inclina-

tion, disposition, or trend of mind; manner, use, or custom, acquired by frequent repetition; dress, costume, esp. one of a distinctive kind, as of a religious order, or a riding-dress for women. *v.t.* To dress, to clothe.

**habitable** (há'b'it-ábl) [L. *habitabilis*, from *habitāre*, to dwell, as *prec.*], *a.* That may be dwelt in or inhabited. **habitably**, *adv.* **habitant**, *n.* (a-bē-tan) An inhabitant of Lower Canada of French origin. **habitat**, *n.* The natural abode of an animal or plant. **habita'tion**, *n.* State of being inhabited; place of abode; natural locality. **habited**, *a.* Wearing a habit.

**habitual** (há-bit'ü-ál) [as *HABIT*], *a.* Formed by, acquired by, or according to habit, usual; constant; rendered permanent by use. **habituate**, *v.t.* To accustom; to make familiar by frequent repetition. **hab'itude**, *n.* **habitué** (há-bit'ü-ä), *n.* One who frequents a place, esp. of amusement.

**hack** (1) (hák) [A.-S. *-haccian*], *v.t.* To cut irregularly or unskillfully; to chop, notch; to kick (a player's shins) at football. *v.i.* To chop away at anything; to emit a short dry cough. *n.* An irregular cut, gash, notch; a kick (on the shins, etc.); a miner's pick. **hacking**, *a.* Slashing, mangling; short, dry, and intermittent (of a cough).

**hack** (2) (hák) [*HACKNEY*], *n.* A horse for hire, or for general purposes as dist. from a hunter, racer, etc.; a drudge, esp. a literary drudge. **hack-work**, *n.* Work done by a literary drudge.

**hackle** (hákl) [M.E. *hachele*], *n.* A sharp steel comb for dressing flax, etc.; fibrous substance unspun, as raw silk; a long shining feather on a cock's neck; a fly for angling. *v.t.* To dress or comb (flax, etc.) with a hackle.

**hackney** (hákl'ni) [prob. *Hackney*, Middlesex], *n.* A horse (or a cab or carriage) kept for hire. **hackneyed**, *a.* Stale, trite.

**haddock** (há'd'ók) [?], *n.* A sea-fish allied to the cod.

**Hades** (há'déz) [Gr. the god of the lower world], *n.* The abode of the spirits of the dead.

**hæma-**, **hæmat-**, **hæmato-** [Gr. *haima haimatos*, blood], *comb. form.* Consisting or containing blood; pertaining to or resembling blood.

**hæmorrhage** (hem'ór-áj) [Gr. *haimorrhagia*, a breaking forth of blood], *n.* Discharge of blood from the heart, arteries, veins, or capillaries.

**hæmorrhoids** (hem'ó-roïdz) [Gr. *hæmorrhoidēs*, discharging blood], *n.pl.* Piles.

**haft** (haft) [A.-S. *hæft*], *n.* A handle of a dagger, knife, tool, etc.

**hag** (hag) [?], *n.* A witch; an ugly old woman; an eel-like fish, parasitic within other fishes; the turfy hillocks of firmer ground in a bog.

**haggard** (hág'árd) [F. *hagard*], *a.* Wild-looking; careworn, or gaunt from fatigue, etc. *n.* A wild or untrained hawk.



**haggis** (hă'gis) [Sc.], *n.* A Scotch dish of liver, lights, heart, etc., minced with onions, suet, oatmeal, etc., boiled in a sheep's stomach.

**haggle** (hăgl) [?], *v.i.* To chaffer, to wrangle (over or about a bargain). *n.* A wrangle about terms. **haggler**, *n.*

**hagiol-** (hăi'i-ô) [Gr. *hagios*, holy], *comb. form.* Pertaining to saints or to holy things.

**hagiol'atry**, *n.* The worship of saints.

**hagiol'ogy**, *n.* Literature relating to the lives and legends of saints; a work on the lives of saints.

**ha-ha** (hă'ha) [F., a sudden obstacle that laughs at one], *n.* A fence or wall sunk between slopes.

**hail** (1) (hăl) [A.-S. *hagol*], *n.* Frozen rain falling in showers. *v.i.* (*impers.*) To pour down hail; to come down with swiftmess or violence. *v.t.* To pour down or out, as hail. **hailstone**, *n.* A single pellet of hail. **hailstorm**, *n.*

**hail** (2) [Icel. *heill*, HALE (1)], *v.t.* To call to (as one at a distance); to greet or designate (as); to welcome. *v.i.* To come (as a ship). *int.* An address of welcome or salutation.

**hair** (hâr) [Teut., A.-S. *hær*], *n.* A filament growing from the skin of an animal; the mass of such filaments forming a covering; hair-like cellular processes on the surface of plants; (*fig.*) something very small or fine, a hair's breadth. **hairbreadth**, **hair's breadth**, *n.* A very minute distance. **haircloth**, *n.* Cloth made wholly or in part of hair. **hair-compasses**, *n.pl.* Compasses that can be finely adjusted. **hairdresser**, *n.* One who dresses and cuts hair. **hair-line**, *n.* The up-stroke of a letter; a fishing-line of horse-hair. **hair-pencil**, *n.* A fine brush made of hair for painting. **hairpin**, *n.* A pin for fastening the hair. **hair-shirt**, *n.* A shirt made of horse-hair, worn as a penance. **hair-splitting**, *n.* The practice of making minute distinctions. *a.* Quibbling. **hair-spring**, *n.* The fine steel spring regulating the balance-wheel in a watch. **hairy**, *a.*

**hake** (hāk) [?], *n.* A fish allied to the cod.

**halation** (hă-lă'shûn) [HALO, -ATION], *n.* (*Phot.*) A blurring in a negative caused by reflection.

**halberd** (hăl'bêrd) [O.F. *halebarde*], *n.* A combination of spear and battle-axe, mounted on a long pole. **halberdier**, *n.* One armed with a halberd.

**halcyon** (hăl'si-ôn) [Gr. *alkuôn*, kingfisher], *n.* The kingfisher, fabled by the ancients to have the power of calming the sea while it was breeding. *a.* (*fig.*) Peaceful, happy, pleasant.

**hale** (1) (hăl) [A.-S. *hāl*, whole], *a.* Sound and vigorous, robust.

**\*hale** (2) (hăl) [O.F. *haler*], *v.t.* To drag, to draw violently.

**half** (haf) [A.-S. *healf*], *n.* (*pl.* halves) One of two equal parts into which a thing is or may be divided; a half-year, a school term. *a.* Consisting of or forming a half. *adv.* To the extent or degree of a half, or

thereabouts; partially, imperfectly. **half-blood**, *n.* Relationship between two persons having but one parent in common; a half-breed. **half-boot**, *n.* A boot reaching high up the ankle. **half-bred**, *a.* Wanting in refinement; of mixed breed, mongrel. **half-breed**, *n.* An offspring of parents of different races. **half-brother**, *n.* A brother by one parent, but not by both. **half-caste**, *n.* A half-breed, esp. Hindu and European. **half-cock**, *n.* The position of the cock of a fire-arm when it cannot be moved by the trigger. **half-crown**, *n.* A silver English coin, value 2s. 6d. **half-dozen**, *n.* and *a.* Six. **half-hearted**, *a.* Lukewarm, indifferent; poor-spirited. **half-length**, *n.* A portrait showing only the upper half of the body. **half mast**: Half-way up the mast, the position of a flag denoting respect for a dead person. **half-pay**, *n.* A reduced allowance to an officer not in active service. *a.* Entitled to or on half-pay. **halfpenny** (hă'pên-i), *n.* An English copper coin, half the value of a penny. *a.* Of the value of a halfpenny; trumpery, almost worthless. **halfpennyworth** (hă'pôth), *n.* As much as can be bought for a halfpenny. **half-seas-over**, *a.* Half drunk. **half-starved**, *a.* Poorly fed, not having sufficient food. **half-time**, *n.* Half the time allotted. **half-truth**, *n.* A statement omitting or suppressing part of the truth. **half-tone**, *a.* Pertaining to a process by which printing blocks are made with the shaded portions in small dots. **half-witted**, *a.* Weak in intellect, imbecile.

**halibut** (hal'i-bût) [M.E. *hali*, holy, and *butte*, a flounder], *n.* A large flat-fish.

**\*halidom** (hăl'i-dôm) [A.-S. *hāligdôm* (HOLY, -DOM)], *n.* A holy relic or place; lands belonging to a religious foundation. **\*by my halidom**: An oath.

**hall** (haw) [A.-S. *heall*], *n.* A large room, esp. one for public meetings, etc.; a large building for public business; the building occupied by a guild, etc.; a room in which scholars dine in common, the dinner itself; a manor-house or mansion; a room or passage at the entrance of a house; (*Univ.*) a building for undergraduates; a small college. **hall-mark**, *n.* An official stamp on gold and silver articles to guarantee the standard; any mark of genuineness. *v.t.* To stamp with this.

**Hallelujah** (hăl-ê-loo'yă) [Heb., praise Jehovah], *n.* Praise to God, sung at the commencement of many psalms and in hymns.

**hallo** (hă-lô) [imit.], *int.* An exclamation of surprise; a call for attention; a call to dogs. *n.* This cry. *v.i.* To cry 'hallo'; to cheer dogs on with cries. *v.t.* To shout loudly to; to urge on.

**hallow** (hăl'ô) [A.-S. *hālgian*, as HOLY], *v.t.* To make sacred; to revere; to consecrate, sanctify. **All-Hallows**: All-Saints' Day. **Hallowe'en**, *n.* The eve of All-Hallows, 31st Oct.

**hallucina'tion** [L. *hallūcinātus*, mentally

fogged], *n.* An apparent perception of an external object arising from mental disorder, an illusion.

**halo** (hăl'ô) [Gr. *halôs*, a round threshing-floor], *n.* (*pl.* -oes). A luminous circle round the sun or moon caused by refraction of light through mist; a bright disk surrounding the heads of saints.

**halt** (1) (hawlt) [A.-S. *healt*], *a.* Limping, lame. *v.i.* To limp, to be lame; to doubt, hesitate; (*fig.*) to come short, to be faulty. *n.* Lame persons generally.

**halt** (2) [G. *halt*, a stoppage], *n.* The act of stopping on a march. *v.i.* To come to a stand.

**halter** (hawlt'ér) [A.-S. *hælfter*], *n.* A head-stall and rope by which an animal is fastened; a rope to hang malefactors; death by hanging. *v.t.* To put a halter upon; to tie up with a halter.

**halve** (hav) [from *HALF*], *v.t.* To divide into two equal parts; to share equally; to reduce to half.

**halyard** (hăl'yârd) [M.E. *halier* (*HALF* 2')], *n.* Tackle for hoisting or lowering yards, sails, or flags.

**ham** (hâm) [A.-S. *hamm*], *n.* The hind part of the thigh; the thigh of a hog, salted and cured. *hammy*, *a.*

**hamadryad** (hâm'â-dri-âd) [Gr. *hama*, with, *drus*, tree], *n.* (Gr. *Myth.*) A nymph who died with the tree in which she lived; an Indian venomous snake.

**hamlet** (hâm'lét) [O.F. *hamelet*, from Teut.], *n.* A small village.

**hammer** (hâm'ér) [A.-S. *hamor*], *n.* A tool for driving nails, beating metals, etc.; the part of a gun-lock for exploding the charge, the striker of a bell, etc.; an auctioneer's mallet. *v.t.* To strike, beat, drive, forge, or form with a hammer; (*fig.*) to work (out) laboriously in the mind; (*Stock Exch.*) to declare a defaulter. *v.i.* To work with or as with a hammer; to make a noise like a hammer.

**hammock** (hâm'ók) [Sp. *hamaca*], *n.* A bed of canvas or network hung from a ceiling, tree, etc.

**hamper** (1) (hâm'pér) [O.F. *hanapier*], *n.* A large wicker-work basket, with a cover.

**hamper** (2) [?], *v.t.* To impede the free action of; to obstruct (movement, etc.); to hinder, fetter. *n.* Anything which encumbers, or impedes free action; (*Naut.*) rigging and other heavy gear.

**hamstring** (hâm'string) [HAM, STRING], *n.* One of the tendons of the thigh. *v.t.* To lame by severing this.

**hand** (hând) [A.-S. *hand*, *hond*], *n.* The palm and fingers at the extremity of the human arm serving as organ of prehension; a similar member in monkeys and other animals, when serving as a prehensile organ; (*fig.*) skill, performance, handiwork; a pledge of marriage; authority, power (*often in pl.*); (*pl.*) labourers, crew, persons engaged in a game, etc.; a turn, an innings; a game at cards; the cards held by a player; style of workmanship, writing, etc.; signature; a measure of

four inches; the pointer or index finger of a watch, etc.; a shoulder (of pork); side direction (right or left). *v.t.* To give or transmit with the hand; to assist or conduct with the hand (into, out of, etc.); (*Naut.*) to furl. **to hand down**: To give in succession; to pass on.

**hand-bag**, *n.* A small bag for carrying things by hand.

**handbill**, *n.* A small printed sheet for circulating information.

**handbook**, *n.* A small treatise on any subject, a manual.

**handbreadth**, **hand's breadth**, *n.* A measurement equal to the breadth of the hand.

**hand-cart**, *n.* A two-wheeled vehicle for goods pushed or drawn by hand.

**handcuff**, *n.* (*usu. pl.*) A manacle for the wrists. *v.t.* To secure with handcuffs.

**handful**, *n.* As much as can be held in the hand; a small number or quantity; (*colloq.*) a troublesome person or task.

**hand-made**, *a.* Produced by hand, not by machinery. **\*handmaid**, **-maiden**, *n.* A female servant.

**handmill**, *n.* A small mill worked by hand.

**handrail**, *n.* A rail protecting stairs, landings, etc.

**handshake**, *n.* A shake of another's hand as a greeting.

**hand-spike**, *n.* A lever for lifting, heaving, etc.

**handwriting**, *n.* Writing done by hand; style of writing peculiar to a person.

**handless**, *a.*

**handicap** (hân'di-kăp) [*hand* + (*n*) *cap*, from drawing lots out of a cap], *n.* A race or contest in which an allowance is made to the inferior competitors; the conditions imposed on a superior competitor. *v.t.* To impose heavier weight or other disadvantageous conditions.

**handicraft** (hân'di-kraft) [A.-S. *handcraft*], *n.* Skill in working with the hands; manual occupation. *a.* Pertaining to manual labour.

**handicraftsman**, *n.*

**handiwork** (hân'di-wêrk) [A.-S. *handgeweorc*], *n.* Work done by the hands; the product of one's labour.

**handkerchief** (hâng'kér-chif) [HAND, KERCHIEF], *n.* A piece of cloth (silk, linen, etc.) for wiping the nose, face, etc.

**handle** (hândl) [A.-S. *handlian*, from HAND], *v.t.* To touch, to feel with, to wield or use with the hands; to manage, to treat of; to deal in. *v.i.* To work with the hands; to be handled. *n.* That part of anything by which it is grasped; (*fig.*) an instrument or means by which anything is done.

**handling**, *n.* The action of touching, feeling, etc.

**handsel** (hân'sel) [Scand.], *n.* A gift for luck, esp. at the New Year; earnest money; the first sale, use, etc. *v.t.* To give a handsel to; to use for the first time.

**handsome** (hân'sùm) [HAND, -SOME], *a.* Finely-featured, good-looking; noble; liberal, ample, large.

**handsomeness**, *n.*

**handy** (hân'di) [HAND, -Y], *a.* Convenient to the hand; close at hand; dexterous, skilful with the hands.

**handy-man**, *n.* A man of all work.

**handily**, *adv.*

**hang** (hâng) [A.-S.], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* **hung**, for put to death and as imprecation **hanged**) To suspend; to fasten so as to



leave movable (as a bell, gate, body of a coach, etc.); to suspend by the neck till dead; to cause to droop; to cover or decorate with anything suspended; to attach, fasten. *v.t.* To be suspended; to dangle, swing; to cling; to be executed by hanging; to droop, to bend forwards; to project (over), to impend; to be in suspense. *n.* A slope, a declivity; mode of hanging; (*fig.*) general tendency, drift, or bent. **hang-dog**, *n.* A low, base fellow. *a.* Base, sullen. **hangman**, *n.* A public executioner.

**hangar** (hǎng'gar, an-gar) [F.], *n.* A large shed, esp. for air-ships or aeroplanes.

**hanger** (hǎng'ér) [HANG, -ER], *n.* That on which a thing is suspended; a pot-hook; a short, curved cutlass. **hanger-on**, *n.* A dependant, a parasite.

**hanging** (hǎng'ing) [HANG, -ING], *n.* The act of suspending; an execution by the gallows; (*pl.*) fabrics hung up to furnish walls, etc. *a.* Suspended, dangling; steep; punishable with hanging.

**hank** (hǎnk) [Scand.], *n.* A coil; two or more skeins of yarn, silk, wool, etc., tied together.

**hanker** (hǎng'kér) [?], *v.i.* To have an importunate desire (after).

**hansom** (hǎn'sóm) [J. A. Hansom, patentee, 1834], *n.* A two-wheeled cab in which the driver's seat is behind the body.

**hap** (hǎp) [Scand.], *n.* Chance, luck; that which happens or chances. *v.i.* To be-fall, to happen by chance. **haphazard**, *n.* Mere chance, accident. **hapless**, *a.* Unhappy, unfortunate. **haply**, *adv.* By hap; perhaps.

**happen** (hǎpn) [HAP, -EN], *v.i.* To fall out; to chance (to); to light (upon).

**happening**, *n.* (*usu. pl.*) Something that happens, a chance event.

**happy** (hǎp'í) [HAP, -Y], *a.* Contented, satisfied; enjoying pleasure from the fruition or expectation of good; apt, felicitous; prosperous, successful; favourable; dexterous, skilful. **happily**, *adv.* **happiness**, *n.*

**harangue** (há-ráng') [M.F.], *n.* A declamatory address; a noisy and vehement speech, a tirade. *v.i.* To make an harangue. *v.t.* To address in an harangue.

**harass** (hǎr'ás) [M.F. *harasser*], *v.t.* To torment by importunity; to tire out with care or worry.

**harbinger** (har'bin-jér) [O.F. *herbergere*, from O.H.G. *heriberga* (*hari*, army, *bergan*, to shelter)], *n.* One who went before to secure lodgings; a precursor.

**harbour** (har'bór) [M.E. *hereberge*], *n.* A refuge, esp. for ships; a port, haven. *v.t.* To shelter, to entertain, cherish.

**hard** (hǎrd) [A.-S. *heard*], *a.* Firm, solid; not yielding to pressure; difficult of accomplishment, comprehension, or explanation; fatiguing; perplexing, severe, inflexible, cruel, unfeeling, sordid, miserly; oppressive, unjust; rough and harsh to the palate, touch, etc., containing mineral salts (of water); (*Phon.*) sounded gut-

turally, aspirated. *adv.* Forcibly, strenuously, severely; with effort or difficulty; close, near. **hard-bake**, *n.* Toffee in which blanched almonds are mixed. **hard-bitten**, *a.* Tough, resolute. **hardness**, *n.* **hard-up**, *a.* In great want, esp. of money; very poor. **hard-ware**, *n.* Articles of metal, ironmongery.

**harden** (hǎrdn) [HARD, -EN], *v.t.* To make hard or harder; to temper (tools); to confirm (in effrontery, etc.); to make unfeeling or callous. *v.i.* To become hard or harder; to become inured, or confirmed (in vice).

**hardly** (hǎrd'li) [HARD, -LY], *adv.* With difficulty; harshly, rigorously; unfavourably; scarcely, not quite.

**hardship** (hǎrd'ship) [HARD, -SHIP], *n.* That which is hard to bear; privation, suffering, toil, fatigue, injury, injustice.

**hardy** (har-di) [F. *hardi*], *a.* Over confident, audacious; robust; (of plants) capable of bearing exposure in winter. **hardihood**, *n.* **hardiness**, *n.*

**hare** (hār) [A.-S. *hara*], *n.* A long-eared, short-tailed rodent with cleft upper lip.

**harebell**, *n.* The blue bell of Scotland, the round-leaved bell-flower. **hare-brained**, *a.* Rash, giddy, flighty. **hare-lip**, *n.* A congenital fissure of the upper lip.

**harem** (hār'ém) [Arab. *haram*], *n.* The apartments reserved for women in a Mohammedan household; the occupants of these.

**haricot** (hǎr'l-kō) [F.], *n.* A stew of meat with beans and other vegetables; the kidney or French bean.

**hark** (hark) [M.E. *herkten*], *v.i.* To listen. **to hark back**: To return to some point from which a digression has been made.

**harlequin** (har'lé-kwin) [It. *arlecchino*], *n.* The leading character in a pantomime or harlequinade, supposed to be invisible to the clown, dressed in a mask and spangled clothes, and bearing a magic wand; a buffoon. **harlequinade** (-nǎd'), *n.* That part of a pantomime in which the harlequin and clown play the principal parts; a piece of fantastic conduct.

**harlot** (har'lót) [O.F., orig. masc., rogue], *n.* A prostitute.

**harm** (harm) [A.-S. *hærm*], *n.* Hurt, injury, evil. *v.t.* To hurt or damage.

**harmful**, *a.* **harmless**, *a.*

**harmonic** (har-mon'ik) [L. *harmonicus*], *a.* Pertaining to harmony or music; concordant, harmonious. *n.* An harmonic tone. **harmonical**, *a.* **harmonically**, *adv.* **harmonica**, -con, *n.* The musical glasses, a mouth-organ, a series of metal plates played on with a mallet, etc.

**harmonious** (har-mō-ni-ús) [as HARMONY], *a.* Concordant; having parts proportioned to each other, symmetrical; without discord or dissension; tuneful.

**harmonist** (har'mō-nist) [HARMONIZE], *n.* One skilled in harmony.

**harmonium** (har-mō'ni-úm) [as foll.], *n.* A keyed musical wind-instrument.

**harmonize** (har'mó-níz) [F., *harmoniser*, from *harmonie*, HARMONY], *v.t.* To make harmonious; to arrange in musical concord. *v.i.* To agree in sound or effect; to live in peace and concord; to be congruous (with).

**harmony** (har'mó-ní) [F. *harmonie*, L. and Gr. *harmonia* (*harmos*, a fitting or joining)], *n.* Adaptation of parts so as to form a complete, symmetrical, or pleasing whole; the agreeable combination of sounds, music; an arrangement of musical parts; the science dealing with musical combination of sounds; concord in views, sentiments, etc.

**harness** (har'nés) [M.G. and O.F. *harnes*], *n.* The gear of a horse or other draught-animal; the accoutrement of a man-at-arms, arms and armour; working apparatus or equipment. *v.t.* To put harness on (a horse, etc.). **harness-cask**, **-tub**, *n.* (*Naut.*) A large tub containing the salt meat for immediate use.

**harp** (harp) [A.-S. *hearpe*], *n.* A musical instrument of triangular shape, with strings which are plucked by the fingers. *v.i.* To play upon a harp.

**harpoon** (har-poon') [F. *harpon*, from *harpe*, a claw], *n.* A barbed missile weapon with a line attached, used for striking whales, etc. To strike, catch, or kill with a harpoon. **harpooner** (har-poo'nér), *n.*

**harpsichord** (harp'si-kórd) [O.F. *harpe*, harp, *chorde*, chord], *n.* A musical instrument, similar in form to the pianoforte.

**harpy** (har'pi) [Gr. *harpuiat*], *n.* A fabulous monster with the face of a woman, the body of a vulture, and fingers armed with sharp claws; (*fig.*) an extortioner, a rapacious person or animal.

**harridan** (här'i-dán) [?], *n.* An old vixen; a trollop.

**harrier** (1) (här'-lér) [HARE, -ER], *n.* A dog, smaller than the foxhound, used for hare hunting.

**harrier** (2) [HARRY, -ER], *n.* One who harries or plunders; a falconoid bird, **harrow** (här'ó) [M.G. *harwe*], *n.* A large rake or frame with teeth, drawn over ground to level it, destroy weeds, cover seed, etc. *v.t.* To draw a harrow over; to torment, to lacerate (feelings, etc.). **harrowing**, *a.* Causing anguish.

**harry** (här'i) [A.-S. *hergian*], *v.t.* To plunder, pillage, lay waste. *v.i.* To make plundering excursions.

**harsh** (harsh) [Scand.], *a.* Rough to the touch or other senses; discordant, irritating; austere, rigorous, unfeeling. **harshly**, *adv.* harshness, *n.*

**hart** (hart) [A.-S. *heort*], *n.* A male red deer, from its fifth year onwards. **hart's-tongue**, *n.* A fern with tongue-shaped leaves.

**hartshorn** (harts'hörn) [HART, HORN], *n.* Solution of ammonia in water, smelling-salts.

**harum-scarum** (här'üm-skär'üm) [?], *a.* Giddy, hare-brained. *n.* A giddy person.

**harvest** (har'vest) [A.-S. *hærfest*], *n.* The season of reaping and gathering crops, esp. corn; ripe corn, etc., gathered and stored; the product or result of any labour or conduct. *v.t.* To reap and gather in; to garner, lay up. **havester**, *n.* A reaper; a reaping and binding machine.

**hash** (hásh) [O.F. *hacher*, to hack, mince], *n.* Meat cut small, mixed with vegetables, and stewed; (*fig.*) a second preparation of old matter; a mess, muddle. *v.t.* To cut or chop up in small pieces; to mince.

**hashish** (hásh'ish) [Arab.], *n.* The tender sprouts of Indian hemp, used for smoking, chewing, etc.; bhang.

**hasp** (hasp) [A.-S. *hæpse*], *n.* A hinged clamp passing over a staple and secured by a pin, key, or padlock.

**hassock** (hás'ók) [A.-S. *hassuc*], *n.* A small stuffed cushion for kneeling on; a matted tuft of rank grass.

**haste** (hást) [O.F. *haste*], *n.* Hurry, celerity of movement, urgency, precipitance. *v.i.* To be quick; to be in a hurry. **hasten** (hásn), *v.t.* To cause to hurry; to press on, expedite. *v.i.* To move with speed. **hasty**, *a.* Hurried.

**hat** (hät) [A.-S. *hæt*], *n.* A covering for the head, usu. with a crown and a continuous brim; (*fig.*) the dignity of a cardinal. **hat-trick**: (*Cricket*) The feat of taking three wickets with consecutive balls. **hatter**, *n.* One who makes or sells hats.

**hatch** (1) (hách) [A.-S. *hæce*], *n.* A half-door, a wicket; a door in a roof; a grated opening in a weir; a hatchway, a trap-door or shutter to cover this. **hatchway**, *n.* A large opening in the deck of a ship.

**hatch** (2) [Scand.], *v.t.* To produce from eggs; (*fig.*) to evolve, contrive. *v.i.* To come out of the egg; to be developed from ova, cells of a brood-comb, etc.

**hatch** (3) [F. *hacher*, see HASH], *v.t.* To mark with fine lines, parallel or crossing each other.

**hatchet** (häch'èt) [F. *hachette*, dim. of *hache*, a sickle], *n.* A small axe with a short handle for use with one hand.

**hatchment** (häch'mént) [corr. of ACHIEVEMENT], *n.* A funeral escutcheon bearing the coat of arms of a deceased person.

**hate** (hät) [A.-S. *hete*], *n.* Extreme dislike or aversion; detestation. *v.t.* To dislike exceedingly; to abhor, detest. **hateful**, *a.* Causing hate; odious; feeling hatred.

**hater**, *n.* **hatred**, *n.* Exceeding dislike or aversion; active malevolence, enmity.

**hauberk** (haw'bärk) [O.H.G. *hals*, neck, *bergan*, to protect], *n.* A coat of mail of interwoven steel rings.

**haugh** (hach, haf) [Sc., A.-S. *healh*, nook], *n.* A piece of low-lying land, esp. by a river.

**haughty** (haw'ti) [F. *haut*, L. *altus*, high], *a.* Proud, arrogant, supercilious; proceeding from or expressing disdainful pride.

**haul** (haw) [var. of HALE (2)], *v.t.* To pull or drag with force; to move by dragging. *v.i.* To pull or drag (at or upon) with force. *n.* A pull; the drawing of a net; the amount taken at once, acquisition.



- haunch** (hawneh) [O.F. *hanche*], *n.* The body between the ribs and the thigh; the basal joint.
- haunt** (hawnt) [O.F. *hanter*], *v.t.* To frequent, to resort to often; to recur to the mind of frequently in an irritating way; to frequent as a ghost or spirit. *v.i.* To stay or be frequently (about, in, etc.). *n.* A place to which one often or customarily resorts; a feeding-place for animals, etc.; habit of frequenting a place.
- hautboy** (hō'boi) [F. *hautbois*], *n.* An oboe.
- hauteur** (hō-tēr') [F.], *n.* Haughtiness, lofty manners or demeanor.
- have** (hāv) [A.-S. *habban*], *v.t.* (2nd sing. \**hast*, 3rd sing. *has*, \**hath*; past *had*, 2nd sing. \**hadst*, *p.p.* *had*) To possess; to enjoy, suffer, experience; to receive, get; to require, claim; to hold mentally, retain; to entertain; to maintain; to comprise; to understand, to be engaged in; to vanquish; to circumvent, cheat; to bring forth, bear. *v.i.* (*usu. in imper.*) To go, to betake oneself, to get (at, after, with, etc.). *aux.* Used with past participles to denote the completed action of verbs. *n.* (*slang*) A take-in, a sell.
- haven** (hāvn) [A.-S. *hæfene*], *n.* A port, a harbour; a refuge for ships; (*fig.*) an asylum.
- haversack** (hāv'ér-sāk) [G. *haber*, oats, sack, sack], *n.* A canvas bag to hold a soldier's rations, etc., on march.
- havoc** (hāv'ók) [A.-F. *havok*, O.F. *havot*, plunder], *n.* Widespread destruction.
- haw** (haw) [A.-S. *haga*], *n.* The berry or fruit of the hawthorn; a hedge, an enclosed field or yard. **hawfinch**, *n.* A common bird.
- hawk** (1) (hawk) [A.-S. *hafoc*], *n.* A raptorial bird allied to the falcons; a bird of prey used in falconry; (*fig.*) a rapacious person, a sharper. *v.i.* To hunt birds, etc., by means of trained hawks; to attack on the wing, to soar (at). *v.t.* To pursue or attack on the wing. **hawk-eyed**, *a.* Having sharp sight. **hawking**, *n.* Falconry.
- hawk** (2) [imit.], *v.t.* To clear the throat in a noisy manner. *v.t.* To force (up) phlegm from the throat.
- hawk** (3) [HAWKER], *v.t.* To carry about for sale, to cry for sale; (*fig.*) to spread about.
- hawker** [HAWK (3)]; (haw'kér) [prob. conn. with G. *höker*], *n.* One who hawks goods for sale; a pedlar.
- hawse** (hawz) [Scand.], *n.* (*Naut.*) That part of the bow in which are the hawse-holes. **hawse-hole**, *n.* A hole in each bow for a cable or hawser.
- hawser** (haw'ser) [O.F. *haucier*, late L. *aliäre*, to raise], *n.* A small cable, used in warping and mooring.
- hawthorn** (haw'thörn) [A.-S. *hægthorn*], *n.* The white-thorn, often called may.
- hay** (hā) [A.-S. *hæg*], *n.* Grass cut and dried for fodder. *v.t.* To make (grass, etc.) into hay; to supply with hay. **hay-box**, *n.* An airtight, non-conducting box with a thick layer of hay, used for keeping food hot. **haycock**, *n.* A conical heap of hay. **hay-fever**, *n.* A severe catarrh with asthmatic symptoms, frequent in summer. **haymaker**, *n.* One employed in making hay; a machine for tossing hay. **hayrick**, -**stack**, *n.* A pile of hay in the open air, thatched to keep it dry.
- hazard** (hāz'ard) [O.F. *hasard*], *n.* A game at dice; risk; chance, casualty; the stake in gaming; bunkers, etc., on a golf-course; (*Billiards*) a stroke putting a ball into a pocket. *v.t.* To risk; to expose to danger; to run the risk of; to venture (a statement, etc.). *v.i.* To run a risk, to venture. **hazardous**, *a.* Full of danger or risk.
- haze** (hāz) [?], *n.* A very thin mist or vapour, *usu.* due to heat; obscurity, indistinctness of perception. **hazy**, *a.*
- hazel** (hāzl) [A.-S. *hæsel*], *n.* A nut-bearing shrub; a reddish-brown colour. *a.* Light-brown.
- he** (hē) [A.-S. *hē*], *pron.* (*obj. him*, *poss. his*; *pl. they*, *obj. them*, *poss. their*) The male person or animal referred to. *n.* A male person. **he-cat**, -**goat**, etc. *n.* A male cat, goat, etc.
- head** (hed) [A.-S. *hæfod*], *n.* The foremost part of the body of an animal, the uppermost in man, consisting of the skull, with the brain and sense-organs; any part of an analogous kind; the top; the upper end of a valley, gulf, etc.; the front part of a ship, procession, etc.; a promontory; the part of a bed where the head rests; the more honourable end of a table, etc.; the knobbed end of a nail, etc.; the striking part of a tool; the flowers or leaves at the top of a stem; the most honourable place, the forefront, the place of command; a chief, principal, leader; a single one (as of cattle); a main division, a category; culmination, crisis; the ripened part of a boil; froth on liquor; pressure of steam or water available; licence, freedom from restraint; the intellect. *v.t.* To lead, to direct; to be or form a head to; to provide with a head; to put or to be a heading to a chapter, etc.; to lop (as trees). *v.i.* To go or tend in a direction; to form a head. **headache**, *n.* A neuralgic or persistent pain in the head. **headband**, *n.* A fillet for the head or hair; a band at the top and bottom inside the back of a book. **head-dress**, *n.* Covering and ornaments for the head, esp. of a woman. **head-first**, *adv.* With the head in front (of a plunge); precipitately. **heading** (hed'ing), *n.* The action of the verb; an inscription at the head of an article, chapter, etc.; a running title. **headland**, *n.* A point of land projecting into the sea. **head-light**, *n.* The lamp carried at the front of a motor-car, etc. **head-line**, *n.* The line at the head of a page or paragraph giving the title, etc. **headlong**, *adv.* Head-foremost; hastily, rashly. *a.* Steep, precipitous; (*fig.*) violent, rash, thoughtless. **head-man**, *n.* A chief, a leader

**headmost**, *a.* Most forward, most advanced. **headquarters**, *n. pl.* The official quarters of the commander-in-chief of an army; the place whence orders are issued. **headship**, *n.* Chief place; the office of a head or leader. **headsmán** (*hedz'mán*), *n.* An executioner. **headstall**, *n.* The bridle without the bit and reins. **headstone**, *n.* A stone at the head of a grave. **headstrong**, *a.* Ungovernable, obstinate, intractable, obstinately self-willed. **headway**, *n.* Motion ahead; rate of progress. **head-wind**, *n.* A contrary wind. **head-work**, *n.* Brain-work. **heady**, *a.* Headstrong, precipitate; violent, impetuous; intoxicating.

**-head, -hood** [A.-S. *-hād*], *suf.* Denoting state or quality, as in *godhead*, *childhood*, *manhood*.

**heal** (*hēl*) [A.-S. *hælan*], *v.t.* To make whole, restore to health; to cause to cicatrize; to free from guilt, purify. *v.i.* To grow or become sound or whole. **healer**, *n.* **healing**, *a.* Tending to heal; soothing, mollifying.

**health** (*helth*) [A.-S. *hæth*, from *hāl*, WHOLE], *n.* A state of soundness, freedom from bodily or mental disease or decay; physical condition; a toast wishing health, happiness, etc. **healthful**, *a.* **healthy**, *a.* **healthily**, *adv.* **healthiness**, *n.*

**heap** (*hēp*) [A.-S. *hēap*], *n.* A pile or accumulation of many things on one another; a lot, a crowd, a good many times, a good deal. *v.t.* To throw (together) or pile (up) in a heap.

**hear** (*hēr*) [A.-S. *hieran*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* **heard**, *hērd*) To perceive by the ear; to be a hearer of; to listen to, attend to; to understand by listening; to heed, obey; to be informed of by report. *v.i.* To have the sense of hearing; to be told. **hearer**, *n.* One who hears; one of an audience. **hearing**, *n.* Act of perceiving sound; the sense by which sound is perceived; a judicial trial or investigation. **hearsay**, *n.* Common talk, gossip. *a.* Told or given at second-hand.

**hearken** (*harkén*) [A.-S. *heorcnian*, as *HARK*], *v.t.* To listen attentively (to). **hearse** (*hērs*) [O.F. *herce*, L. *hīrpez*, a harrow], *n.* A carriage in which the dead are taken to the place of burial; a bier.

**heart** (*hart*) [A.-S. *heorte*], *n.* The central organ of circulation, which it keeps going by its contraction and dilatation; the mind, the soul; the emotions, the passion of love; courage, spirit; ardour; the central part of anything, the vital or most essential part; a term of endearment; anything heart-shaped; (*pl.*) a suit of cards marked with figures like hearts. *v.t.* To grow into a compact head as a plant. **heartache**, *n.* Anguish of mind. **heart-breaking**, *a.* **heart-broken**, *a.* **heartburn**, *n.* A burning pain in the stomach arising from indigestion. **heart-burning**, *a.* Distressing the heart. *n.* Secret enmity, envy. **heart-felt**, *a.* Deeply

felt, sincere. **heart-rending**, *a.* Heart-breaking, intensely afflictive. **heartsease**, *n.* The wild pansy. **heart-strings**, *n. pl.* (*fig.*) The sensibilities; pity, compassion; one's deepest affections. **heart-whole**, *a.* Having the affections free, not in love.

**hearten** (*har'tén*) [as *prec.*], *v.t.* To encourage, inspirit, stir up.

**hearth** (*harth*) [A.-S. *heorth*], *n.* The floor of a fire-place, or of a reverberatory furnace, or a blast furnace; the fireside, the domestic circle, home. **hearthstone**, *n.* The stone forming the hearth.

**heartless** (*hart'lés*) [*HEART*, -LESS], *a.* Destitute of feeling or affection; pitiless, cruel; spiritless. **heartlessly**, *adv.*

**heartly** (*har'ti*) [*HEART*, -Y], *a.* Sincere; cordial, kindly; healthy; of keen appetite; full, satisfying. **heartily**, *adv.* **heartiness**, *n.*

**heat** (*hēt*) [A.-S. *hætu*, as *HOT*], *n.* A form of energy capable of melting and decomposing matter; transmissible by radiation or conduction; hotness; the sensation produced by this; hot weather; flush, high colour; pungency of flavour; violence, vehemence, anger; intense excitement; warmth of temperament; animation, animal excitement; a single course in a race, etc. *v.t.* To make hot; to inflame, cause to ferment; to excite. *v.i.* To become hot, inflamed, or excited. **heat-wave**, *n.* A wave of high temperature affecting the weather. **heatedly**, *adv.* **heater**, *n.* One who or that which heats; a heating-apparatus. **heating**, *a.* Promoting warmth or heat; exciting; stimulating.

**heath** (*hēth*) [A.-S. *hæth*], *n.* An open space of country, esp. with shrubs and coarse herbage; a narrow-leaved evergreen shrub.

**heathen** (*hē'thén*) [A.-S. *hæthen*], *n.* One who is not Christian, Jew, or Mohammedan, an idolater; an unenlightened or barbarous person. *a.* Gentile; pagan; barbarous.

**heathendom**, *n.* The portion of the world in which heathenism is dominant; heathens collectively. **heathenish**, *a.*

**heather** (*het'h'ér*) [?], *n.* Heath, ling.

**heave** (*hēv*) [A.-S. *hebban*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* **heaved**, *\*hove*) To raise with effort; to utter or force from the breast; to cast (something heavy); to hoist (the anchor), to haul. *v.i.* To rise; to rise and fall alternately; to retch, to vomit. *n.* An upward motion or swelling; act of heaving.

**heaven** (*hevn*) [A.-S. *heofon*], *n.* The sky, the firmament (*often in pl.*); the abode of God and the blessed; the place of supreme felicity; God, providence. **heavenly**, *a.*

**heavy** (*hev'i*) [A.-S. *heftig*, cogn. with *HEAVE*], *a.* Weighty, ponderous; of a large and ponderous kind (as artillery, etc.); of great specific gravity, dense; not properly raised (as bread); not easily borne; oppressive, grievous; burdensome, difficult; drowsy, dull, sluggish; tedious; depressing, depressed; louring.

**hebdomadal** (*heb-dom'á-dál*) [*Gr.* *heb-*



*domos*, seventh], *a.* Consisting of seven days; meeting or occurring weekly.

**hebetate** (heb'é-tāt) [L. *hebes* -etis, blunt], *v.t.* To blunt or dull; to stupefy.

**Hebraic** (hē-brā'ik) [Gr. *Hebraikos*, *HEBREW*], *a.* Pertaining to the Hebrews, or their language. **Hebraism**, *n.* The thought or religion of the Hebrews; a Hebrew characteristic, idiom, or expression.

**Hebrew** (hē'broo) [Gr. *Hebraios*, Heb. 'ibri], *n.* A Jew, an Israelite; the language of the ancient Jews. *a.* Pertaining to the Jews.

**hecatomb** (hek'à-tom) [Gr. *hekaton*, a hundred, *bous*, ox], *n.* The sacrifice of a hundred oxen; any great sacrifice.

**heckle** (hekl) [HACKLE], *v.t.* To hackle; to worry (a candidate) by inconvenient questions. **heckler**, *n.*

**hectare** (hek'tār) [F.], *n.* A French measure, containing 100 ares or 2·471 acres.

**hectic** (hek'tik) [Gr. *hexis*, habit of body], *a.* Habitual, continual (of fever); consumptive; feverish, flushed; (*colloq.*) very exciting or excitable.

**hecto-** [Gr. *hekaton*, a hundred], *comb. form.* A hundred times. **hec'togram**, *n.* A French weight of 100 grams or 3·52 oz. av. **hec'tolitre**, *n.* A liquid measure, containing 100 litres or 3·531 cubic ft. **hec'tometre**, *n.* 100 metres or 109·3633 yds.

**hector** (hek'tōr) [Gr. *Hectōr*, Trojan warrior], *n.* A bully, blusterer. *v.t.* To bully, to treat with insolence.

**hedge** (hej) [A.-S. *hecg*], *n.* A fence of bushes or small trees; (*fig.*) a barrier. *v.t.* To surround or enclose with a hedge; to secure oneself against loss by transactions tending to indemnify one. *v.t.* To plant or repair hedges; (*fig.*) to act in a shifty way, to avoid making a decisive statement. **hedge-bill**, *n.* A bill-hook for trimming hedges. **hedge-row**, *n.* A row of shrubs planted as a hedge.

**hedgehog** (hej'hog) [HEDGE, HOG], *n.* A small insectivorous mammal covered with spines, and able to roll itself into a ball.

**he'donism** (hē'dōn-izm) [Gr. *hēdonē*, pleasure], *n.* The doctrine that pleasure is the chief good. **hedonist**, *n.* **hedonis'tic**, *a.*

**heed** (hēd) [A.-S. *hēdan*], *v.t.* To regard, to take notice of. *n.* Care, attention; careful consideration. **heedful**, *a.* **heedless**, *a.*

**heehaw** (hē-haw) [imit.], *v.i.* To bray like an ass. *n.* An ass's bray; a loud and foolish laugh.

**heel** (1) (hēl) [A.-S. *hēla*], *n.* The hinder part of the foot, or of a shoe, stocking, etc., covering this; (*pl.*) the feet, esp. the hind feet of animals; a block to raise the hinder part of a boot or shoe from the ground; a heel-like knob, part, etc.; the latter part, the fag end of anything. *v.t.* To add a heel to.

**heel** (2) [A.-S. *hyldan*], *v.i.* (*Naut.*) To incline or cant over to one side. *v.t.* To make (a vessel) do this. *n.* An inclination to one side (of a ship).

**hegemony** (hē-gem'ō-nl) [Gr. *hēgemōn*, leader], *n.* Leadership, predominance.

**Hegira** (hej'ī-rā) [Arab. *hijrah*], *n.* The flight of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina, 16 July 622, whence the Moslem era is computed.

**heifer** (hef'ēr) [A.-S. *hēahfore*], *n.* A young cow that has not yet calved.

**heigh-ho** (hā-hō) [imit.], *int.* An expression of disappointment, weariness, or regret.

**height** (hīt) [A.-S. *hēhtho*], *n.* Quality or state of being high; distance of the top of an object above its foot; altitude; an elevated position; stature; elevation in rank, etc. **heighten**, *v.t.* To make high or higher; to enhance, intensify, emphasize; to exaggerate.

**heinous** (hā'nūs) [O.F. *hainos*, from *haine*, hate], *a.* Abominable, atrocious; wicked in the highest degree. **heinously**, *adv.*

**heir** (ār) [O.F., from L. *hērēs*], *n.* One who is entitled to succeed another in the possession of property or rank; (*fig.*) one who succeeds to any gift, quality, etc.

**heirdom**, *n.* **heirress**, *n.* A female heir.

**heirloom** [LOOM (1)], *n.* A chattel which passes with an estate to the heir, **heirship**, *n.*

**heli-**, **helio-** [Gr. *hēlios*, the sun], *comb. form.* Pertaining to the sun; produced by the sun's rays.

**heliacal** (hē-li'ā-kāl) [Gr. *heliakos*, *as prec.*], *a.* Closely connected with the sun; rising just before the sun.

**heliograph** (hē'li-ō-grāf) [HELIO-, GRAPH], *n.* An apparatus for signalling by reflecting flashes of sunlight. *v.t.* To signal with this.

**heliotrope** (hē'li-ō-trōp) [HELIO-, Gr. *tropē*, stem of *trepein* to turn], *n.* A genus of plants of the borage family, whose flowers turn with the sun; a purple tint; a red-spotted variety of quartz, blood-stone.

**helium** (hē'li-ūm) [Gr. *hēlios*, sun], *n.* An element found in the sun's atmosphere and in certain minerals.

**hell** (hel) [A.-S. *hel*], *n.* The place of punishment for the wicked after death; a place of extreme misery, or suffering; torment, torture; a gambling-house. **hell-cat**, *n.* A witch, a hag. **hell-fire**, *n.* The torments of hell. **hellish**, *a.*

**hellebore** (hel'ē-bōr) [Gr. *helleboros*], *n.* A plant, the Christmas rose; a plant supposed by the ancients to be a cure for insanity.

**Hellene** (hē-lēn') [Gr. *Hellēn*], *n.* An ancient Greek; a citizen of modern Greece. **Hellenic**, (hē-lē'nik), *a.*

**helm** (1) (helm) [A.-S.], *n.* A helmet. **helmed**, *a.* **Helmeted**.

**helm** (2) [A.-S. *helma*], *n.* The apparatus by which a vessel is steered; the rudder and tiller or wheel; the tiller; a position of management. **helmsman**, *n.* The man who steers.

**helmet** (hel'mēt) [dim. HELM (1)], *n.* A piece of defensive armour for the head; a hat of cork, pith, etc., worn as a protection against the sun. **helmeted**, *a.*

**helot** (hel'ót) [Gr. *Heilôtes*, inhabitants of *Helos*, a Laconian town enslaved by the Spartans], *n.* A serf, bondsman.

**help** (help) [A.-S. *helpan*], *v.t.* To assist, further; to supply succour or relief to; to remedy, prevent; to serve (with food). *v.i.* To lend assistance; to avail. *n.* Aid; succour, relief; remedy; a helper; a helping (of food, etc.). **helper**, *n.* **helpful**, *a.* Furnishing help, useful. **helpfully**, *adv.* **helpfulness**, *n.* **helping**, *n.* A portion of food given at table. **helpless**, *a.* Wanting power to help oneself; affording no help. **helplessly**, *adv.* **helplessness**, *n.* **helpmate**, *n.* A partner or helpful companion, a spouse.

**helter-skelter** (hel'tér-skel'tér) [imit.], *adv.* In great hurry and confusion. *a.* Confused. *n.* Hurry.

**helve** (helv) [A.-S. *hielf*], *n.* The handle of an axe or tool. *v.t.* To fit a helve to. **Helvetian** (hel-vé'shán) [L. *Helvêtius*], *a.* Swiss. *n.* A Swiss; one of the ancient Helvetii. **Helvetic** (-vet'ik), *a.*

**hem** (1) (hem) [A.-S. *hemn*, *hem*], *n.* The edge of a garment or piece of cloth, doubled and sewn. *v.t.* To double over and sew in the border of; to enclose or shut in. **hem-stitch**, *n.* An ornamental stitch. *v.t.* To hem with this.

**hem** (2) [imit.], *int.* and *n.* A short cough, uttered by way of warning, encouragement, etc. *v.i.* To cry 'hem'; to hesitate.

**hemi-** [Gr. *hêmi-*], *pref.* Half, halved; affecting one half.

**hemisphere** (hem'i-sfêr) [Gr. *HEMI-*, *SPHERE*], *n.* The half of a sphere or globe, esp. of the terrestrial or celestial sphere; a map or projection of either of these. **hemispher'ic**, *-al*, *a.*

**hemistich** (hem'i-stik) [*HEMI-*, Gr. *stichos*, a row], *n.* Half a verse, usu. as divided by the cæsura; an imperfect verse.

**hemlock** (hem'lok) [A.-S. *hemlic*, *hymlic*], *n.* A poisonous umbelliferous genus of plants; the poison obtained from them.

**hemp** (hemp) [A.-S. *henep*], *n.* An Indian herbaceous plant; its fibre, used for making ropes, etc.; hashish; the hangman's rope. **hempen**, *a.*

**hen** (hen) [A.-S. *henn*], *n.* The female of any bird, esp. the domestic fowl. **henbane**, *n.* A plant; a poisonous drug obtained from it. **hen-harrier**, *n.* The blue hawk. **hen-house**, *n.* A fowl-house. **hen-peck**, *v.t.* To rule (of a wife who has the upper hand of her husband). *n.* A wife who nags at her husband. **hen-roost**, *n.* A place for fowls to roost in. **hen-wife**, *n.* A woman who has the charge of fowls.

**hence** (hens) [A.-S. *heonan*], *adv.* From this place, time, source, or origin; in consequence of this, therefore. *int.* Away, begone, depart. **henceforth**, **henceforward**, *adv.* From this time forward.

**henchman** (hench'mán) [A.-S. *hengest*, horse, MAN], *n.* A male servant or attendant; a faithful follower.

**hendecagon** (hen-dek'á-gón) [Gr. *hendeka*,

eleven, *gônia*, angle], *n.* A plane rectilinear figure of eleven sides or angles.

**hendecasyllable** (hen-dek-á-sil'ábl) [Gr. *hendeka*, eleven, SYLLABLE], *n.* A line of eleven syllables.

**henna** (hen'á) [Arab. *hinnā*], *n.* The Egyptian privet; a dye from this used by Oriental women.

**hepatic** (hê-pát'ik) [Gr. *hēpar hēpatos*, the liver], *a.* Of or resembling the liver.

**hepta-** [Gr. *hepta*, seven], *comb. form.* Consisting of seven.

**heptagon** (hep'tá-gón) [*HEPTA-*, Gr. *gônia*, angle], *n.* A plane rectilinear figure having seven sides and seven angles. **heptag'onal**, *a.*

**heptangular** (hep-táng'gū-lár) [*HEPTA-*, *ANGULAR*], *a.* Having seven angles.

**heptarchy** (hep'tár-ki) [*HEPTA-*, Gr. *-archia*, government], *n.* A government by seven rulers; the seven kingdoms flourishing in Britain from the 5th to the 8th century.

**her** (hêr) [A.-S. *hire*], *pron.* Possessive, dative, or accusative case of personal pronoun SHE.

**herald** (her'áld) [O.F. *heralt*], *n.* An officer who proclaimed peace or war, challenged to battle, and carried messages between sovereigns and princes; an officer superintending State ceremonies, granting, recording, and blazoning arms, tracing genealogies, etc.; (*fig.*) a messenger, a precursor. *v.t.* To act as herald to; to proclaim, announce, usher in. **heraldic** (hê-rál'dik), *a.* **heraldry** (her'al-dri), *n.* The art or office of a herald; pomp, ceremony; heraldic bearings.

**herb** (hêrb) [L. *herba*, grass], *n.* A plant producing shoots only of annual duration, one having medicinal, culinary, or aromatic properties; grass, green food for cattle. **herbaceous** (-bá'shùs), *a.* Pertaining to or of the nature of herbs. **herbage**, *n.* Herbs collectively; grass, pasture; right of pasture. **herbal**, *n.* A book containing the names of plants, with descriptions of their properties, etc. **herbalist**, *n.* One skilled in the uses of herbs; a dealer in medicinal herbs. **herbarium** (-bār'i-um), *n.* (*pl. -ia*). A systematic collection of dried plants.

**Herculean** (hêr-kū'lê-án), *a.* Pertaining to Hercules, a Greek hero, son of Jupiter and Alcmena, celebrated for his prodigious bodily strength; exceedingly strong or powerful.

**herd** (1) (hêrd) [A.-S. *heord*], *n.* A number of beasts feeding or driven together; (*fig.*) a crowd of people, a rabble. *v.t.* To go in herds; to associate; to act as a herd or shepherd. *v.t.* To form or bring into a herd. **herdsman**, *n.* One who tends cattle.

**herd** (2) [A.-S. *hierde*], *n.* A keeper of a herd (*usu.* in *comb.*, as *shepherd*, *swineherd*).

**here** (hêr) [A.-S. *hēr*], *adv.* In or to this place; hither; in this direction; in the present life or state; at this point; on this occasion; hence. *n.* This place,



point, or time. **hereabouts'**, *adv.* About or near this place. **hereaf'ter**, *adv.* For the future; in a future state. *n.* A future state. **hereby'**, *adv.* By this, by means of this; close by. **herein'**, *adv.* In this; here. **hereinaf'ter**, *adv.* Later in this (book, document, etc.). **hereto'**, *adv.* Up to this place, point, or time. **heretofore'**, *adv.* Up to or before this time; formerly. **hereunto'**, *adv.* Up to this; hereto. **hereupon'**, *adv.* Upon, after, or at this, in consequence of this. **herewith'**, *adv.* With this.

**hereditable** (hê-red'i-tábl) [L. *hêrêditâre*, see **HEIR**], *a.* That may be inherited.

**hereditament** (her-ê-dit'â-mênt) [as prec.], *n.* Property that may be inherited; real property.

**hereditary** (hê-red'i-târ-i) [as foll.], *a.* Descending by inheritance; transmitted from generation to generation; holding by inheritance. **hereditarily**, *adv.*

**heredity** (hê-red'i-ti) [L. *hêrêditâtas*, from *hêrês*, heir], *n.* The tendency to transmit characters to one's offspring; the tendency to resemble the parent.

**heresy** (her'é-si) [Gr. *haireisis*, from *haireis-thai*, to choose], *n.* Departure from what is held to be true doctrine. **heresiarch**, *n.* A leader of a sect of heretics.

**heretic** (her'é-tik) [as prec.], *n.* One who holds unorthodox opinions, esp. in religious matters. **heret'ical**, *a.* heretically, *adv.*

**heriot** (her'i-ôt) [A.-S. *herigeatwe*, military apparel], *n.* A fine payable to the lord of the fee on the decease of the tenant.

**heritable** (her'i-tábl) [F., as **HEREDITABLE**], *a.* Capable of being inherited.

**heritage** (her'i-táj) [as prec.], *n.* Property that passes to an heir; share, portion, an inherited quality. **her'itor**, *n.*

**hermaphrodite** (hêr-máf'rô-dit) [Gr. *Hermaphroditos*, son of Hermes and Aphrodite], *n.* An animal in which male and female characters or organs are combined.

**hermeneutic** (hêr-mê-nû'tik) [Gr. *hermê-neutikos*], *a.* Interpreting, explanatory. *n.pl.* The art or science of interpretation.

**hermetic** (hêr-met'ik), *a.* Of or belonging to alchemy, fabled to have originated with Hermes Trismegistus; fitting so as to be air-tight. **hermetically**, *adv.* Sealed and air-tight by fusion.

**hermit** (hêr'mit) [F. *hermite*, Gr. *erêmos*, deserted], *n.* One who lives in solitary contemplation or devotion, an anchorite. **hermitage**, *n.* The cell of a hermit.

**hernia** (hêr-ni-â) [L.], *n.* Rupture; protrusion of an organ from its natural place.

**hero** (hêr'ô) [Gr. *hêrôs*], *n.* (*pl.* -roes, -rôz) A person of extraordinary valour; the principal male character in a novel, play, etc.

**heroic** (hê-rô'ik) [as prec.], *a.* Pertaining to a hero; having the attributes of a hero; describing the deeds of heroes; bold, vigorous. *n.pl.* Heroic verses (in Lat. and Gr. the hexameter, in Eng. the five-foot iambic); high-flown language or sentiments. **heroical**, *a.* **heroine** (her'ô-in),

*n.* An heroic woman; the principal female character in a literary work or actual occurrence. **heroism**, *n.*

**heron** (her'ôn) [O.F. *hairon*], *n.* A long-legged, long-necked wading bird. **heronry**, *n.* A place where herons breed.

**herring** (her'ing) [A.-S. *hæring*], *n.* A common marine fish of the North Atlantic moving in shoals and spawning near the coast. **herring-bone**, *a.* Like the spine and bones of a herring; denoting masonry in which the stones are set obliquely in alternate rows, or a kind of cross-stitch. *v.t.* To sew with herring-bone stitch.

**herself** (hêr-self') [A.-S. *hire self*], *pron.* The emphatic and reflexive form of **SHE**.

**hesitate** (hez'i-tât) [L. *hæsitàre*, freq. of *hæ'rêre*, to stick, cling], *v.i.* To pause in action; to be undecided; to be reluctant (to). **hesitant**, *a.* Dubious, vacillating, undecided. **hesitance**, -**tancy**, *n.* **hesitatingly**, *adv.* **hesita'tion**, *n.*

**Hesperian** (hes-pêr'i-ân) [Gr. *Hesperos*, the evening star], *a.* (*poet.*) Situated in the west, western.

**heter-**, **hetero-** [Gr. *heteros*, other], *comb. form.* Different, abnormal; erroneous. **het'eroclit** [Gr. *heteroklitos* (*klinein*, to be inflected)], *a.* Anomalous, irregular. *n.* A word that deviates from the ordinary forms of inflexion.

**heterodox** (het'êr-ô-doks) [**HETERO-**, Gr. *doxa*, opinion], *a.* Contrary to received or established doctrines, principles, or standards; heretical; not orthodox. **hetero-doxy**, *n.*

**heterogeneous** (het-êr-ô-jê'nê-tús) [**HETERO-**, Gr. *genos*, kind], *a.* Diverse in character or composition.

**hew** (hū) [A.-S. *hēawan*], *v.t.* To cut (down, etc.) with an axe; to hack, chop. **hewer**, *n.* One who hews, esp. a miner.

**hexa-** [Gr. *hex*, six], *comb. form.*

**hexagon** (hek'sá-gôn) [**HEXA-**, Gr. *gōnia*, angle], *n.* A plane figure having six sides and six angles. **hexag'onal**, *a.*

**hexahedron** (hek-sá-hê'drôn) [**HEXA-**, Gr. *hedra*, seat, base], *n.* A solid body of six sides, esp. a regular cube. **hexahedral**, *a.*

**hexameter** (hek-sâm'é-têr) [**HEXA-**, Gr. *metron*, see **METER**], *n.* Greek and Latin verse consisting of lines of six feet, of which the first five were dactyls or spondees, and the sixth a spondee or trochee.

**hexangular** (hek-sâng'gū-lâr) [**HEXA-**, **ANGULAR**], *a.* Having six angles.

**hey** (hā) [M.E. *hei*], *int.* An exclamation of joy, surprise, interrogation, etc. **hey-day** (1), *int.* Expressing cheerfulness, wonder, etc.

**hey-day** (2) (hā'dā) [? **HIGH-DAY**], *n.* The prime, the time of unexhausted prosperity, etc.

**hiatus** (hī-ā'tūs) [L., from *hiāre*, to yawn], *n.* A gap, break, a lacuna in a manuscript, etc.; the coming together of two vowels.

**hibernal** (hī-bêr'nâl) [as next], *a.* Pertaining to winter.

**hibernate** (hī'bêr-nât) [L. *hiberna*, winter quarters, *hibernus*, wintry], *v.i.* To pass

the winter in sleep or torpor, as some animals. **hi'bèrnan**, *a.*

**Hibernian** (hi-bèr'ni-àn) [L. *Hibernia*, Ireland], *a.* Pertaining to Ireland. *n.* A native of Ireland.

**hiccup** (hik'up) [imit. (*hiccough* due to confusion with *COUGH*)], *n.* An audible catching of the breath due to spasmodic contraction of the diaphragm and glottis. *v.* To have hiccups; to utter with a hiccup.

**hickory** (hik'ò-ri) [N. Am. Ind.], *n.* A North American tree allied to the walnut.

**hidalgo** (hi-däl'gò) [Sp.], *n.* A Spanish nobleman of the lowest class, a gentleman by birth.

**hide** (1) (hid) [A.-S. *hýðan*], *v.t.* (*past* **hid**, *hid*, *p.p.* **hidden**, *hidn*, **hid**). To conceal; to put out of sight; to keep secret; to suppress. *v.i.* To lie concealed, to conceal oneself. **hiding** (1), *n.* Concealing, lying in concealment.

**hide** (2) [A.-S. *hýd*], *n.* A skin, raw or dressed. *v.t.* (*colloq.*) To flog. **hide-bound**, *a.* Having the skin very tight; having the bark so tight as to impede growth (of trees); narrow-minded, bigoted. **hiding** (2), *n.* (*colloq.*) A thrashing.

**hideous** (hid'é-us) [M. E. *hidous*, O. F. *hidos*], *a.* Horrible, frightful, or shocking to the eye or ear; ghastly. **hideousness**, *n.*

**hie** (hi) [A.-S. *higian*], *v.i.* (*pres.p.* **hying**) To hasten, hurry.

**hierarch** (hi'ér-ark) [Gr. *hieros*, sacred, *archein*, to govern], *n.* One who has authority in sacred things, a chief priest, archbishop. **hierar'chic**, -**al**, *a.*

**hierarchy** (hi'ér-ar-ki) [as *prec.*], *n.* A rank or order of sacred persons; one of orders of angels; priestly or ecclesiastical government; organization of a priesthood in grades or orders.

**hieratic** (hi'ér-ät'ik) [Gr. *hieratikos*, from *hierasthai*, to be a priest], *a.* Pertaining to the priesthood, priestly; applied to ancient Egyptian characters and to early styles in Egyptian and Greek art.

**hiero-** [Gr. *hieros*, holy], *comb. form.* Sacred; pertaining to sacred things.

**hieroglyph** (hi'ér-ò-glif) [**HIÉRO-**, Gr. *gluphê*, carving], *n.* The figure of an animate or inanimate object used to represent a word, a kind of writing among the ancient Egyptians, Aztecs, etc.; a symbol employed to convey a secret meaning. **hieroglyph'ic**, *a.*

**hierophant** (hi'ér-ò-fánt) [**HIÉRO-**, Gr. *phainêin*, to show], *n.* One who explains the mysteries of religion.

**higgle** (higl) [?], *v.i.* To chaffer; to make a fuss about trifles as in striking a bargain.

**higgledy-piggledy** (higl'di-pigl'di) [?], *adv.* In confusion, topsy-turvy.

**high** (hi) [A.-S. *hēah*], *a.* Lofty, elevated; rising or extending upwards for or to a specified extent; upper, inland; exalted in rank, position, office, or character; proud, lofty in tone or temper; great, extreme, intense; full, consummate; far advanced (of time); costly (in price);

lively, boisterous, violent; (*Mus.*) sharp, acute in pitch; tainted, strong-smelling (of meat, etc.). *adv.* To a great altitude, aloft; in or to a high degree; eminently, powerfully; at a high price; at or to a high pitch. **high-brow**, *a.* (*Am.*) Intellectual, superior. *n.* A highly superior person; one who takes an academic line. **high day**: A feast, a festival; broad daylight, noon. **highfalutin**, *a.* Bombastic, affected. *n.* Bombast, fustian. **high-flown**, *a.* Proud, turgid, bombastic. **high-flyer**, *n.* One who is extravagant in opinions or pretensions. **high-flying**, *a.* Extravagant in opinions, claims, etc. **high-handed**, *a.* Overbearing, domineering, arbitrary. **high-jinks**, *n.pl.* High festivities or revelry; great sport. **high-lands**, *n.pl.* A mountainous region, esp. of Scotland. **Highland**, *a.* Pertaining to the Highlands of Scotland. **Highlander**, *n.* An inhabitant of these. **high-lows**, *n.pl.* Laced boots reaching to the ankle. **highly**, *adv.* In a high degree, extremely, intensely; honourably, favourably. **high-minded**, *a.* Magnanimous; having honourable pride. **highness**, *n.* Quality or state of being high; a title of honour given to princes. **high-pitched**, *a.* Aspiring, haughty; steeply sloping (of roofs); (*Mus.*) tuned high. **high-priest**, *n.* A chief priest, esp. the head of the Jewish hierarchy. **high road**: A main road, highway. **high seas**: The open sea or ocean. **high-sounding**, *a.* Pompous, ostentatious. **high-stomached**, *a.* Haughty. **high-strung**, *a.* Extremely sensitive, of acute nervous temperament. **high-toned**, *a.* High in pitch; strong in sound; high-principled. **highway**, *n.* A public road open to all. **highwayman**, *n.* One who robs on the highway. **high-wrought**, *a.* Inflamed to a high degree (of feelings).

\***hight** (hit) [A.-S. *hātan*, to call], *v.i.* (*3rd sing. past*). To be named or called.

**hilarious** (hi-lār'i-ús) [Gr. *hilaros*], *a.* Cheerful, mirthful, merry. **hilarity**, *n.*

**hill** (hil) [A.-S. *hyl*], *n.* A natural elevation on the earth, a small mountain, a mound.

**hillock**, *n.* A little hill or mound.

**hilt** (hilt) [A.-S.], *n.* The handle of a sword or dagger. **hilted**, *a.*

**him** (him) [HE], *pron.* The objective or accusative case of HE. **himself** (himself'), *pron.* An emphatic or reflexive form of HE or HIM.

**hind** (1) (hind) [A.-S.], *n.* The female of the red deer.

**hind** (2) [A.-S. *hīna*, domestics], *n.* A farm-servant; a peasant, rustic.

**hind** (3), **hinder** (1) (hin'dér) [A.-S. *hindan*], *a.* Pertaining to or situated at the back. **hind-foremost**, **hind-first**, *a.* and *adv.* **hindmost**, *a.* The last; that is or comes last of all.

**hinder** (2) (hin'dér) [A.-S. *hindrian*], *v.t.* To obstruct, impede; to prevent from proceeding. *v.i.* To cause a hindrance; to interpose impediments. **hindrance**, *n.*



**Hindu** (hin-doo') [Pers., *hind*, India], *n.* A native of India, not of Parsee, Mussulman, or Christian descent. *a.* Pertaining to the Hindus.

**hinge** (hinj) [M.E. *heng*, cogn. with HANG], *n.* The joint on which a door or lid turns; the point on which anything depends or turns. *v.i.* To turn on or as on a hinge; to depend (upon).

**hinny** (hin'i) [Gr. *hinnos*], *n.* The offspring of a stallion and a she-ass.

**hint** (hint) [?], *n.* A distant allusion; an indirect mention or suggestion. *v.t.* To mention indirectly, suggest. *v.i.* To make remote allusion.

**hinterland** (hin'tér-lánd) [G.-], *n.* The region situated behind that on the coast or along a river, etc.

**hip** (1) (hip) [A.-S. *hype*], *n.* The projecting fleshy part covering the hip-joint; the haunch; the external angle formed by the sides of a roof.

**hip** (2) (hip) [A.-S. *hœpe*], *n.* The fruit of the dog-rose.

**hip** (3) (hip), *int.* An exclamation, usu. twice or three times repeated, introducing a hurrah.

**hippo-, hipp-** [Gr. *hippos*, a horse], *comb. form.* Pertaining to or resembling a horse.

**hippocampus** (hip-ô-kăm'pús) [HIPPO-, Gr. *kampos*, sea-monster], *n.* A small fish, the sea-horse.

**hippodrome** (hip'ô-drôm) [HIPPO-, Gr. *dromos*, a course], *n.* A circus, anciently for equestrian games and chariot races.

**hippogriff** (hip'ô-grif) [HIPPO-, It. *grifo*, griffin], *n.* A fabulous creature, half horse and half griffin; a winged horse.

**hippopotamus** (hip-ô-pot'â-mús) [HIPPO-, Gr. *potamos*, river], *n.* A gigantic African pachydermatous amphibious quadruped.

**hircine** (hër'sin) [L. *hircus*, he-goat], *a.* Goatish; strong smelling.

**hire** (hîr) [A.-S. *hÿr*], *n.* The price paid for services or the use of things; the engagement for such a price; (*fig.*) a bribe. *v.t.* To procure at a price for temporary use; to employ (a person) for a stipulated payment; to grant the use of for a stipulated price; to bribe. **hireling**, *n.* One who serves for hire; a mercenary. **hirer**, *n.* One who hires or lets on hire.

**hirsute** (hër'süt) [L. *hirsutus*], *a.* Hairy, shaggy, unshorn.

**hirundine** (hi-rün'dîn) [L. *hirundo*, a swallow], *a.* Like a swallow.

**his** (hiz) [A.-S.], *pron.* and *a.* Of or belonging to him.

**hiss** (his) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a sound like that of the letter *s*, to make a sibilant sound; to express disapprobation thus. *v.t.* To utter with a hissing sound; to condemn or drive (away, etc.) thus. *a.* A hissing sound.

**hist** (hist) [imit.], *int.* Silence! hush! listen!

**historian** (his-tôr'i-ân) [as HISTORY], *n.* A writer of history; one versed in history.

**historic** (his-tor'ik) [as HISTORY], *a.* Cele-

brated in history, associated with historical events. **historical**, *a.*

**historiographer** (his-tôr-i-og'râ-fër) [late L. *historiographus* (HISTORY, -GRAPHER)], *n.* A writer of history, esp. an official historian.

**history** (his'tôr-i) [L. and Gr. *historia*, from *histôr*, knowing], *n.* A systematic record of past events; a study of or a book dealing with the past of any country, people, science, art, etc.; past events; an eventful past, an interesting career.

**histrionic** (his-tri-on'ik) [L. *histrion*, an actor], *a.* Pertaining to actors or acting; theatrical; affected, unreal. *n.pl.* Art of theatrical representation; (*fig.*) humbug.

**hit** (hit) [Scand.], *v.t.* To strike, esp. after taking aim; (*fig.*) to guess; to affect, to wound. *v.i.* To strike (at, against, etc.); (*fig.*) to agree, suit, fall in with. *n.* A blow, a stroke; (*fig.*) a lucky chance; a felicitous expression; a successful effort.

**hitch** (hich) [?], *v.t.* To fasten loosely; to hook; to pull up with a jerk. *v.i.* To move with jerks; to become entangled. *n.* A stoppage; an impediment, a temporary difficulty; the act of catching, as on a hook; a pull or jerk up; (*Naut.*) various kinds of knots.

**hither** (hith'ér) [A.-S. *hider*], *adv.* To this place, end, or point; in this direction. *a.* Situated on this side; the nearer (of two objects). **hitherto**, *adv.* Up to this limit or time.

**hive** (hiv) [A.-S. *hÿf*], *n.* An artificial house for bees; bees inhabiting a hive; (*fig.*) a place swarming with busy occupants. *v.t.* To secure in a hive; (*fig.*) to house as in a hive; to store up for future use. *v.i.* To enter or live in a hive; to take shelter or swarm together, as bees.

**hoar** (hôr) [A.-S. *hâr*], *a.* Greyish-white; grey with age; ancient; white with foam. *n.* Antiquity; hoar-frost, rime. **hoar-frost**, *n.* Frozen dew, white frost.

**hoard** (hörd) [A.-S. *hord*], *n.* A store, money laid by; an accumulated stock of anything. *v.t.* To collect and lay by; to store up. *v.i.* To amass and store up things. **hoarder**, *n.*

**hoarding** (hôr'ding) [O.F. *hourd*, scaffold], *n.* A screen of boards round a building being built or repaired; a screen for posting bills on.

**hoarse** (hôrs) [A.-S. *hās*], *a.* Rough (of the voice); grating, discordant; having such a voice, as from a cold.

**hoary** (hôr'i) [HOAR, -Y], *a.* Whitish-grey as with age; of great antiquity; venerable. **hoariness**, *n.*

**hoax** (höks) [?], *n.* A practical joke, or sportive deception. *v.t.* To play a practical joke upon, to delude in sport.

**hob** (hob) [?], *n.* The part of a grate on which things are placed to be kept warm.

**hobble** (hobl) [Dut. *hobbelen*, to rock about], *v.i.* To walk lamely or awkwardly; to move in a halting way. *v.t.* To shackle the legs of (horses, etc.). *n.* An awkward, uneven, or limping gait; a clog, etc.

**hobbledehoy** (hobl-dé-hoi') [?], *n.* A raw, awkward young fellow.

**hobby** (1) (hob'i) [O.F. *hobet*], *n.* A small British falcon.

**hobby** (2) [O.F. *hobin*], *n.* An easy ambling horse; a hobby-horse; one's favourite recreation or pursuit. **hobby-horse**, *n.* A figure rudely imitating a horse used in morrice-dances, etc.; a child's rocking-horse; a hobby.

**hobgoblin** (hob'gob-lin) [obs. *hob*, an elf, GOBLIN], *n.* A kind of goblin, esp. one of a frightful appearance.

**hobnail** (hob'nail) [HOB, NAIL], *n.* A short thick nail with a large head, used for heavy boots.

**hob-nob** (hob'nob) [A.-S. *habban*, to have, *nabban*, not to have], *v.i.* To associate familiarly (with).

**hock** (hok) [G. *Hochheimer*], *n.* A light wine, still or sparkling.

**hockey** (hok'i) [F. *hogue*, a crook], *n.* A game of ball played with a club having a curved end.

**hocus** (hō'kūs) [mock L.], *v.t.* To take in, to impose upon; to stupefy with drugs; to put a drug into (liquor). *n.* A cheat, an impostor; drugged liquor. **hocus-pocus**: A juggler's trick, a fraud, a hoax.

**hod** (hod) [?], *n.* A wooden holder on a long handle for carrying mortar or bricks on the shoulder. **hodman**, *n.* A labourer who carries a hod for bricklayers, etc.

**hodge-podge** (hōj'poj) [HOTCHPOTCH], *n.* A mixture or medley.

**hoe** (hō) [F. *houe*], *n.* A tool used to scrape or stir up earth, root out weeds, etc. *v.t.* To scrape or loosen (ground), cut (weeds), or dig (up) with a hoe. *v.i.* To use a hoe.

**hog** (hog) [?], *n.* A swine, esp. a castrated boar meant for killing; (*prov.*) a sheep or bullock a year old; (*fig.*) a dirty, gluttonous, or low fellow. *v.t.* To cut short like the bristles of a hog. *v.i.* To droop at both ends. **hogget**, *n.* A yearling sheep; a colt of a year old. **hoggish**, *a.* **hog-mane**, *n.* A horse's mane cut so as to stand erect. **hog-wash**, *n.* Refuse used for feeding hogs.

**hogmanay** (hog'ma-nā) [?], *n.* In Scotland, the last day of the year.

**hogshead** (hogz'hed) [HOG, HEAD], *n.* A measure containing 52½ imperial gal.; a large cask; a butt.

**hoist** (hoist) [?], *v.t.* To raise or heave up; to lift with tackle; to run up (a sail or flag). *n.* Act of lifting or hoisting up; an apparatus for raising; a lift.

**hoity-toity** (hoi'ti-toi'ti) [?], *int.* An exclamation of astonishment mixed with contempt.

**hold** (1) (hōld) [A.-S. *healdan*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. held*, \**p.p. holden*) To grasp and retain; to keep in, confine, enclose, contain; to be able to contain; to keep back, restrain; to retain possession or control of; to possess; to regard, to maintain or assert (that); to celebrate. *v.i.* To maintain a grasp or attachment;

to continue firm, not to break; to be valid or true, to stand; to be consistent; (*usu. in imper.*) to stop, refrain. **hold-all**, *n.* A hand-bag or case for carrying clothes, etc. **holder**, *n.* A tenant, an owner. **holder-forth**, *n.* One who harangues. **holdfast**, *n.* A means by which something is clamped to another; a support. **holding**, *n.* A grasp; tenure or occupation, esp. land, property, stocks, etc., held.

**hold** (2) [from *prec.*], *n.* Act of grasping in the hands; a grasp, clutch; a support, anything to hold by; (*fig.*) moral influence; possession; a fortified place.

**hold** (3) [corr. of *fol.*], *n.* The cavity of a ship, in which cargo is stowed.

**hole** (hōl) [A.-S. *hol*], *n.* A hollow place or cavity; an aperture, orifice, perforation; a wild animal's burrow; (*Golf*) a point made by the player who drives his ball from one hole to another with the fewest strokes, the distance between two consecutive holes; (*fig.*) a difficulty, a fix. **hole-and-corner**, *a.* Secret, clandestine.

**holiday** (hol'i-dā) [A.-S. *hæligdæg*, holy day], *n.* A day of exemption from work; any period devoted to pleasure or amusement; a vacation.

**holland** (hol'and) [name of country], *n.* Coarse unbleached linen with a glazed surface. **hollands**, *n.* A kind of gin.

**hollow** (hol'ō) [M.E. *holwe*, A.-S. *holge*], *a.* Containing a cavity; not solid; sunken, concave; empty; deep (of sounds); (*fig.*) insincere, not genuine. *n.* A depression or unoccupied space; a cavity, hole. *v.t.* To make hollow, to excavate.

**holly** (hol'i) [A.-S. *hōlen*], *n.* A shrub or tree with glossy, prickly leaves.

**hollyhock** (hol'i-hok) [M.E. *holi*, HOLY, *hoc*, mallow], *n.* A tall garden plant with red, yellow, and other coloured flowers.

**holm** (1) (hōm) [Icel. *hōlmr*], *n.* Flat ground along the side of a river; an island in a river.

**holm** (2) (hōm) [A.-S. *hōlen*, HOLLY], *n.* The *ilex* or evergreen oak, the holm-oak.

**holo-** [Gr. *holos*, whole], *comb. form.* Entire, complete; completely.

**holocaust** (hol'ō-kawst) [HOLO-, Gr. *kaustē*, will burn], *n.* A sacrifice entirely consumed by fire; (*fig.*) a general destruction, esp. by fire.

**holograph** (hol'ō-grāf) [HOLO-, Gr. *graphein*, to write], *a.* Wholly in the handwriting of the author or signatory. *n.* A document, etc., so written.

**holster** (hōl'stēr) [Dut.], *n.* A leather case to hold a pistol.

**holt** (hōlt) [A.-S.], *n.* A wood, a copse.

**holy** (hōli) [A.-S. *hālig*], *a.* Sacred; set apart for sacred use; morally pure; free; sin. **holily**, *adv.* **holiness**, *n.* The state of being holy; moral purity or integrity; the state of being consecrated to God or His worship; that which is so consecrated. **his Holiness**: A title of the Pope. **holystone**, *n.* A soft sandstone used for scrubbing decks. *v.t.* To



scrub with this. **holy writ**: Sacred Scriptures, the Bible.

**homage** (hom'áj) [L. *homo*, man], *n.* The service paid and fealty professed to a superior; deference, obeisance, worship.

**home** (hōm) [A.-S. *hām*], *n.* One's own abode, or that of one's family; one's own country; the place where anything is indigenous; a place of rest or comfort; a charitable institution for orphans, the destitute, or the afflicted; the goal in various games. *a.* Connected with home or one's native country; domestic, opposed to foreign; (*fig.*) personal, touching the heart or conscience. *adv.* To one's home or country; to the point, closely, intimately. *v.i.* To fly home (of pigeons); (*fig.*) to go home. *v.t.* To send (pigeons) home; to provide with a home. **home-born**, *a.* Native, domestic, natural. **home-coming**, *n.* and *a.* **homeless**, *a.* **homely**, *a.* Plain, not handsome; simple; without affectation, unpretending; unadorned. **homeliness**, *n.* **homeward**, *adv.* Towards home. *a.* Being or going in the direction of home. **homekeeping**, *a.* Staying at home, untravelled. **home-sick**, *a.* **home-sickness**, *n.* A vehement desire to return home, causing depression of spirits. **homespun**, *a.* Spun at home; home-made; (*fig.*) plain, unaffected, rude. *N.* Cloth spun at home. **homestead**, *n.* A house, esp. a farmhouse, with the buildings attached.

**Homeric** (hō-mer'ik), *a.* Pertaining to Homer or his poems; resembling Homer's poems in style.

**homicide** (hom'i-sid) [L. *homicidium*, manslaughter], *n.* The act of killing a human being; one who kills another. **homicidal**, *a.*

**homily** (hom'i-li) [L. *homilia*, as prec.], *n.* A religious discourse; a tedious moral exhortation.

**hominy** (hom'i-ni) [N. Am.-Ind.], *n.* Maize hulled and coarsely ground, boiled for food.

**homo-**, **hom-** [Gr. *homos*, same], *comb. form.* Noting likeness or sameness.

**homœo-** [Gr. *homoios*, of the same kind, similar], *comb. form.*

**homœopathy** (hō-mi-op'á-thi) [Gr., *HOMŒO-*, -PATHY], *n.* The system of administering in small doses medicines which would produce in healthy persons symptoms similar to those they are designed to remove. **homœopathic**, *a.*

**homogeneous** (hom-ó-jē-ni-ús) [*HOMO-*, Gr. *genos*, kind], *a.* Composed of similar parts or elements; of the same kind or nature throughout. **homogeneity**, *n.*

**homologate** (hō-mol'ó-gāt) [*HOMO-*, Gr. *legein*, to speak], *v.t.* To admit, concede; to approve, confirm. **homologation**, *n.*

**homologous** (hō-mol'ó-gūs) [*HOMO-*, Gr. *logos*, ratio], *a.* Having the same relative position, proportion, value, structure.

**homonym** (hom'ó-nim) [*HOMO-*, Gr. *onuma*, name], *n.* A word having the same

sound and perhaps the same spelling as another, but differing in meaning.

**homunculus**, **-uncle** (hō-mūng-kū'lūs, -mūnkl) [L., dim. of *homo*, man], *n.* A little man; a dwarf.

**hone** (hōn) [A.-S. *hān*], *n.* A stone for giving an edge to a cutting tool. *v.t.* To sharpen on this.

**honest** (on'est) [L. *honestus*, from *honos*, HONOUR], *a.* Upright, fair, trustworthy; just, equitable; open, sincere, honourable; chaste, virtuous; unimpeached; respectable; worthy. **honesty**, *n.*

**honey** (hūn'i) [A.-S. *hunig*], *n.* A sweet viscid product collected from plants by bees, and used as food; (*fig.*) sweetness; a term of endearment. **honeycomb**, *n.* A waxy substance formed in hexagonal cells by bees for the reception of honey and for the eggs and larvæ. *v.t.* To fill with holes or cavities. **honeymoon**, *n.* The first month after marriage, often spent by the married couple in travel or pleasure-making. *v.t.* To spend the honeymoon (in, at, etc.). **honeysuckle**, *n.* The woodbine, a wild climbing plant with sweet-scented flowers.

**honorarium** (hon-ó-rār'i-úm) [as foll.], *n.* payment to a professional man for his services.

**honorary** (on'ór-ár-i) [L. *honorarius*, from *honos*, HONOUR], *a.* Conferred, etc., as a mark of honour; holding an office without payment or without undertaking the duties; not enforceable by law (of duties or obligations).

**honour** (on'ór) [L. *honōrem*, nom. *honos*], *n.* Respect, esteem, reverence; reputation, glory, distinction; high rank; nobleness of mind; conformity to the accepted code of social conduct; chastity; (*pl.*) courteous attentions; (*Univ.*, *pl.*) distinction awarded for high proficiency; a title of address given to county court judges, etc.; (*pl.*) the four highest trump cards. *v.t.* To treat with reverence or respect; to bestow honour upon; to dignify, exalt; to acknowledge; to accept and pay when due (as a bill). **honourable**, *a.* Worthy of honour; illustrious, noble; conferring honour; actuated by principles of honour; proceeding from a laudable cause; not base; a title of respect or distinction borne by the children of peers below the rank of marquess, maids of honour, Justices of the High Court, etc. **honourably**, *adv.*

**hood** (hud) [A.-S. *hōd*], *n.* A loose covering for the head and neck; an appendage to an academic gown marking a degree; anything resembling a hood, a carriage-top. *v.t.* To dress in a hood; to blind, cover. **hooded**, *a.* **hoodwink**, *v.t.* To blindfold; (*fig.*) to deceive, take in.

**hoof** (hoof) [A.-S. *hōf*], *n.* (*pl.* **hoofs**, **hooves**) The horny covering of the feet of horses, oxen, etc.

**hook** (huk) [A.-S. *hōc*], *n.* A curved piece of metal for catching or suspending; a barbed and pointed wire for catching fish; a sickle; a sharp bend. *v.t.* To catch or

hold with a hook; to fasten with hooks. *v.i.* To fit or fasten (on) with or as with hooks. **hook-nosed**, *a.* Having an aquiline nose. **hooked** (*hukt*), *a.* Bent; furnished with hooks.

**hookah** (*huk'á*) [*Arab. huqqah*], *n.* A tobacco-pipe in which the smoke passes through water.

**hooligan** (*hoo'li-gán*) [*pers. Irish name*], *n.* A street rough given to violent attacks on persons. **hooliganism**, *n.*

**hoop** (*hoop*) [*A.-S. hōp*], *n.* A strip of wood or metal bent into a ring to hold the staves of casks, etc., together. *v.t.* To bind with hoops; to encircle. **hooping-cough** [*WHOOP*].

**hoopoe** (*hoo'pō*) [*F. huppe*], *n.* A bird with large crest and fine plumage.

**hoot** (*hoot*) [*M.E. houten*], *v.i.* To shout in derision or contempt; to cry as an owl. *v.t.* To shout (down, out, away, etc.) in contempt or derision. *n.* A cry like that of an owl; a shout in contempt, etc. **hooter**, *n.* One who or that which hoots; a steam-whistle or siren.

**hop** (1) (*hop*) [*A.-S. hoppian*], *v.i.* To spring on one foot; to skip with both feet (as birds) or with all four feet (as quadrupeds); to limp. *v.t.* To jump lightly over. *n.* A jump, spring, or light leap on one foot. (*colloq.*) a dance. **hop-o'-my-thumb**, *n.* A pigmy. **hopper** (1), *n.* One who hops; a hopping insect; a funnel-shaped vessel for feeding material to a machine, a mill, into cars, etc.; a barge for receiving mud, etc., from a dredging-machine.

**hop** (2) [*M.Dut. hoppe*], *n.* A perennial climbing plant, the mature cones of which are used in brewing. *v.i.* To pick hops. **hopper**, (2), *n.* A hop-picker. **hop-picker**, *n.* One who gathers hops; a machine for this purpose. **hop-yard**, *-garden*, *n.* A field where hops are grown.

**hope** (*hōp*) [*A.-S. hōpa*], *n.* An expectant desire; confidence in a future event; a ground for expectation or confidence; the object of one's desires. *v.i.* To trust with confidence; to look (for) with desire or expectation. *v.t.* To expect with desire; to look forward to with trust. **hopeful**, *a.* **hopefulness**, *n.* **hopeless**, *a.*

**Horatian** (*hō-rā'shi-án*), *a.* Pertaining to or resembling the poetry of Horace (*Lat. poet*, d. B.C. 8).

**horde** (*hōrd*) [*Turk. ordū*, camp], *n.* A nomadic tribe; a gang, a multitude (*usu. in contempt*). *v.t.* To live in hordes; to gather together in gangs.

**horehound** (*hōr'hound*) [*A.-S. hūrchāne*], *n.* A common herb, *Marrubium vulgare*.

**horizon** (*hō-rī'zōn*) [*Gr. horizēin*, to bound], *n.* The circular line where the sky and the earth seem to meet; (*fig.*) the boundary of one's mental vision, experience, etc.

**horizontal** (*hor-i-zon'tal*) [*prec.*], *a.* Pertaining to the horizon.

**horn** (*hōrn*) [*A.-S.*], *n.* A projecting bony

growth on the heads of certain animals; the substance of which such are composed; anything made of or like a horn in shape, as a powder-flask or drinking-vessel; the feeler of a snail, etc.; an extremity of the moon when on the wane or waxing; a metal wind instrument. (*fig.*) one of the alternatives of a dilemma. *v.t.* To gore. **hornbeam**, *n.* A small tree yielding a tough timber. **hornbill**, *n.* An Indian bird with bone-crested bill. **horned**, *a.* **hornpipe**, *n.* An old wind instrument; a lively dance; the music for this. **horny**, *a.*

**hornblende** (*hōrn'blend*) [*G.*], *n.* A dark-coloured mineral consisting of silica, magnesia, lime, and iron.

**hornet** (*hōr'nēt*) [*A.-S. hyrnet*], *n.* A large social wasp with a formidable sting.

**horo** [*Gr. hōra*, a season, hour], *comb. form.* Pertaining to times or seasons, or to the measurement of time.

**horologe** (*hor'ō-loj*) [*HORO*, *Gr. legein*, to tell], *n.* An instrument for showing the hour, a time-piece.

**horoscope** (*hor'ō-skōp*) [*HORO*, *Gr. skopos*, observer], *n.* (*Astrol.*) An observation of the planets, etc., at the moment of one's birth, in order to foretell one's future.

**horrible** (*hor'ibl*) [*L. horribilis*, from *horrēre*, to bristle, shudder], *a.* Causing horror; dreadful, shocking, harrowing.

**horrid** (*hor'id*) [*L. horridus*, as *prec.*], *a.* Causing horror; shocking; extremely unpleasant, frightful. **horridly**, *adv.*

**horrify** (*hor'i-fi*) [*as prec.*, -FY], *v.t.* To strike with horror; (*colloq.*) to scandalize.

**horror** (*hor'ōr*) [*L. horrōr*, as *prec.*], *n.* Dread or terror, mingled with detestation or abhorrence; that which excites terror or repulsion.

**horse** (*hōrs*) [*A.-S. hors*], *n.* A solid-hoofed quadruped, domesticated and employed as beast of draught and burden; the adult male; (*collect.*) cavalry; a frame or other device used as a support, etc.; a vaulting-block; appliances used in various trades. *v.t.* To provide with a horse or horses; (*fig.*) to carry on the back; to put astride of anyone for flogging. **horse-back**, *n.* The back of a horse. **horse-block**, *n.* A block to assist a person in mounting on horseback. **horse-box**, *n.* A closed van for taking horses by rail; a compartment for horses on ship-board or in a stable, a box for slinging horses on board. **horse-chestnut**, *n.* A large variety of chestnut with coarse, bitter fruit. **horsehair**, *n.* The long hair of the mane and tail of horses. *a.* Made of this. **horse-latitudes**, *n.pl.* The region of calms on the northern edge of the north-east trade winds. **horse-leech**, *n.* A farrier; a large kind of leech which is often drawn in by horses and cattle when drinking; (*fig.*) a rapacious person (*Prov. xxx. 15*).

**horseman**, *n.* One skilled in the management of horses.

**horsemanship**, *n.* **horse-play**, *n.* Rough, boisterous play. **horse-power**, *n.*



- A unit of measurement of mechanical work, equivalent to 33,000 foot-pounds per minute; mechanical power expressed in such units. **horse-radish**, *n.* A plant with a pungent, acrid root, used as a condiment. **horse-sense**, *n.* Rough, practical common sense. **horseshoe**, *n.* A shoe for horses; anything resembling this in shape. *a.* Shaped like this. **horsewhip**, *n.* A whip for driving horses. *v.t.* To flog with a horsewhip; to thrash. **horsewoman**, *n.* A woman skilled in riding or managing horses. **horsy**, *a.* Pertaining to or fond of horses or horse-racing. **horsiness**, *n.*
- hortative** (hōr'tā-tiv) [*L. hortāri*, to exhort], **hortatory** (hōr'tā-tōr-i), *a.* Giving or containing advice or encouragement.
- horticulture** (hōr'ti-kūl-chūr) [*L. hortus*, garden, *CULTURE*], *n.* The art of cultivating or managing gardens. **horticul'tural**, *a.*
- hosanna** (hō-zān'ā) [*Heb.*, save, we pray], *n.* A prayer for blessing; a shout of adoration.
- hose** (hōz) [*A.-S. hōsa*], *n.* (*collect.*) Orig., close-fitting breeches; stockings; (*as sing. with pl. hoses*) flexible tubing as for fire-engine service. **half-hose**, *n.* Socks. **hosier** (hō'zhēr), *n.* One who deals in hosiery. **hosiery**, *n.* Stockings and other underclothing.
- hospice** (hōs'pis) [*L. hospitium*, from *hospes*, guest], *n.* A place for the reception of travellers as among the Alps; a home for the needy or afflicted.
- hospitable** (hōs'pi-tābl) [*as prec.*], *a.* Entertaining or disposed to entertain strangers or guests with kindness. **hospitably**, *adv.* **hospital'ity**, *n.* Liberal entertainment of strangers or guests.
- hospital** (hōs'pi-tāl) [*O.F.*, as *HOSPICE*], *n.* An institution for the reception and treatment of the sick or injured; applied to some charitable foundations. **hos'pi-taller**, *n.* One of a religious brotherhood which relieved the poor, strangers, and the sick.
- host** (1) (hōst) [*O.F. hoste*, *L. hospes*, *hospitem*], *n.* One who entertains another; the landlord of an inn. **hostess**, *n.*
- host** (2) [*O.F.*, from *L. hostis*, stranger, enemy], *n.* An army; a multitude.
- host** (3) [*M.E. oste*, *L. hostia*, sacrificial victim], *n.* The consecrated bread or wafer used in the eucharist.
- hostage** (hōs'tāj) [*O.F.*], *n.* One given in pledge for the performance of certain conditions or for the safety of others.
- hostel** (hōs'tél) [*O.F.*, as *HOSPITAL*], *n.* An inn; a house or hall for the residence of students. **hostelry**, *n.* An inn.
- hostile** (hōs'til) [*L. hostilis*, as *HOST* (2)], *a.* Pertaining to an enemy; unfriendly; inimical. **hostil'ity**, *n.*
- hot** (hot) [*A.-S. hōt*], *a.* Having a high temperature; having much sensible heat; burning, acrid, pungent; ardent, impetuous; passionate, excited, trying; strong (of scent); recent (of news). *adv.* **Hotly**; **ardently**, **angrily**. **hotbed**, *n.* A bed of earth heated by means of fermenting manure, used for raising early and tender plants; (*fig.*) any place which favours rapid growth (of disease, vice, etc.). **hot-blooded**, *a.* Excitable, irritable. **hot-headed**, *a.* Fiery, impetuous, passionate.
- hot-house**, *n.* A plant-house where a relatively high artificial temperature is maintained to facilitate growth. **hot-pot**, *n.* Meat cooked with potatoes in a closed pot.
- hotchpot** (hoch'pot) [*F. hochepot*], *n.* A general commixture of property to secure equal division (among heirs of an intestate person, etc.).
- hotchpotch** (hoch'poch) [*corr. of prec.*], *n.* A confused mixture; a dish of various ingredients.
- hotel** (hō-tel') [*F.*, as *HOSTEL*], *n.* A superior inn for the entertainment of strangers and travellers; in France, a town mansion.
- Hottentot** (hot'en-tot) [*Dut.*], *n.* A member of an aboriginal S. African race.
- hough** (hok) [*A.-S. hōh*], *n.* The joint between the knee and the fetlock in the hind-leg of quadrupeds. *v.t.* To hamstring.
- hound** (hound) [*A.-S. hund*], *n.* A dog used in hunting; one of those who chase the hares in hare and hounds; (*fig.*) a mean, contemptible fellow. *v.t.* To hunt with or as with hounds; to set on the chase; to urge on.
- hour** (our) [*L. and Gr. hōra*, season, hour], *n.* The twenty-fourth part of a natural day, sixty minutes; a particular time; (*Astron.*) fifteen degrees of longitude; (*pl.*) times appointed for work, etc.; (*R.-C. Ch.*) certain prayers to be said at fixed times.
- hour-glass**, *n.* A glass having two bulbs and a connecting opening through which the sand runs, used for measuring small periods of time.
- hourī** (hoor'i) [*Pers. hūrī*, from Arab. *haurā*, having gazelle-like eyes], *n.* A nymph of the Mohammedan paradise.
- house** (1) (hous) [*A.-S. hās*], *n.* A building for shelter or residence; a dwelling, place of abode, place used for a specified purpose (*as bake-house, hen-house, ware-house*); the abode of a fraternity, the fraternity itself; a household; a family, esp. noble; one of the legislative assemblies of a country; a quorum of this; a theatre; an audience; a commercial establishment or firm; (*Astrol.*) the station of a planet in the heavens; a twelfth part of the heavens.
- house-agent**, *n.* One who sells and lets houses, collects rents, etc. **house-boat**, *n.* A boat or barge for living in. **house-breaker**, *n.* One who breaks into houses, a burglar; a workman who pulls down houses. **household**, *n.* Those who live together under the same roof; a domestic establishment. *a.* Pertaining to the family, domestic. **householder**, *n.* The head of a household, the occupier of a house. **housekeeper**, *n.* An upper female servant who manages the affairs of

a household; a person in charge of a place of business, etc. **housekeeping**, *n.* The care of a household; domestic economy. **houseleek**, *n.* A plant with thick fleshy leaves, growing on walls. **houseless**, *a.* **housemaid**, *n.* A female servant employed to keep a house clean, etc. **house-surgeon**, **-physician**, *n.* A resident surgeon or physician in a hospital. **house-warming**, *n.* A merry-making on going into a new house. **housewife** (hous'wif), *n.* The mistress of a family; a female domestic manager; (hūz'if) a case for holding pins, needles, and the like. **housewifery** (hous'wif-ri), *n.*

**house** (2) (houz) [A.-S. *hūsian*, as prec.], *v.t.* To place or store in a house; to shelter. *v.i.* To have a lodging, to dwell.

**hovel** (hovl) [?], *n.* A shed open at the sides; a miserable dwelling-house.

**hover** (hov'ér) [?], *v.i.* To hang or remain (over or about) fluttering or on the wing; (*fig.*) to be irresolute, to waver.

**how** (hou) [A.-S. *hū*], *adv.* In what way or manner; by what means; to what extent, degree, etc.; in what condition; by what name; at what price. **howbe'it**, *adv.* Nevertheless, however it may be.

**howe'er**, *adv.* In whatever manner or degree; nevertheless, notwithstanding.

**howsoever**, *adv.* In whatsoever manner.

**howdah** (hou'dá) [Arab. *haudaj*], *n.* A seat carried on an elephant's back.

**howitzer** (hou'it-zér) [G. *haubitze*], *n.* A short piece of ordnance for throwing shells at low elevation.

**howl** (houl) [imit.], *v.i.* To cry as a dog or wolf; to wail; to make a walling sound like the wind. *v.t.* To utter in wailing or mournful tones. *n.* A protracted, hollow cry, as of a dog, etc., esp. one of anguish, distress, or derision. **howling**, *a.* (*fig.*) Wild and dreary (of a desert, etc.); extreme, glaring.

**howlet** (hou'lét) [OWL], *n.* An owlet.

**hoy** (hoi) [M. Dut.], *n.* A one-masted coasting-vessel; a barge or lighter.

**hoyden** (hoi'dén) [?], *n.* A rude, bold girl; a romp. *a.* Rude, rough, bold. *v.i.* To romp roughly. **hoydenish**, *a.*

**hub** (hūb) [?], *n.* The central part of a wheel from which the spokes radiate, the nave; a place of central importance.

**hubbub** (hūb'úb) [onomat.], *n.* A confused noise; a noisy disturbance.

**huckaback** (hūk'á-bák) [?], *n.* A coarse linen or cotton cloth, used for towels.

**huckle** (hūkl) [?], *n.* The hip, the haunch. **huckle-bone**, *n.* The hip-bone.

**huckster** (hūk'stér) [?], *n.* A retailer of small goods, a pedlar; a mean, mercenary fellow. *v.i.* To deal in petty goods; to higgler.

**huddle** (hūdl) [Tent.], *v.t.* To throw or crowd (together) promiscuously; to do hastily and carelessly; to coil (oneself up) anyhow. *v.i.* To gather or crowd (up or together) promiscuously. *n.* A confused crowd; disorder.

**hue** (1) (hū) [A.-S. *hūw*], *n.* Colour, tint.

**hued**, *a.* Having a particular hue (as *light-hued*).

**hue** (2) [O.F. *hu* (*huer*, to shout)], *n.* A loud shout, a clamour. **hue and cry**: A general summons to pursue a felon.

**huff** (hūf) [imit.], *v.t.* To bully, Hector; (*Draughts*) to remove (one's opponent's piece) from the board when he omits to capture with it;

**hug** (hūg) [?], *v.t.* To embrace closely; to squeeze tightly; to hold fast or cling to, to cherish; to keep close to (the shore). *n.* A close embrace, a particular grip in wrestling.

**huge** (hūj) [O.F. *ahuge*], *a.* Very large; immense. **hugely**, *adv.* In a huge manner; (*collog.*) exceedingly, extremely.

**hugger-mugger** (hūg'ér-mūg'ér) [?], *n.* Privacy; disorder, confusion. *a.* Clandestine; confused, slovenly. *adv.* Secretly.

**Huguenot** (hū'gè-not) [F.], *n.* A name applied to the Protestants of France.

**hulk** (hūlk) [A.-S. *hulc*], *n.* The hull or body of a ship, esp. an unseaworthy one; an old ship used as a store, a prison, or for other purposes; any unwieldy object or person. **hulking**, *a.*

**hull** (1) (hūl) [A.-S. *hulu*], *n.* An outer covering, esp. of a nut or seed; the pod, shell, husk. *v.t.* To strip the husk off.

**hull** (2) [?], *n.* The body of a ship. *v.t.* To pierce the hull of with a cannon-ball.

**hullabaloo** (hūl'á-bá-loo') [redupl. of HALLO], *n.* An uproar.

**hum** (hūm) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a prolonged murmuring sound like a bee; to sing with the lips closed; to make an inarticulate sound, from embarrassment, etc.

**human** (hū'mán) [L. *hūmānus*], *a.* Pertaining to man or mankind; having the nature, characteristics, etc., of man. *n.* A human being. **humankind**, *n.* Mankind.

**humane** (hū-mān') [as prec.], *a.* Having the feelings proper to man; tender, compassionate; elevating, refining; relieving distress. **humanely**, *adv.*

**humanitarian** (hū-mān-i-tār'i-án) [as foll.], *a.* Humane. *n.* One who believes that Christ was a mere man; one who believes in the perfectibility of humanity; a philanthropist.

**humanity** (hū-mān'i-ti) [L. *hūmānitas*, as HUMAN], *n.* Human nature; (*collect.*) mankind; kindness, humaneness. **the humanities**: Polite learning, the study of philology, rhetoric, poetry, and the classics.

**humble** (hūmbl) [O.F., L. *humilis*], *a.* Having a sense of lowliness, modest; of lowly condition, kind, etc.; deferential. *v.t.* To bring to a state of subjection.

**humble-bee** (hūmbl'ē) [obs. *humble*, freq. of HUM BEE], *n.* A bumble-bee.

**humbug** (hūm'būg) [?], *n.* A hoax; an imposition; trickery; an impostor. *int.* Nonsense. *v.t.* To impose upon.

**humdrum** (hūm'drūm) [redupl. of HUM], *a.* Dull, commonplace.



**humerus** (hū'mēr-ūs) [L., shoulder], *n.* The long bone of the upper arm.

**humid** (hū'mid) [L. *humere*, to be moist], *a.* Damp; rather wet. **humidity**, *n.*

**humiliate** (hū-mil'i-āt) [L. *humiliatus*, as HUMBLE], *v.i.* To mortify; to humble, to lower in condition. **humiliating**, *a.* **humiliation**, *n.*

**humility** (hū-mil'i-ti) [as prec.], *n.* The state of being humble; modesty.

**humming** (hūm'ing) [HUM], *a.* That hums; strong (applied to ale). **humming-bird**, *n.* A tropical bird of brilliant plumage and very rapid flight.

**hummock** (hūm'ók) [?], *n.* A mound or hillock.

**humorist** (hū'mór-ist) [F. *humoriste*, as foll.], *n.* One who displays humour; a facetious person, a wag.

**humorous** (hū'mór-ūs) [as foll.], *a.* Full of humour; tending to excite laughter; whimsical, capricious. **humorously**, *adv.*

**humour** (hū'mór) [L. *humorem*, moisture], *n.* Mental disposition, mood; bias, caprice; drollery; the capacity of perceiving the ludicrous; playful yet sympathetic imagination or mode of regarding things, delighting in the absurdity of incongruities; animal fluids, esp. the four bodily fluids formerly supposed to produce diversity of temperament. *v.t.* To indulge, give way to. **humoursome**, *a.*

**hump** (hūmp) [Scand.], *n.* A swelling or protuberance, esp. on the back; a rounded hillock; ill-temper, the blues. *v.t.* To make (the back) hump-shaped. **hump-back**, *n.* A crooked back; a person having this; an American whale.

**hunch** (hūnch) [?], *n.* A hump; a thick piece; a push with the elbow. *v.t.* To crook (esp. the back); to bend into a hump; to push, to shove. **hunchback**, *n.* A person with a humped back.

**hundred** (hūn'dred) [A.-S.], *n.* Ten times ten; (*colloq.*) a hundred pounds (money); an administrative division of a county. **hundredweight**, *n.* A weight of a 112 lb. av. **hundredfold**, *n.* **hundredth**, *a.* The ordinal of a hundred. *n.* One of a hundred equal parts.

**Hungarian** (hūng-gär'i-án), *a.* Pertaining to Hungary. *n.* A native of Hungary; the Hungarian language.

**hunger** (hūng'gér) [A.-S. *hungor*], *n.* A craving for food; pain caused by lack of food; any strong desire. *v.t.* To feel the pain of hunger; to crave for food; to desire eagerly. **hunger-strike**, *n.* Voluntary abstinence from food as a protest.

**hungry**, *a.* Feeling a sensation of hunger.

**hunk** (hūnk) [?], *n.* A large lump, a bunch.

**hunt** (hūnt) [A.-S. *huntian*], *v.t.* To chase (as wild animals) for the purpose of catching and killing; to employ (dogs, etc.) in hunting; to search for, seek after. *v.i.* To follow the chase; to pursue game, etc.; to search (after or for). *n.* Hunting, the chase; a pack of hounds, an association of hunting men; a district hunted. **hunter**, *n.* **hunting**, *a.* **huntress**, *n.* A female

hunter. **huntsman**, *n.* One who hunts, or who manages the bounds.

**hurdle** (hērdl) [A.-S. *hyrde*], *n.* A movable framework of split timber, etc., serving for gates; a barrier of hurdles. *v.t.* To enclose or barricade with hurdles.

**hurdy-gurdy** (hēr'di-gēr'di) [?], *n.* A stringed instrument; a barrel-organ.

**hurl** (hērl) [imit.], *v.t.* To throw with violence; to fling with great force; to utter with vehemence. *n.* The act of throwing with violence. **hurler**, *n.*

**hurly-burly** (hēr'li-bēr'li) [?], *n.* A tumult, commotion, uproar.

**hurrah**, **hurray** (hu-ra', -rā') [Scand.], *int.* An exclamation of joy, applause, etc. *v.* To utter or salute with hurrahs.

**hurricane** (hūr'i-kán) [Sp. *huracan*, from Carib.], *n.* A storm with violent wind.

**hurry** (hūr'i) [imit.], *v.t.* To impel to greater speed; to push forward; to cause to act carelessly or precipitately. *v.i.* To hasten. *n.* The act of hurrying; urgency, bustle, eagerness (to do, etc.). **hurry-scurry**, *adv.* In a hurry; confusedly. *n.* A confused bustle. *v.t.* To make haste, to act with disorderly haste. **hurried**, *a.*

**hurst** (hērst) [A.-S. *hyrst*], *n.* A wood, a thicket; a knoll.

**hurt** (hért) [?], *v.t.* To cause pain, loss, or detriment to; to damage; to distress (as the feelings). *n.* A wound; an injury; anything that causes pain, injury, or detriment. **hurtful**, *a.* Causing hurt; noxious. **hurtfully**, *adv.*

**hurtle** (hértl) [?], *v.t.* To dash against with violence; to move or whirl with great force.

**husband** (hūz'bánd) [A.-S. *hūsbonða*], *n.* A man joined to a woman in marriage. *v.t.* To manage with frugality, to economize. **husbandman**, *n.* A farmer, a tiller of the soil. **husbandry**, *n.* Agriculture; the products of farming; economy.

**hush** (hūsh) [imit.], *v.t.* To make silent; to repress the noise of. *v.i.* To be still or silent. *n.* Silence, stillness. *int.* Silence! **hush-money**, *n.* A bribe to secure silence.

**husk** (hūsk) [?], *n.* The integument of certain fruits or seeds; (*fig.*) a worthless part. *v.t.* To strip the husk from.

**husky** (1), *a.* Abounding in husks; dry, hoarse, rough and harsh in sound.

**husky** (2) (hūs'ki) [perh. ESKIMO], *n.* A sledge-dog; an Eskimo.

**hussar** (hu-zar') [Hung.], *n.* A light horseman; a soldier of a light cavalry regiment.

**hussy** (hūz'i) [HOUSEWIFE], *n.* A pert, forward girl; a worthless woman.

**hustings** (hūs'tingz) [A.-S.], *n.* A platform from which candidates addressed electors; proceedings at an election.

**hustle** (hūsl) [Dut. *hutselen*], *v.t.* To jostle, push violently; to hurry. *v.i.* To press roughly; to act with rough energy, to push one's way unceremoniously. *n.* **Hustling**. **hustler**, *n.*

**hut** (hūt) [F. *hutte*], *n.* A mean dwelling;

a cabin, hovel; a small temporary camp-shelter. *v.t.* To place (troops) in huts. *v.i.* To lodge in huts.

**hutch** (hŭch) [O.F. *huche*], *n.* A coop or pen for small animals; a chest, bin; a kneading-trough.

**huzzza** (hu-za') [imit.], *int.* A cry of joy, applause, etc. *v.* To shout or applaud with 'huzzza.'

**hyacinth** (hi'-a-sinth) [Gr. *huakinthos*, prob. iris or larkspur], *n.* A beautiful bulbous-rooted flowering plant; a flower fabled by the ancients to have sprung from the blood of the youth Hyacinth, beloved of Apollo. **hyacin'thine**, *a.*

**hybrid** (hi'brid) [L. *hybrida*, mongrel], *a.* Produced by the union of two distinct species, etc.; mongrel, cross-bred. *n.* A mongrel; an animal or plant produced by the union of two distinct species, varieties, etc.; a word compounded from different languages; anything composed of heterogeneous parts.

**hydra** (hi'drá) [Gr. *hudra*], *n.* (*Gr. Myth.*) A water-serpent with many heads, each of which, when cut off, was succeeded by two, destroyed by Hercules. **hydra-headed**, *a.* Having many heads.

**hydrangea** (hi-drăn'jé-á) [HYDR-, Gr. *angeion*, a vessel], *n.* A flowering shrub of the saxifrage family.

**hydrant** (hi'dránt) [HYDR-], *n.* A spout connected with a water-main, for drawing water.

**hydraulic** (hi-draw'lik) [HYDR-, Gr. *aulos*, pipe], *a.* Pertaining to fluids in motion, or to water-power. *n.pl.* The science treating of liquids in motion, esp. the conveyance of water through pipes, etc.

**hydro** (hi'drô) [HYDROPATHIC], *n.* A hydropathic establishment.

**hydro-, hydr-** [Gr. *hudrô hudros*, water], *comb. form.* Pertaining to or connected with water. **hydrocarbon**, *n.* A compound of carbon and hydrogen.

**hydrogen** (hi'drô-jên) [F. *hydrogène* (HYDRO-, GEN)], *n.* An invisible, inflammable, gaseous element, the lightest of known bodies, which in combination with oxygen produces water. **hydrogenous** (hi-droj'é-nŭs), *a.*

**hydromel** (hi'drô-mel) [HYDRO-, Gr. *meli*, honey], *n.* A drink made of honey and water.

**hydropathy** (hi-drop'á-thi) [HYDRO-, PATHY], *n.* The treatment of disease by the application of water. **hydropathic**, *a.*

**hydrophobia** (hi-drô-fô'bi-á) [HYDRO-, PHOBIA], *n.* An unnatural dread of water, a symptom of rabies; rabies.

**hydrophone** (hi'drô-fôn) [HYDRO-, Gr. *phônê*, sound], *n.* An instrument for detecting sound by water.

**hydroplane** (hi'drô-plân) [HYDRO-, PLANE], *n.* A light motor-boat; a flat fin for governing the vertical direction of a submarine; a plane for lifting a boat partially from the water.

**hydrostatic, -al** (hi-drô-stát'ik, -ál) [HYDRO-STATIC], *a.* Pertaining to hydrostatics.

**hydrostatics**, *n.* The science which treats of the pressure and equilibrium of liquids at rest.

**hyena** (hi-é'ná) [Gr. *huaina*, sow-like], *n.* A carnivorous scavenging quadruped.

**hygiene** (hi'jén) [F. *hygiène*, Gr. *hugienê technê*, the art of health, as prec.], *n.* The science of the prevention of disease as preservation of health, esp. of the community at large; sanitary science.

**hygienic** (hi-ji-en'ik), *a.*

**Hymen** (hi'mén), *n.* The Greek god of marriage. **hymeneal** (hi-mé-né'ál), *a.* Pertaining to marriage. *n.* A marriage song.

**hymenoptera** (hi-mé-nop'tér-á) [Gr. *humen*, a membrane, *pteron*, wing], *n.pl.* An order of insects having four membranous wings as the bee, wasp, ant, etc. **hymenopterous**, *a.*

**hymn** (him) [Gr. *humnos*], *n.* A song in praise or adoration of God; a sacred or solemn song or ode. *v.t.* To praise or worship in hymns. *v.t.* To sing hymns.

**hymnal** (him'nál), *n.* A collection of hymns, esp. for public worship. **hymnology**, *n.* The composition or study of hymns; hymns collectively.

**hyper-** [Gr. *huper*], *comb. form.* Beyond; excessive, beyond measure.

**hyperbola** (hi-pér'bô-lá) [as foll.], *n.* A plane curve formed by cutting a cone when the intersecting plane makes a greater angle with the base than the side of the cone makes. **hyperbolic** (-bô'ik), *a.* Pertaining to or like an hyperbola.

**hyperbole** (hi-pér'bô-lê) [HYPER-, Gr. *ballein*, to throw], *n.* A figure of speech expressing much more than the truth; exaggeration. **hyperbolical** (-bô'i-kál), *a.*

**hyperborean** (hi-pér-bôr'é-án) [HYPER-, Gr. *Boreas*, the north wind], *a.* Belonging to the extreme north. *n.* One living in the extreme north. **hyperboreanism**, *n.*

**hypercritical** (hi-pér-krit'ik-ál) [HYPER-, CRITICAL], *a.* Unreasonably critical; captiously censorious, over-nice.

**hypersensitive** (hi-pér-sen'si-tiv) [HYPER-, SENSITIVE], *a.* Excessively sensitive.

**hyphen** (hi'fén) [Gr. *huphen* (HYPO-, *hen*, one)], *n.* A short stroke (-) joining two words or parts of words. *v.t.* To join by a hyphen. **hyphenate** (hi'fé-nát), *v.t.*

**hypno-** [Gr. *hupnos*, sleep], *comb. form.*

**hypnosis** (hip-nô'sis), *n.* A morbid state of sleep; the hypnotic state. **hypnotic** (hip-not'ik), *a.* Causing sleep; pertaining to or inducing hypnotism. *n.* A medicine which produces sleep.

**hypnotism** (hip'-nô-tizm), *n.* An artificial method of inducing sleep or an analogous state; sleep artificially induced. **hypnotist**, *n.* **hypo-** [Gr. *hupo*, under], *comb. form.* Below; less than.

**hypochondria** (hi-pô-kon'dri-á) [HYPO-, Gr. *chondros*, cartilage], *n.* A morbid condition characterized by excessive anxiety with regard to the health, and attended by depression of spirits. **hypochondriac**, *a.*

**hypocrisy** (hi-pok'ri-si) [Gr. *hupokrisis*,



acting of a part (HYPO-, *krinein*, to judge, decide)], *n.* Dissimulation; a feigning to be what one is not; a pretence to virtue or goodness. **hypocrite** (hip'ô-krit), *n.* One who practises hypocrisy; a dissembler.

**hypodermic** (hi-pô-dêr'mik) [HYPO-, Gr. *derma*, skin], *a.* Pertaining to parts underlying the skin. *n.* A drug introduced by injection under the skin.

**hypotenuse** (hi-pot'é-nûz) [HYPO-, Gr. *teinein*, to stretch], *n.* The side of a right-angled triangle opposite to the right angle.

**hypothecate** [HYPO-, Gr. *thêkê*, from *tithenai*, to place], To pledge as security for some liability.

**hypothesis** (hi-po-thê'sis) [HYPO-, *THESIS*], *n.* (*pl.* -ses) A proposition assumed for the purpose of argument; a theory assumed to account for something not understood; a mere supposition. **hypothesis**, *a.* Conjectural.

**hyssop** (his'ôp) [Gr. *hussôpos*], *n.* A plant with blue flowers.

**hysteria** (his-têr'i-â) [Gr. *hysterâ*, the womb], *n.* A nervous disorder of women.

**hysterical** (his-ter'ik), *a.* **hysterical**, *a.*

## I

**I** (I) [A.-S. *ic*], *nom. sing. 1st pers. pron.* (*obj. me*, *poss. my*; *pl. nom. we*, *obj. us*, *poss. our*) In speaking or writing denotes oneself.

**-ia** [L. and Gr.], *suf.* Forming abstract nouns, as *mania*, *militia*; names of countries, etc., as *Australia*, *Bulgaria*; names of diseases, as *malaria*, *neuralgia*; names of alkaloids, as *morphia*; (*pl.* of L. -ium, Gr. -ion) *bacteria*, *regalia*.

**-ial** [L. -iâlis, -iâlê], *suf.* Forming adjectives, as *celestial*, *terrestrial*.

**iamb**, **iambus** (i-âm'bûs) [Gr. *iambos*], *n.* (*pl.* -buses) A poetic foot of one short and one long, or one unaccented and one accented syllable. **iambic**, *a.* An iambic foot or verse.

**-ian**, *suf.* Forming nouns or adjectives, as *Athenian*, *Baconian*.

**-iasis** [from Gr. *iâsthai*, to heal], *comb. form.* Noting a disease, as *elephantiasis*.

**ibex** (î'bek) [L.], *n.* A species of wild goats.

**ibis** (î'bis) [prob. Egypt.], *n.* A heron-like wading bird, esp. the sacred ibis of the ancient Egyptians.

**-ible** [L. -ibilis, -ABLE], *suf.* As in *edible*.

**-ic**, *suf.* Of, pertaining to, like, as in *alcoholic*, *domestic*, *Miltonic*; forming names of sciences, arts, etc., as *arithmetic*, *epic*, *logic*, *music*; (*later in pl.*) as *acoustics*, *metaphysics*, *politics*.

**-ical**, *suf.* Forming adjectives, as *comical*, *political*.

**ice** (is) [A.-S. *is*], *n.* Water congealed by cold; a frozen confection, ice-cream; sugar, etc., used for coating cakes. *v.t.* To cover or cool with ice; to convert into ice; to coat with concretion sugar. **iceberg** (is'bêrg), *n.* A large mass of floating ice, usu. formed by detachment from

a glacier. **iceblink**, *n.* A luminous reflection over the horizon from snow- or ice-fields. **ice-cream**, *n.* Cream or custard flavoured and artificially frozen. **ice-field**, *n.* A large expanse of ice, esp. in the Polar regions. **ice-floe**, **-pack**, *n.* A sheet of floating ice. **icing**, *n.* A coating of concretion sugar. **icy**, *a.*

**ichneumon** (ik-nû'môn) [Gr. from *ichneuein*, to track], *n.* A small carnivorous animal related to the mongoose, found in Egypt where it was formerly held sacred because it devours crocodiles' eggs.

**ichor** (î'kôr) [Gr.], *n.* (*Gr. Myth.*) The ethereal fluid which took the place of blood in the veins of the gods.

**ichthy-**, **ichthyo-** [Gr. *ichthys*, a fish], *comb. form.* Pertaining to fish; fish-like.

**ichthyology** (ik-thi-ol'ô-ji) [ICHTHYO-, -LOGY], *n.* The branch of zoology concerned with fishes; the natural history of fishes. **ichthyologist**, *n.*

**ichthyosaurus** (ik-thi-ô-saw'rûs) [ICHTHYO-, Gr. *sauros*, lizard], *n.* A gigantic fossil marine reptile.

**icicle** (î'sikl) [A.-S. *îses giecel*], *n.* A hanging point of ice, formed by the freezing of dripping water.

**-icle** [Lat. -iculus, -iculum, -icula], *suf.* Diminutive, as in *particle*, *versicle*.

**icon** (î'kôn) [Gr. *eikon*, image], *n.* (*Eastern Ch.*) A sacred image, or figure of a holy personage.

**icono-** [as prec.], *comb. form.* Pertaining to images or idols. **iconoclasm** (î-kôn'-ô-klâzm) [Gr. *klasma*, from *klaîn*, to break], *n.* The breaking of idols; (*fig.*) attack on or disregard of established usages, opinions, etc. **iconoclast**, *n.* A breaker of images; an assailant of established usages, etc. **iconoclastic**, *a.*

**-ics** [-IC], *suf.* Noting arts or sciences, as *hydrostatics* (*pl.* in form, usu. construed as sing.).

**-id**, *suf.* Forming adjectives, as *acid*, *frigid*, *lepid*.

**-ide**, *suf.* Indicating chemical compounds of an element with another element or a radical, as *chloride*, *oxide*.

**idea** (î-dê'â) [Gr. *ideîn*, to see], *n.* A mental image, a notion, conception, supposition; a more or less vague opinion; a plan, intention. **ideal**, *a.* Consisting of, existing in, or pertaining to ideas; visionary, fanciful; reaching one's standard of perfection. *n.* An imaginary standard of perfection; an actual thing realizing this. **idealism**, *n.* The practice of forming or seeking ideals; the representation of things in conformity with an ideal standard. **idealist**, *n.* **idealist**, *a.* **ide'alize**, *v.t.* To make ideal; to portray in conformity with an ideal. **ideally**, *adv.* **idem** (î'dem) [L.], *n.* The same (word, author, book, etc.).

**identical** (î-den'ti-kâl) [as IDENTITY], *a.* Absolutely the same; uniform in quality, appearance, etc. **identic**, *a.*

**identify** (î-den'ti-fi) [as foll.], *v.t.* To

consider or represent as precisely the same (with); to prove the identity of; to prove to be the same (with). **identification**, *n.* **identity** (i-den'ti-ti) [late *L. identitas*, from *L. IDEM*, the same], *n.* The state of being identical; absolute sameness; one's individuality.

**ideo-** [*IDEA*], *comb. form.* Pertaining to or expressing ideas. **ideograph**, -gram (i'dé-ô-gráf, -grám), *n.* A symbol, figure, etc., suggesting or conveying the idea of an object, without expressing its name.

**Ides** (íd-z) [*L. idūs*], *n.pl.* In the ancient Roman calendar, the 15th of March, May, July, October, and 13th of the other months.

**idiom** (id'í-ôm) [*Gr. idiōma*, from *idio*, peculiar to oneself], *n.* A mode of expression peculiar to a language; a peculiarity of phraseology. **idiomatic**, *a.*

**idiosyncrasy** (id-i-ô-sin'krá-si) [*Gr. idio*, SYN-, *Gr. krāsia*, mixing], *n.* Individual attitude of mind; a characteristic peculiar to an individual. **idiosyncratic**, *a.*

**idiot** (id'í-ôt) [*Gr. idiotēs*, a private person, hence one who is ignorant], *n.* A person of defective understanding; one destitute of reason; a stupid, silly person. **idiocy**, *n.* **idiot'ic**, *a.*

**idle** (idl) [*A.-S. idel*, empty, vain], *a.* Doing nothing; disengaged, not occupied, free; averse to work, lazy; vain, ineffectual. *v.i.* (*pres. p. idling*) To spend time in idleness. **idleness**, *n.* **idler**, *n.*

**idol** (i'dól) [*Gr. eidōlon*, from *eidos*, form], *n.* An image, esp. one worshipped as a god; a person or thing loved or honoured excessively. **idol'ater**, *n.* One who worships idols; a pagan; an extravagant admirer. **idolatrous**, *a.* **idolatrously**, *adv.* **idolatry**, *n.* **idolize**, *v.t.* To worship as an idol; to make an idol of.

**idyll** (i'dil) [*Gr. eidullion*, dim. of *eidos*, form], *n.* A short pastoral poem; a brief and picturesque narrative or description of rustic life. **idyl'lic**, *a.*

**-ler**, *suf.* Denoting occupation, profession, etc., as in *brigadier*, *financier*.

**if** (if) [*A.-S. gif*], *conj.* On the supposition that, in case that; allowing that; whenever; whether; also used in an exclamatory sense (as *if you were only here*!).

**igneous** (ig'né-ús) [*L. ignis*, fire], *a.* Containing or of the nature of fire.

**ignis fatuus** (ig'nis-fát'ú-s) [*L.*, foolish fire], *n.* (*pl. ignes fatui*) A flame-like meteor floating above marshes, etc.; (*fig.*) a delusive aim.

**ignite** (ig-nít') [*L.*, as *prec.*], *v.t.* To set on fire; to render luminous with heat. *v.i.* To take fire; to become red with heat. **ignitable**, *a.* **ignition** (ig-nish'ún), *n.* Act of igniting; state of being ignited.

**ignoble** (ig-nób'l') [*L. ignóbilis*], *a.* Of humble birth; mean, base, dishonourable.

**ignominy** (ig'nó-mi-ni) [*L. ignōminia* (*IN-* (2), *gnōmen*, *nōmen*, name, from *gnōscere*, to know)], *n.* Public disgrace or shame; dishonour, infamy. **ignomin'ious**, *a.*

**ignoramus** (ig-nó-rā'mús) [*L.*, we do not

know], *n.* (*pl. -muses*) An ignorant fellow; a blockhead.

**ignorance** (ig'nó-ráns) [*L. ignōrans*, ignorant], *n.* The state of being ignorant; want of knowledge (of). **ignorant**, *a.* Destitute of knowledge, unconscious (of); illiterate, uneducated.

**ignore** (ig-nór') [*L. ignōrāre* (*IN-* (2), *gnoscerē*, to know)], *v.t.* To pass over without notice, to disregard.

**iguana** (ig-wa'ná) [*Sp.*, from *Carib.*], *n.* A genus of large American lizards.

**il-** (1) [*IN-* (1)], *pref.*, as in *illation*, *illuminate*.

**il-** (2) [*IN-* (2)], *pref.* as in *illiberal*, *illicit*.

**-il**, **-ile**, *suf.* That may be, capable of being, pertaining to, etc., as in *civil*, *fossil*, *docile*, *fragile*.

**illex** (i'leks) [*L.*], *n.* (*pl. -exes*) The holm-oak; a genus of trees including the holly.

**iliac** (il'i-ák) [*L. ilia*], *a.* Belonging to the smaller intestines; pertaining to the *ilium* or hip-bone.

**ilk** (ilk) [*A.-S. ilca*], *a.* The same. **of that ilk**: Of the same name (used when the surname of a person is the same as that of his estate).

**ill** (il) [*Icel. illr*], *a.* Unwell, sick, diseased; bad morally, evil; mischievous, harmful; unfavourable, unlucky; not right, faulty, improper; awkward. *adv.* Not well, badly; imperfectly, scarcely; unfavourably, in bad part. *n.* Evil; injury; wickedness; (*pl.*) misfortunes. **ill-advised**, *a.* Imprudent; injudicious. **ill blood**: Resentment, enmity. **ill-bred**, *a.* Brought up badly. **ill-conditioned**, *a.* Having a bad disposition; in a bad physical condition. **ill-disposed**, *a.* Unfavourably inclined (towards). **ill-fated**, *a.* Unfortunate, unlucky. **ill-favoured**, *a.* Ugly, forbidding, repulsive.

**ill-got**, **ill-gotten**, *a.* Obtained in an improper way. **ill-omened**, *a.* Unlucky, of evil augury. **ill-timed**, *a.* Done, etc., at an unsuitable time. **ill-treat**, *v.t.* To treat badly. **ill will**: Malevolence, enmity.

**illation** (i-lā'shún) [*F.*], *n.* Deduction; an inference. **il'ative**, *a.*

**illegal** (i-lē'gál) [*IL-* (2), *LEGAL*], *a.* Not according to law; unlawful. **illegal'ity**, *n.*

**illegible** (i-lej'ibl) [*IL-* (2), *LEGIBLE*], *a.* That cannot be read or deciphered. **illegibil'ity**, *n.* **illeg'ibly**, *adv.*

**illegitimate** (il-é-jit'i-mát) [*IL-* (2), *LEGITIMATE*], *a.* Not lawfully begotten; born out of wedlock; contrary to law; irregular.

**illegit'imagy**, *n.*

**illiberal** (i-lib'er-ál) [*IL-* (2), *LIBERAL*], *a.* Not generous, sordid; narrow-minded, not catholic; rude, vulgar.

**illicit** (i-lis'it) [*IL-* (2), *LICIT*], *a.* Not permitted; unlawful.

**ilimitable** (i-lim'it-ábl) [*IL-* (2), *LIMITABLE*], *a.* Boundless, limitless.

**illiterate** (i-lit'er-át) [*IL-* (2), *LITERATE*], *a.* Unlearned, unable to read or write; rude, uncultivated. *n.* An uneducated person.

**illiteracy**, **illiterateness**, *n.*



- Illness** (il'nēs) [ILL, -NESS], *n.* The state of being ill, sickness, physical indisposition.
- Illogical** (i-loj'i-kál) [IL- (2), LOGICAL], *a.* Ignorant or careless of the rules of logic; contrary to the rules of logic.
- Illude** (i-llood') [IL- (1), *L. lūdere*, to play], *v.t.* To deceive, to cheat; to mock.
- illuminate** (i-lū'mi-nāt) [IL (1), *L. lāmīnātus*, lighted up], *v.t.* To throw light upon; to light up; to adorn with festal lamps; to adorn (a manuscript) with coloured pictures, letters, etc.; to enlighten mentally or spiritually. *v.i.* To adorn manuscripts, etc., with coloured pictures, etc. **illuminant**, *a.* **illumination**, *n.*
- illuminate** (i-loo-mi-na'tē) [L., as prec.], *n.pl.* Persons who affect to possess extraordinary knowledge or gifts.
- illumine** (i-lū'min) [F. *illuminer*], *v.t.* To illuminate; to enlighten.
- illusion** (i-lū-zhūn) [F., from *L. illāsio* (-nem), from *illudere*, to illude], *n.* Act of deceiving; that which deceives; a false show, a delusion. **illusionist**, *n.* **illusory**, *a.* Delusive, deceptive.
- illustrate** (il'ūs-trāt) [IL- (1), *L. lustrāre*, as foll.], *v.t.* To make clear, to explain by means of examples, etc.; to ornament by pictures, etc. **illustration**, *n.* **illustrative**, *a.* **illustrator**, *n.*
- illustrious** (i-lūs'tri-ūs) [IL- (1), *L. -lustris*, from stem of *lux*, light], *a.* Distinguished, famous; conferring renown or glory.
- im-** (1) [IN- (1)], *pref.*, as in *imbibe*, *imbrue*.
- im-** (2) [IN- (2)], *pref.*, as in *immaculate*, *impossible*.
- image** (im'áj) [L. *imāgo*], *n.* A representation or similitude of a person or thing; an effigy, a statue, esp. one intended for worship, an idol; an idea, conception; an expanded metaphor or simile; the figure of an object formed (through the medium of a mirror, lens, etc.) by rays of light. *v.t.* To make an image of; to mirror; to represent mentally; to typify, symbolize. **imagery**, *n.* (*collect.*) Images, statues; figures evoked by fancy; rhetorical figures, figurative description.
- imagine** (i-máj'in) [L. *imagināri*], *v.t.* To form an image in the mind, to form an idea of; to suppose, think; to guess; to plot, devise. **imaginable**, *a.* **imaginary**, *a.* Existing only in imagination or fancy; not real. **imagination**, *n.* Act or process of imagining; power of imagining; the mental faculty that forms ideal images from impressions; fancy; the constructive or creative faculty of the mind; a fanciful opinion. **imag'inate**, *a.* Endowed with imagination.
- imbecile** (im'bē-sil) [L. *imbecillus*], *a.* Half-witted; stupid, fatuous. *n.* One mentally weak. **imbecil'ity**, *n.*
- imbibe** (im-bīb) [IM- (1), *L. bibere*, to drink], *v.t.* To drink in; to absorb.
- imbroglio** (im-brō-li-ō) [IM- (1), It. *broglio*, BROIL], *n.* (*pl. -os*) A perplexing or confused state of affairs; a misunderstanding.
- imbrue** (im-broo') [O.F. *embruer*], *v.t.* To steep; to moisten (with blood, carnage, etc.); to stain.
- imbue** (im-bū') [IM- (1), *L. buere*, rel. to *bibere*, to drink], *v.t.* To saturate (with); to dye (with); to tinge strongly (with); (*fig.*) to inspire.
- imitate** (im'i-tāt) [L. *imitātus*], *v.t.* To produce a likeness of; to follow the example of; to mimic, ape. **imitable**, *a.* **imitation**, *n.* **im'itative**, *a.*
- immaculate** (i-māk'ū-lāt) [*immaculātus* (IM- (2), *L. macula*, spot)], *a.* Spotless, pure; free from blemish.
- immanent** (im'á-nēnt) [IM- (1), *manēre*, *L. manens*, dwelling], *a.* Inherent, not transient; indwelling; (*Theol.*) present throughout the universe as an essential sustaining spirit. **immanence**, *n.*
- immaterial** (im-á-tēr'i-ál) [IM- (2), *MATERIAL*], *a.* Not consisting of matter; spiritual; unimportant.
- immature** (im'á-tūr) [IM- (2), *MATURE*], *a.* Not mature, imperfect. **immatur'ity**, *n.*
- immeasurable** (i-mēzh'ūr-ábl) [IM- (2), *MEASURABLE*], *a.* That cannot be measured; immense. **immeasurably**, *adv.*
- immediate** (i-mē'di-át) [IM- (2), *MEDIATE*], *a.* Situated in the closest relation; not separated; direct; next, present; done or occurring at once, without delay. **immediately**, *adv.*
- immemorial** (im-é-mōr'i-ál) [IM- (2), *MEMORIAL*], *a.* Beyond memory or record; beyond the reach of record or tradition.
- immense** (i-mēns') [IM- (2), *L. mensus*, measured], *a.* Huge, vast, immeasurable; (*slang*) very good, excellent.
- immerse** (i-mērs') [L. *immersus*, plunged], *v.t.* To plunge, to dip (into water, etc.); to baptize in this manner; (*fig.*) to involve deeply (in difficulty, etc.). **immersion**, *n.* Act of immersing.
- immigrate** (im'i-grāt) [IM- (1), *L. migrāre*, to MIGRATE], *v.t.* To come into a foreign country for settlement. **immigrant**, *n.*
- imminent** (im'i-nēnt) [IM- (1), *L. minēre*, cp. *EMINENT*], *a.* Impending; close at hand. **imminence**, *n.*
- immobile** (i-mō'bíl) [IM- (2), *MOBILE*], *a.* Immovable; impassible. **immobility**, *n.*
- immoderate** (i-mod'ér-át) [IM- (2), *MODERATE*], *a.* Excessive; unreasonable.
- immodest** (i-mod'ést) [IM- (2), *MODEST*], *a.* Not modest, forward; indelicate, indecent. **immodestly**, *adv.* **immodesty**, *n.*
- immolate** (im'ó-lāt) [IM- (1), *molatus*, sprinkled with meal, sacrificed], *v.t.* To kill in sacrifice, to sacrifice (to). **immolation**, *n.* **im'molator**, *n.*
- immoral** (i-mor'ál) [IM- (2), *MORAL*], *a.* Not moral; inconsistent with or contrary to morality; licentious. **immoral'ity**, *n.*
- immortal** (i-mór'tál) [IM- (2), *MORTAL*], *a.* Not subject to death; imperishable; relating to immortality; (*colloq.*) not changing. *n.* One who is immortal; (*pl.*) the forty members of the French Academy. **immortal'ity**, *n.* State of being immortal; exemption from annihilation or

oblivion. **immortalize**, *v.t.* To perpetuate the memory of. **immor'tally**, *adv.*

**immortelle** (im-ör-tel') [F., as IMMORTAL], *n.* A plant with flowers that keep their shape and colour after being gathered.

**immovable** (i moo'våbl) [IM- (2), MOVABLE], *a.* That cannot be moved; firmly fixed; steadfast; unchanging; unfeeling.

**immune** (i-mün') [IM- (2), L. *mūnis*, serving], *a.* Free or exempt (from infection, etc.). **immunity**, *n.* Freedom or exemption from any obligation, duty, etc., or from liability to infection.

**immure** (i-mūr') [IM- (1), L. *mūrus*, wall], *v.t.* To shut in or up; to confine.

**immutable** (i-mū'tåbl) [IM- (2), MUTABLE], *a.* Unchangeable, not susceptible to variation. **immutabil'ity**, *n.*

**imp** (imp) [A.-S.=*impa*, shoot, graft], *n.* A young or little devil; a mischievous child.

**impact** (im'påkt) [L. *impactus*, driven], *n.* A forcible striking (upon or against), a collision.

**impair** (im-pår') [IM- (1), L. *pejor*, worse], *v.t.* To diminish in excellence, value, strength, etc.; to injure.

**impale** (im-pål') [IM- (1), L. *pålus*, a stake], *v.t.* To transfix, esp. to put to death by transfixing with a sharp stake; (*Her.*) to arrange two coats of arms on one shield.

**impalpable** (im-pål'påbl) [IM- (2), PALPABLE], *a.* Not perceptible to the touch; not to be readily apprehended, intangible.

**impart** (im-part') [IM- (1), L. *partire*, to PART], *v.t.* To grant a share of; to communicate the knowledge of; to bestow.

**impartial** (im-par'shål) [IM- (2), PARTIAL], *a.* Not favouring one party or side more than another; equitable, disinterested. **impartial'ity**, *n.*

**impassable** (im-pas'åbl) [IM- (2), PASSABLE], *a.* That cannot be passed.

**impasse** (ån-pas', im-pas') [F.], *n.* An insurmountable obstacle.

**impassible** (im-pås'ibl) [IM- (2), PASSIBLE], *a.* Insensible to pain; incapable of being injured; not subject to passion. **impassibil'ity**, **impassibleness**, *n.*

**impassion** (im-påsh'ón) [IM- (1), PASSION], *v.t.* To rouse the deepest feelings of.

**impassive** (im-pås'iv) [IM- (2), PASSIVE], *a.* Not affected by pain, feeling, or passion; apathetic; unmoved. **impassively**, *adv.*

**impatient** (im-på'shént) [IM- (2), PATIENT], *a.* Fretful; not patient or tolerant (of); eager (for or to). **impatience**, *n.*

**impeach** (im-péch') [late L. *impedicare*], *v.t.* To charge with a crime or misdemeanour; to bring a charge of maladministration or treason against; to call in question; to bring discredit upon. **impeachment**, *n.*

**impeccable** (im-pek'åbl) [IM- (2), PEC-CABLE], *a.* Not liable to fall into sin; faultless. **impeccabil'ity**, *n.*

**impecunious** (im-pé-kū'ni-ús) [IM- (2), L. *pecunia*, money], *a.* Destitute of money. **impecunios'ity**, *n.*

**impede** (im-péd') [L. *impedire*, to entangle

the feet], *v.t.* To hinder, obstruct. **impediment** (-ped'i-mént), *n.*

**impel** (im-pel') [IM- (1), L. *pellere*, to drive], *v.t.* To drive forward; to urge (to an action).

**impend** (im-pend') [IM- (1), L. *pendere*, to hang], *v.i.* To hang (over), to be suspended (over); to be imminent.

**impenetrable** (im-pen'é-tråbl) [IM- (2), PENETRABLE], *a.* That cannot be penetrated; inscrutable; not penetrable to ideas, etc., dull. **impenetrabil'ity**, *n.*

**impenitent** (im-pen'i-tént) [IM- (2), PENITENT], *a.* Not penitent. *n.* A hardened sinner. **impenitence**, *n.*

**imperative** (im-per'å-tiv) [IM- (1), L. *parare*, to make ready], *a.* Expressive of command; authoritative, peremptory; urgent. *n.* That mood of a verb which expresses command, entreaty, or exhortation. **imperatively**, *adv.*

**imperceptible** (im-pér-sep'tibl) [IM- (2), PERCEPTIBLE], *a.* Not perceptible; indistinguishable; insignificant.

**imperfect** (im-pér'fékt) [IM- (2), PERFECT], *a.* Defective; not fully made, done, etc.; lacking some part or member; (*Gram.*) expressing action as continuous and not completed. *n.* The imperfect tense. **imperfec'tible**, *a.* Incapable of being perfected. **imperfec'tion**, *n.* A moral or physical fault; a defect.

**imperial** (im-pér'i-åf) [L. *imperialis*, from *imperium*, command], *a.* Pertaining to an empire or an emperor, esp. British Empire, as dist. from any particular kingdom, dominion, colony, etc.; sovereign, supreme; majestic. *n.* A size of paper about 22 x 32 in.; a tuft of hair on a man's chin (Napoleon III). **imperialism**, *n.* Government by an emperor; imperial spirit, etc.; the policy of extending the authority of a nation by means of colonies or dependencies. **imperialist**, *n.* **imperial** (im-per'il) [IM- (1), PERIL], *v.t.* To endanger.

**imperious** (im-pér'i-ús) [L. *imperiosus*, as IMPERIAL], *a.* Arbitrary, dictatorial.

**imperishable** (im-per'ish-åbl) [IM- (2), PERISHABLE], *a.* Enduring permanently; not subject to decay. **imperishably**, *adv.*

**impermable** (im-pér'mé-åbl) [IM- (2), PERMEABLE], *a.* Not allowing passage, esp. of a fluid, impervious.

**impersonal** (im-pér'só-nål) [IM- (2), PERSONAL], *a.* Without personality; not relating to any particular person or thing; (*Gram.*) applied to verbs used only in the third person singular. **impersonally**, *adv.*

**impersonate**, *v.t.* To invest with personality; to personify; to represent in character. **impersonation**, *n.*

**impertinent** (im-pér'ti-nént) [IM- (2), PERTINENT], *a.* Not pertaining to the matter in hand; frivolous; impudent, insolent, esp. to a superior. **impertinence**, *n.*

**imperturbable** (im-pér-tér'båbl) [IM- (2), PERTURBABLE], *a.* That cannot be easily excited; unmoved, calm. **imperturbabil'ity**, *n.* **imperturbably**, *adv.*



**impervious** (im-pĕr'vi-ŭs) [IM- (2), PERVIOUS], *a.* Not admitting of passage or entrance; (*fig.*) impenetrable (to feeling, argument, etc.).

**impetuous** (im-pet'ū-ŭs) [as foll.], *a.* Moving with great speed; acting violently or suddenly; hasty, impulsive. **impetuous-ity**, *n.*

**impetus** (im-pĕ-tŭs) [IM- (1), *L. petere*, to seek], *n.* The force with which a body moves or is impelled; impulse.

**impi** (im'pi) [Zulu], *n.* A body of Kafir warriors.

**impiety** (im-pi'ĕ-ti) [as IMPIOUS], *n.* Quality of being impious; an impious act.

**impinge** (im-pinj') [IM- (1), *L. pangere*, to drive, fasten], *v.i.* To come into collision, to strike (on, against, etc.).

**impious** (im-pi'ŭs) [IM- (2), PIOUS], *a.* Wanting in piety or reverence towards God; irreverent, profane.

**impish** (im'pish) [IM- (1), *L. pish*], *a.* Having the characteristics of an imp.

**implacable** (im-plā-kābl) [IM- (2), PLACABLE], *a.* Not to be appeased; unrelenting. **implacabil'ity**, *n.*

**implant** (im-plant') [IM- (1), PLANT], *v.t.* To plant for the purpose of growth; (*fig.*) to inculcate, to instil.

**implement** (im-plĕ-mĕnt) [IM- (1), *L. plĕre*, to fill], *n.* A tool, a utensil; (*fig.*) an instrument, an agent; (*pl.*) things that serve for equipment, etc. *v.t.* To fulfil; to complete, supplement.

**implicate** (im'pli-kāt) [IM- (1), *L. plicāre*, to fold], *v.t.* To entangle, entwine; to involve, bring into connexion with. **implication**, *n.* Act of implicating; state of being implicated; an inference.

**implicit** (im-plis'it) [*L. implicitus*, as *prec.*], *a.* Implied; understood or inferable; depending upon complete belief or trust in another, unquestioning, unreserved.

**implore** (im-plōr') [IM- (1), *L. plorāre*, to weep], *v.t.* To call upon or ask for earnestly. *v.i.* To entreat, supplicate.

**imply** (im-pli') [*L.*, as IMPLICATE], *v.t.* To involve or contain by implication; to mean indirectly, to hint. **implied**, *a.* Contained in substance though not actually expressed. **impli'edly**, *adv.*

**impolite** (im-pō-lit') [IM- (2), POLITE], *a.* Not polite, ill-mannered.

**impolitic** (im-pol'i-tik) [IM- (2), POLITIC], *a.* Not politic; injudicious, inexpedient.

**imponderable** (im-pon'dĕr-ābl) [IM- (2), PONDERABLE], *a.* Not having sensible weight; very light. **imponderabil'ity**, *n.*

**import** (im-pōrt') [IM- (1), *L. portāre*, to bring], *v.t.* To bring (goods) from a foreign country (into); to introduce; to imply, to signify; to concern. *v.i.* To be important, to matter. *n.* (im'pōrt) That which is imported from abroad; that which is signified or implied; importance, consequence. **importance**, *n.* The quality of being important; authority, consequence; self-esteem, pretentiousness. **important**, *a.* Of great moment or consequence; of great personal consequence, pretentious.

**importation**, *n.* Act or practice of importing; that which is imported. **import'er**, *n.* One who imports goods.

**importunate** (im-pōr'tū-nāt) [*L. importūnus*, unsuitable], *a.* Unreasonably and pertinaciously solicitous; troublesome.

**importune** (im-pōr-tūn, im-pōr'tūn) [as *prec.*], *a.* Untimely; importunate; irksome. *v.t.* To solicit pertinaciously or urgently; to signify.

**impose** (im-pōz') [*L. impōnere* (cp. COMPOSE)], *v.t.* To lay (as a burden, tax, etc.) upon; to force (views, etc.) upon; to palm off (upon); (*Print.*) to arrange (pages of type) for printing. *v.i.* To impress oneself (upon); to practise deception (upon). **imposing**, *a.* Commanding; impressive, majestic. **imposition** (-zish'ŭn), *n.* The act of imposing.

**impossible** (im-pos'ibl) [IM- (2), POSSIBLE], *a.* Not possible; impracticable; that cannot be done, thought, etc. **impossibil'ity**, *n.* **impos'sibly**, *adv.*

**impost** (im-pōst) [as IMPOSE], *n.* That which is imposed as a tax, a duty (esp. on imports).

**impostor** (im-pos'tōr) [as IMPOSE], *n.* One who falsely assumes a character; a deceiver. **imposture**, *n.* Deception by the assumption of a false character; a swindle.

**impotent** (im-pō-tĕnt) [IM- (2), POTENT], *a.* Wanting in physical, intellectual, or moral power. **impotence**, *n.*

**impound** (im-pound') [IM- (1), POUND (2)], *v.t.* To confine; to confiscate.

**impoverish** (im-pov'ĕr-ish) [*O.F. empoverir* (IM- (1), *povre*, *pauvre*, poor)], *v.t.* To make poor; to exhaust the fertility, or resources of. **impoverishment**, *n.*

**impracticable** (im-prāk'ti-kābl) [IM- (2), PRACTICABLE], *a.* Not feasible; intractable, stubborn. **impracticabil'ity**, *n.*

**imprecate** (im-prĕ-kāt) [IM- (1), *L. precāri*, to pray], *v.t.* To invoke, as an evil or curse (on). **imprecation**, *n.*

**impregnable** (im-preg'nābl) [IM- (2), *L. prehendere*, to seize], *a.* That cannot be taken by assault; able to resist all attacks, invincible. **impregnabil'ity**, *n.*

**impregnate** (im-preg'nāt) [IM- (1), *L. pregnāre*, as PREGNANT], *v.t.* To make pregnant; to fertilize, render fruitful; to saturate (with); to imbue. **impregnation**, *n.*

**impresario** (im-prĕ-za'ri-ō) [It.], *n.* One who organizes a concert, or manages an opera company, etc.

**impress** (1) (im-pres') [IM- (1), *L. premere*, to press], *v.t.* To stamp (a mark, etc., on); to produce (a mark) by pressure; to affect strongly. *n.* (im'pres) A mark or stamp made by pressure; an impression.

**impress** (2) (im-pres') [IM- (1), PRESS (2)], *v.t.* To compel (seamen) to enter the public service; to seize (property, etc.) for the public service, *n.* **impressible**, *a.* Capable of being impressed; yielding to pressure; susceptible. **impression** (-pres'hŭn), *n.* Act of impressing; the mark made; a copy from type, an engraved

plate, etc.; copies constituting a single issue of a book, engraving, etc.; effect produced; an indistinct notion, a slight recollection. **impressionable**, *a.* Easily impressed. **impressionist**, *n.* One of a school of artists who aim at a broad general effect. *a.* Pertaining to such school. **impressive**, *a.* Adapted to make an impression on the mind. **impressively**, *adv.* impressiveness, *n.*

**imprimatur** (im-pri-má'túr) [L., let it be printed], *n.* A licence to print a book granted by a censor.

**imprimis** (im-pri'mis) [L., *adv.* First in order.

**imprint** (im-print') [as IMPRESS (1)], *v.t.* To impress, to print. *n.* (im'print) A mark, impression, esp. the name of the printer or publisher of a book, etc., with the place, the date of publication, etc.

**imprison** (im-priz'ón) [IM- (1), PRISON], *v.t.* To put into prison; to confine, hold in captivity. **imprisonment**, *n.*

**improbable** (im-prob'ábl) [IM-, PROBABLE], *a.* Not likely to be true, or to happen. **improbabil'ity**, *n.* **improbably**, *adv.*

**impromptu** (im-promp'tú) [L. *in promptu*, in readiness], *adv.* Off-hand, without previous study. *a.* Done off-hand, extempore. *n.* An extemporaneous performance, act, etc.

**improper** (im-prop'ér) [IM- (2), PROPER], *a.* Not proper; unsuitable; unbecoming, indecent; erroneous. **improperly**, *adv.*

**impropriate** (im-pró'pri-át) [IM- (1), L. *propriare*, to appropriate], *v.t.* To convert (esp. ecclesiastical property) to one's own or to private use. **impropriation**, *n.*

**impropriety** (im-pró'pri-é-ti) [IM- (2), PROPRIETY], *n.* Quality of being improper; an unbecoming act, expression, etc.

**improve** (im-proov') [A.-F. *emprouver*, from O.F. *prou*, profit], *v.t.* To make better; to turn to profitable account; to take advantage of. *v.i.* To grow or become better; to recover from illness; to increase in value. **improvable**, *a.* **improvement**, *n.* Act of improving; advancement in value, knowledge, etc.; profitable use; that which is added or done to improve a thing. **improver**, *n.*

**improvident** (im-prov'i-dént) [IM- (2), PROVIDENT], *a.* Not provident; thriftless; careless, heedless. **improvidence**, *n.*

**improvise** (im-pró-víz) [IM- (2), L. *provisus*, provided], *v.t.* To compose and perform off-hand; to extemporize; to do on the spur of the moment. **improvisa'tion** (-zá'shùn), *n.*

**imprudent** (im-proo'dént) [IM- (2), PRUDENT], *a.* Wanting in foresight; rash, indiscreet. **imprudence**, *n.*

**impudent** (im'pú-dént) [IM- (2), L. *pudens*, feeling shame], *a.* Wanting in modesty; impertinent, insolent. **impudence**, *n.*

**impugn** (im-pün') [IM- (1), L. *pugnare*, to fight], *v.t.* To call in question, contradict. **impugnable** (im-pü'nábl), *a.*

**impulse** (im'puls) [L. *impulsus*, impelled], *n.* Application or effect of an impelling

force; influence acting suddenly on the mind tending to produce action; a sudden tendency to action. **impulsion** (-pül'shùn), *n.* Act of impelling; state of being impelled; impetus; instigation. **impulsive**, *a.* Communicating impulse; actuated by impulse rather than by reflection. **impulsively**, *adv.* **impulsiveness**, *n.*

**impunity** (im-pü'ní-ti) [IM- (2), L. *pæna*, penalty], *n.* Exemption from punishment, penalty, or loss.

**impure** (im-pür') [IM- (2), PURE], *a.* Not pure; adulterated; unclean. **impurity**, *n.*

**impute** (im-püt') [IM- (1), L. *putare*, to reckon], *v.t.* To ascribe; to set to the account or charge of. **imputable**, *a.*

**imputation** (-tá'shùn), *n.* Act of imputing; reproach, censure.

**in** (in) [A.-S., L. *in*, Gr. *en*], *prep.* Within, inside of; denoting presence or situation within the limits of time, place, circumstance, reason, etc. *adv.* Inside some place; indoors; in office; over and above.

**in- (1)**, *pref.* In; into; within; on; against, towards; as in *indicate*, *induce*; (2) [L., not], *pref.* Un-, not, without, as in *incomprehensible*.

**inability** (in-á-bil'í-ti) [IN- (2), ABILITY], *n.* Want of ability; lack of power or means.

**inaccessible** (in-ák-ses'íbl) [IN- (2), ACCESSIBLE], *a.* Not accessible; that cannot be reached; not affable. **inaccessibil'ity**, *n.*

**inaccurate** (in-ák'ú-rát) [IN- (2), ACCURATE], *a.* Not accurate. **inaccuracy**, *n.*

**inaction** (in-ák-shùn) [IN- (2), ACTION], *n.* Idleness, sloth. **inactive**, *a.* **inactiv'ity**, *n.*

**inadequate** (in-ád'é-kwát) [IN- (2), ADEQUATE], *a.* Insufficient, unequal. **inadequately**, *adv.* **inadequacy**, *n.*

**inadmissible** (in-ád-mis'íbl) [IN- (2), ADMISSIBLE], *a.* That cannot be admitted, allowed, or received. **inadmissibil'ity**, *n.*

**inadvertent** (in-ád-vér'tént) [IN- (2), ADVERTENT], *a.* Not paying attention; careless, negligent. **inadvertence**, *n.*

**inalienable** (in-á-li-é-nábl) [IN- (2), ALIENABLE], *a.* That cannot be alienated or transferred.

**inalterable** (in-awl'tér-ábl) [IN- (2), ALTERABLE], *a.* Incapable of alteration.

**inane** (i-nán') [L. *inānis*, empty], *a.* Empty, void; senseless; silly. *n.* Infinite void space. **inanity** (i-nán'í-ti), *n.*

**inanimate** (i-nán'í-mát) [IN- (2), ANIMATE], *a.* Not living; dull, lifeless.

**inanition** (in-á-nish'ún) [L., as INANE], *n.* Emptiness; exhaustion from want of nourishment.

**inapplicable** (in-áp'hí-kábl) [IN- (2), APPLICABLE], *a.* Not applicable; irrelevant.

**inappreciable** (in-á-pré'shábl) [IN- (2), APPRECIABLE], *a.* Not perceptible; too insignificant to be considered. **inappreciably**, *adv.* **inappreciative**, *a.*

**inapproachable** (in-á-pró'chábl) [IN- (2), APPROACHABLE], *a.* Inaccessible; unrivalled.

**inappropriate** (in-á-pró'pri-át) [IN- (2),



APPROPRIATE], *a.* Unsuitable. **inappropriateness**, *n.*  
**inapt** (in-äpt') [IN- (2), APT], *a.* Not apt; unsuitable. **inaptitude**, **inaptness**, *n.*  
**inarticulate** (in-ar-tik'ülät) [IN- (2), ARTICULATE], *a.* Not articulated, not jointed; not uttered distinctly; dumb.  
**inartistic** (in-ar-tis'tik) [IN- (2), ARTISTIC], *a.* Not done, etc., according to the principles of art; not having artistic taste.  
**inasmuch** (in-äz-müch') [IN, AS, MUCH], *adv.* Seeing that, since (followed by *as*).  
**inattention** (in-ä-ten'shün) [IN- (2), ATTENTION], *n.* Heedlessness, negligence; disregard of courtesy. **inattentive**, *a.*  
**inaudible** (in-aw'dibl) [IN- (2), AUDIBLE], *a.* So low as not to be heard. **inaudibly**, *adv.*  
**inaugurate** (in-aw'gü-rät) [IN- (1), *L. augurare*, to take omens], *v.t.* To install or induct into an office; to celebrate the opening of with formality, pomp, or dignity.  
**inauspicious** (in-aw-spish'üs) [IN- (2), AUSPICIOUS], *a.* Unlucky, ill-omened, unfavourable.  
**inborn** (in'börn) [IN- (1), BORN], *a.* Innate.  
**inbreed** (in'bräd) [IN- (1), BREED], *v.t.* To breed from animals nearly related. **inbred**, *a.* Innate, inborn; bred from nearly related animals.  
**incalculable** (in-käl'kü-läbl) [IN- (2), CALCULABLE], *a.* Not to be reckoned or estimated in advance; uncertain.  
**incandesce** (in-kän-des') [IN- (1), *L. candescere*, to become white], *v.* To glow or cause to glow with heat. **incandescence**, *n.* **incandescent**, *a.*  
**incantation** (in-kän-tä'shün) [*L. incantare*, as ENCHANT], *n.* A formula supposed to add force to magical ceremonies, a charm.  
**incapable** (in-kä'päbl) [IN- (2), CAPABLE], *a.* Not capable (of); not susceptible (of); legally incapacitated.  
**incapacitate** (in-kä-päs'i-tät) [from foll.], *v.t.* To disable; to render unfit, to disqualify.  
**incapacity** (in-kä-päs'i-ti) [IN- (2), CAPACITY], *n.* Want of capacity; legal disqualification.  
**incarcerate** (in-kar'sér-ät) [IN- (1), *L. carcer*, prison], *v.t.* To imprison. **incarceration**, *n.*  
**incarnate** (in-kar'nät) [IN- (1), *L. caro carnis*, flesh], *a.* Clothed with flesh, in human form; flesh-coloured. *v.t.* (in-kar'nät) To clothe with or embody in flesh; to embody (an idea) in a living form.  
**incarnation**, *n.* Embodiment in human form; Christ's assumption of human nature.  
**incautious** (in-kaw'shüs) [IN- (2), CAUTIOUS], *a.* Wanting in caution; rash.  
**incendiary** (in-sen'di-är-i) [*L. incendium*, a conflagration], *a.* Pertaining to the malicious burning of property; (*fig.*) inflammatory. *n.* One who maliciously sets fire to a building, etc. **incendiarism**, *n.*  
**incense** (1) (in'sens) [*L. incensum*, that which is burnt], *n.* Fragrant gums, spices, etc., producing perfumes when burnt, used

in religious rites. *v.t.* To perfume with incense; to offer incense to; (2) (in-sens') to inflame, exasperate, enrage.  
**incentive** (in-sen'tiv) [*L. incensus*, setting a tune], *a.* Inciting, urging. *n.* That which acts as a motive or incitement.  
**inception** (in-sep'shün) [*L. inceptus*, begun], *n.* A commencement; the first stage.  
**inceptive**, *a.* (*Gram.*) Denoting the beginning of an action.  
**incertitude** (in-sér'ti-tüd) [IN- (2), late *L. certitudo*], *n.* Uncertainty.  
**incessant** (in-ses'ánt) [IN- (2), *L. cessans*, ceasing], *a.* Unceasing, unintermittent.  
**incest** (in'sest) [IN- (2), *L. castus*, chaste], *n.* Sexual intercourse between persons nearly related. **incestuous**, *a.*  
**inch** (inch) [*A.-S. ynce*, *L. uncia*], *n.* A twelfth of a linear foot; (*fig.*) the least quantity or degree; (*pl.*) stature.  
**inchoate** (in'kö-ät) [*L. incohatus*, begun], *a.* Only begun, existing only in elements, undeveloped. **inchoately**, *adv.*  
**incidence** (in'si-déns) [as foll.], *n.* Act or state of falling on; the direction in which a body, a ray of light, heat, etc., falls upon a surface; (*fig.*) scope, range.  
**incident** (in'si-dént) [IN- (1), *L. cadere*, to fall], *a.* Falling or striking (on or upon); likely to happen; appertaining (to); fortuitous. *n.* That which falls out or happens; a subsidiary event; an occurrence, esp. of a striking nature; a privilege, burden, etc., legally attaching to property, etc. **incidentäl**, *a.* Casual, contingent; fortuitous, not essential; naturally connected with. *n.* Something that is incidental; (*pl.*) expenses. **incidentally**, *adv.*  
**incinerate** (in-sin'er-ät) [IN- (1), *L. cinis*, ashes], *v.t.* To reduce to ashes. **incineration**, *n.* **incinerator**, *n.*  
**incipient** (in-sip'i-ént) [as INCEPTION], *a.* Beginning, in the first stages.  
**incipit** (in'si-pit) [as prec.] *phr.* Here begins (a book, manuscript, etc.).  
**incise** (in-siz') [*L. incisus*, cut into], *v.t.* To engrave, to carve (inscription, pattern, etc.). **incision** (in-sizh'un), *n.* The art of incising; a cut, gash. **incisive** (in-si'siv), *a.* Having the quality of cutting into; sharp, penetrating; trenchant. **incisor** (in-si'zör), *n.* A tooth adapted for cutting food, one between the canines.  
**incite** (in-sit') [IN- (1), *CITE*], *v.t.* To urge; to stimulate, prompt, encourage (to action). **incitement**, *n.* An incentive, motive.  
**incivil** (in-siv'il) [IN- (2), CIVIL], *a.* Rude, unpolished. **incivility**, *n.* Impoliteness.  
**inclement** (in-klem'ént) [IN- (2), CLEMENT], *a.* Merciless; rough, severe; stormy. **inclemently**, *adv.* **inclemency**, *n.*  
**incline** (in-klín') [IN- (1), *L. clinäre*, to bend], *v.i.* To deviate from a normal direction; to lean; to be disposed; to have a propensity or inclination. *v.t.* To cause to deviate; to give a leaning to; to bow or stoop; (*fig.*) to dispose, turn. *n.* (in'klín) An inclination; a slope, gradient. **inclination**, *n.* Act of inclining or bending; a deviation; bent of the mind or

will; disposition, propensity (to or for); liking (for).

**include** (in-klood') [IN- (1), *L. claudere*, to shut], *v.t.* To contain, to hold, to comprise, to comprehend. **inclusion** (in-kloo'zhún), *n.* **inclusive** (-siv), *a.*

**incognito** (in-kog'ni-tó) [IN- (2), *L. cognitus*, learned], *a.* Living or going under an assumed name or character. *n.* (fem. -ta)

**incoherent** (in-kó-hér'ént) [IN- (2), *COHERENT*], *a.* Wanting cohesion of parts; disconnected, inconsistent. **incoherence, -ency, incohesion** (-hé'zhún).

**incombustible** (in-kóm-bús'tíbl) [IN- (2), *COMBUSTIBLE*], *a.* Incapable of being burnt. *n.* An incombustible substance, etc. **incombustibility, n.**

**income** (in'kúm) [IN- (1), *COME*], *n.* Amount of money (usu. annual) accruing as payment, interest, etc., from labour, business, or property. **income-tax**: A tax levied on incomes above a certain amount.

**incommensurable** (in-kó-men'shúr-ábl) [IN- (2), *COMMENSURABLE*], *a.* Having no common measure (with another number or quantity); not fit or worthy to be measured (with). **incommensurability, n.**

**incommode** (in-kó-mód') [IN- (2), *L. commodus*, convenient], *v.t.* To cause inconvenience to; to embarrass, hinder. **incommo'dious, a.** Not commodious; inconvenient. **incommo'dity, n.**

**incommunicable** (in-kó-mú'ni-kábl) [IN- (2), *COMMUNICABLE*], *a.* That cannot be communicated to or shared with another.

**incomparable** (in-kom'pár-ábl) [IN- (2), *COMPARABLE*], *a.* Not to be compared (to or with); unequalled.

**incompatible** (in-kóm-pát'íbl) [IN- (2), *COMPATIBLE*], *a.* Inconsistent with something else; incongruous. **incompatibility, n.**

**incompetent** (in-kom'pé-tént) [IN- (2), *COMPETENT*], *a.* Lacking adequate power, means, etc. (to do); wanting legal fitness or qualification. **incompetence, n.**

**incomplete** (in-kóm-plét') [IN- (2), *COMPLETE*], *a.* Not complete, not perfect.

**incomprehensible** (in-kom-pré-hen'síbl) [IN- (2), *COMPREHENSIBLE*], *a.* That cannot be comprehended or understood, inconceivable. **incomprehensibility, n.**

**incompressible** (in-kóm-pres'íbl) [IN- (2), *COMPRESSIBLE*], *a.* Not compressible; resisting compression. **incompressibility, n.**

**inconceivable** (in-kón-sé'vábl) [IN- (2), *CONCEIVABLE*], *a.* Not conceivable; incredible, most extraordinary.

**inconclusive** (in-kón-kloo'siv) [IN- (2), *CONCLUSIVE*], *a.* Not conclusive; not decisive (of evidence). **inconclusively, adv.**

**incongruous** (in-kong'gru-ús) [IN- (2), *CONGRUOUS*], *a.* Not agreeing or harmonizing; inconsistent; out of place. **incongruity** (-groo'i-ti), *n.* **incongruously, adv.**

**inconsequent** (in-kón'sé-kwént) [IN- (2), *CONSEQUENT*], *a.* Irrelevant; illogical;

disconnected. **inconsequence, n.** **inconsequential, a.**

**inconsiderable** (in-kón-sid'é-rábl) [IN- (2), *CONSIDERABLE*], *a.* Not deserving consideration; insignificant, trivial.

**inconsiderate** (in-kón-sid'é-rát) [IN- (2), *CONSIDERATE*], *a.* Hasty, incautious; having no consideration for others.

**inconsistent** (in-kón-sis'tént) [IN- (2), *CONSISTENT*], *a.* Incongruous; incompatible (with); self-contradictory, not uniform, changeable. **inconsistency, n.**

**inconsolable** (in-kón-só'lábl) [IN- (2), *CONSOLABLE*], *a.* Not to be consoled (of a person, grief, etc.). **inconsolably, adv.**

**inconspicuous** (in-kón-spik'ü-ús) [IN- (2), *CONSPICUOUS*], *a.* Not readily discernible by the sight; small, obscure.

**inconstant** (in-kón'stánt) [IN- (2), *CONSTANT*], *a.* Changeable, fickle; variable, irregular. **inconstancy, n.**

**incontestable** (in-kón-tes'tábl) [IN- (2), *CONTESTABLE*], *a.* Indisputable, undeniable. **incontestably, adv.**

**incontinent** (in-kón'ti-nént) [IN- (2), *CONTINENT* (1)], *a.* Not restraining the passions or appetites; licentious.

**incontrollable** (in-kón-tró'lábl) [IN- (2), *CONTROLLABLE*], *a.* Not controllable.

**incontrovertible** (in-kón-tró-vér'tíbl) [IN- (2), *CONTROVERTIBLE*], *a.* Incontestable, indisputable. **incontrovertibility, n.**

**inconvenient** (in-kón-vé-ni-ént) [IN- (2), *CONVENIENT*], *a.* Not convenient, incommo'dious; causing or tending to cause trouble, uneasiness, etc.; inopportune. **inconvenience, n.**

**inconvertible** (in-kón-vér'tíbl) [IN- (2), *CONVERTIBLE*], *a.* Incapable of being converted into or exchanged for something else, esp. money. **inconvertibly, adv.**

**incorporate** (in-kór'pó-rát) [IN- (1), *L. corpus*, body], *a.* Combined into one body or corporation, closely united; made into a corporation. *v.t.* (-rát) To unite or combine into one mass or body (with); to form into a legal corporation; to embody. *v.i.* To become united or incorporated (with another) so as to form one body. **incorpora'tion, n.**

**incorporeal** (in-kór-pór'é-ál) [IN- (2), *CORPOREAL*], *a.* Not corporeal; immaterial.

**incorrect** (in-kó-rekt') [IN- (2), *CORRECT*], *a.* Not in accordance with truth, propriety, etc.; inaccurate; unbecoming.

**incorrigible** (in-kór'i-jíbl) [IN- (2), *CORRIGIBLE*], *a.* Incapable of being improved; beyond hope of amendment.

**incorrupt** (in-kó-rúpt') [IN- (2), *CORRUPT*], *a.* Not decayed, marred, or impaired; untainted; above bribery. **incorruptible, a.** Incapable of corruption or decay; eternal; not to be bribed. **incorruptibility, n.** **incorruption** (-rúp'shún), *n.* Freedom from corruption.

**increase** (in-krés') [IN- (1), *L. crescere*, to grow], *v.i.* To become greater in bulk, quantity, value, degree, etc.; to multiply by the production of young. *v.t.* To make greater in number, bulk, etc.; to



add to, to extend, intensify. *n.* (in'-) Act, state, or process of increasing; growth; that which is added; increment.

**incredible** (in-kred'ibl) [IN- (2), CREDIBLE], *a.* Passing belief; astounding. **incredibility**, *n.* **incredibly**, *adv.*

**incredulous** (in-kred'ü-lüs) [IN- (2), CREDULOUS], *a.* Sceptical (of); unbelieving. **incredulity**, *n.* **incredulously**, *adv.*

**increment** (in'kré-mént) [L. *incrémentum*, as INCREASE], *n.* Act or process of increasing; an addition, increase; amount of increase. **incremental**, *a.*

**incriminate** (in-krim'i-nät) [IN- (1), CRIMINATE], *v.t.* To charge with a crime; to involve (a person) in a charge.

**incrustation** (in-krüs-tä'shün) [as ENCRUST], *n.* Act or process of encrusting; a hard coating on a surface.

**incubate** (in'kü-bät) [IN- (1), L. *cubäre*, to lie], *v.t.* To sit on (eggs) in order to hatch; to hatch by natural or artificial means; (*fig.*) to evolve (a plan, etc.) by meditation. *v.i.* To brood. **incubation**, *n.* **incubator**, *n.* An apparatus for hatching eggs artificially.

**incubus** (in'kü-büs) [as prec.], *n.* (*pl.* -bi) A nightmare; (*fig.*) any person or influence that oppresses, harasses, or restrains.

**inculcate** (in'kül-kät) [IN- (1), L. *calcäre*, to tread], *v.t.* To impress (upon the mind); to enforce, instil. **inculcation**, *n.*

**inculpate** (in'kül-pät) [IN- (1), L. *culpa*, fault], *v.t.* To charge with participation in a crime. **inculpation**, *n.*

**incumbent** (in-küm'bént) [IN- (1), L. *cumbens*, lying], *a.* Lying, pressing, or weighing (upon); imposed (upon) as a duty or obligation. *n.* One in possession of an office, esp. a clergyman holding a benefice.

**incunabula** (in-kü-näb'ü-lä) [L., swaddling clothes], *n.pl.* (*sing.* -lum) Books printed during the early period of the art.

**incur** (in-kër) [IN- (1), L. *currere*, to run], *v.t.* To render oneself liable to (injury, punishment, etc.).

**incurable** (in-kür'äbl) [IN- (2), CURABLE], *a.* That cannot be cured or healed; hopeless, irreparable. *n.* One suffering from an incurable disease.

**incurious** (in-kür'i-üs) [IN- (2), CURIOUS], *a.* Not curious or inquisitive; indifferent.

**incursion** (in-kër'shün) [as INCUR], *n.* A sudden inroad, a raid. **incursive**, *a.*

**indebted** (in-det'éd) [O.F. *endetté* (EN-, dette, debt)], *a.* Being under an obligation (to or for), owing money (to). **indebtedness**, *n.*

**indecent** (in-dës'ént) [IN- (2), DECENT], *a.* Unseemly; immodest, grossly indelicate, obscene. **indecently**, *adv.*

**indecipherable** (in-dë-si'fër-äbl) [IN- (2), DECIPHERABLE], *a.* Illegible.

**indcision** (in-dë-sizh'un) [IN- (2), DECISION], *n.* Want of decision; irresolution. **indecisive** (-si'siv), *a.* Not decisive or conclusive; hesitating. **indecisively**, *adv.* **indecisiveness**, *n.*

**indeclinable** (in-dë-kl'i'näbl) [IN- (2), DECLINABLE], *a.* (*Gram.*) Not varied by terminations, having no inflexions.

**indecorous** (in-dë-kör'üs, -dek'ö-rüs) [IN- (2), DECOROUS], *a.* Violating decorum or good manners. **indecorum** (in-dë-kör-üm), *n.*

**indeed** (in-dëd') [IN, DEED], *adv.* In reality, of a truth (expressing emphasis, interrogation, etc.). *int.* Expressing surprise, irony, interrogation, etc.

**indefatigable** (in-dë-fät'i-gäbl) [IN- (2), L. *dëfatigare*, to wear out], *a.* Not yielding to fatigue; unwearied.

**indefeasible** (in-dë-fë'zibl) [IN- (2), DEFEASIBLE], *a.* Incapable of being annulled or forfeited. **indefeasibility**, *n.*

**indefensible** (in-dë-fen'sibl) [IN- (2), DEFENSIBLE], *a.* Incapable of being defended.

**indefinable** (in-dë-f'i'näbl) [IN- (2), DEFINABLE], *a.* That cannot be defined.

**indefinite** (in-dëf'i-nit) [IN- (2), DEFINITE], *a.* Not limited or defined, not determinate; vague, uncertain; without limit; (*Gram.*) not defining or determining the things, etc., to which they apply; applied to tenses by which an action is expressed but not whether it is continuous or complete. **indefinitely**, *adv.*

**indelible** (in-dë'l'ibl) [IN- (2), L. *dëlebilis*, as DELETE], *a.* That cannot be effaced.

**indelicate** (in-dë'l'i-kät) [IN- (2), DELICATE], *a.* Wanting in delicacy; unrefined; offensive to propriety. **indelucacy**, *n.*

**indemnify** (in-dem'ni-fi) [IN- (2), L. *damnum*, loss, -FY], *v.t.* To secure from or compensate for damage, loss, etc. **indemnification**, *n.* **indemnity**, *n.* Security against or compensation for damage, loss, or penalties; a sum paid as such compensation.

**indemonstrable** (in-dë-mon'sträbl) [IN- (2), DEMONSTRABLE], *a.* That cannot be demonstrated; axiomatic.

**indent** (in-dent') [IN- (1) L. *dens dentis*, tooth], *v.t.* To notch or cut into as with teeth; (*Print.*) to set in farther from the margin than the rest of the paragraph; to order by an indent. *n.* A notch in the margin of anything; an official order for stores from the commissariat; an order for goods. **indenture**, *n.* An agreement binding an apprentice to a master; an official voucher, certificate, register, etc.

**independent** (in-dë-pen'dént) [IN- (2), DEPENDENT], *a.* Not subject to the control, power, or authority of another, not subordinate; free to manage one's own affairs; affording the means of independence; self-reliant; free from bias. *n.* One who is independent; a Congregationalist. **independently**, *adv.* **independence**, *n.*

**indescribable** (in-dë-skr'i'bäbl) [IN- (2), DESCRIBABLE], *a.* Too fine or too bad for description.

**indestructible** (in-dë-strük'tibl) [IN- (2), DESTRUCTIBLE], *a.* Incapable of being destroyed.

**indeterminable** (in-dë-tër'mi-näbl) [IN

(2), DETERMINABLE], *a.* That cannot be determined or defined; that cannot be terminated.

**Indeterminate** (in-dě-těr-mi-nát) [IN- (2), DETERMINE], *a.* Indefinite, undefined, not precise.

**index** (in'deks) [L. *index*, a forefinger, an informer], *n.* (*pl.* indexes, *Math.* indices) That which serves to point out; the forefinger; a hand (of a watch, etc.), a pointer to anything; the contents of a book in alphabetical order with page-references; (*Alg.*) the exponent of a power. *v.t.* To provide with an index; to enter in an index.

**India** (in'di-á) [the *Indus*, Sansk. *sindhu*, river], *n.* A great peninsula in the south of Asia. **Indiaman**, *n.* A large ship employed in the Indian trade. **India paper**: A fine, absorbent paper, imported from China, used by engravers for taking proofs; a very thin, tough, and opaque paper. **india-rubber**, *n.* A soft, elastic substance obtained from the coagulated juice of certain tropical plants. **Indian**, *a.* Belonging to the East or West Indies, to the natives of India, or to the aborigines of America. *n.* A native of India; one of the aborigines of America or the West Indies.

**indicate** (in'di-kát) [IN- (1), L. *dicāre*, to point out], *v.t.* To show, point out; to be a sign or token of. **indication**, *n.* **indicative**, *a.* (*Gram.*) Applied to that mood of a verb which affirms, denies, or asks questions; denoting something not visible or obvious. *n.* The indicative mood. **indicator**, *n.* One who or that which indicates.

**indict** (in-dit') [as INDITE], *v.t.* To charge with a crime, esp. by an indictment. **indictable**, *a.* Liable to be indicted; forming a ground of indictment.

**indictment** (in-dit'mént) [INDICT, -MENT], *n.* The act of indicting; a formal accusation presented by the grand jury to a court; the document embodying this.

**indifferent** (in-dif'er-ént) [IN- (2)], *a.* Impartial, neutral; unconcerned, apathetic; neither good nor bad; of little moment (to); of a barely passable quality. **indifference**, *n.*

**indigenous** (in-dij'é-nús) [L. *indigenus*], *a.* Native, not exotic; innate (to).

**indigent** (in'di-jént) [L. *indigens*], *a.* In want, necessitous; in need (of); destitute (of). **indigence**, *n.*

**indigested** (in-di-jes'téd) [IN- (2), L. *digestus*, digested], *a.* Not digested; not reduced to order; crude; shapeless. **indigestion**, *n.* Dyspepsia.

**indignant** (in-dig'nánt) [IN (2), L. *dignus*, worthy], *a.* Inflamed with or expressive of wrath and disdain. **indignantly**, *adv.* **indignation**, *n.* The feeling excited by that which is unworthy, mean, base, or unjust; anger, disdain. **indignity**, *n.* Undeserved contemptuous conduct; an act of incivility, an insult.

**indigo** (in'di-gō) [Gr. *indikon*, Indian], *n.*

A blue dye obtained from the indigo-plant; a deep-blue colour.

**indirect** (in-di-rekt') [IN- (2), DIRECT], *a.* Deviating; not straight or rectilinear; not resulting directly or immediately from a cause; (of taxes) not paid directly, but in the form of increased prices, etc.; not fair, not open or straightforward.

**indiscipline** (in-dis'i-plin) [IN- (2), DISCIPLINE], *n.* Want of discipline.

**indiscreet** (in-dis-krēt') [IN- (2), DISCREET], *a.* Wanting in discretion; incautious.

**indiscrete**, *a.* Not discrete or separated.

**indiscretion** (-kresh'un), *n.* Want of discretion; imprudence; indiscreet act or conduct.

**indiscriminate** (in-dis-krim'i-nát) [IN- (2), DISCRIMINATE], *a.* Wanting in discrimination; making no distinction; confused. **indiscriminating**, **indiscriminative**, *a.* **indiscrimina'tion**, *n.*

**indispensable** (in-dis-pen'sábl) [IN- (2), DISPENSABLE], *a.* That cannot be dispensed with; absolutely necessary.

**indispose** (in-dis-pōz') [IN- (2), DISPOSE], *v.t.* To make disinclined or unfavourable; to make slightly ill. **indisposed**, *a.* **indisposition** (-pō-zish'un), *n.* Disinclination; a slight illness.

**indisputable** (in-dis'pú-tábl) [IN- (2), DISPUTABLE], *a.* Too clear to admit of question. **indisputability**, *n.*

**indissoluble** (in-dis'ó-lúbl) [IN- (2), DISSOLUBLE], *a.* Not to be dissolved or integrated; stable, binding.

**indistinct** (in-dis-tinkt') [IN- (2), DISTINCT], *a.* Obscure; not readily distinguishable; faint. **indistinctive**, *a.* Not distinctive.

**indistinguishable** (in-dis-ting'gwish-ábl) [IN- (2), DISTINGUISHABLE], *a.* Not distinguishable.

**individual** (in-di-vid'ū-ál) [med. L. *individuālis* (IN- (2), *dividere*, to divide)], *a.* Subsisting as a single indivisible entity; particular as opp. to general; distinctive. *n.* A single person, animal, or thing; (*vulg.*) a person. **individualism**, *n.* Egoism, self-interest, selfishness; idiosyncrasy, personal peculiarity; a system in which each individual works for his own ends, independent action as opp. to co-operation, collectivism, or Socialism. **individualistic**, *a.* **individuality**, *n.*

**indivisible** (in-di-viz'ibl) [IN- (2), DIVISIBLE], *a.* Not divisible; that cannot be exactly divided. **indivisibly**, *adv.*

**Indo- [INDIA]**, *comb. form.* Belonging to, or connected with India. **Indo-Aryan** (in'dō-ār'i-án), *a.* Pertaining to the Indian division of the Aryan family of races.

**indolent** (in'dō-lént) [late L. *indolens*], *a.* Habitually idle or lazy. **indolence**, *n.*

**indomitable** (in-dom'i-tábl) [IN- (2), L. *domitāre*, to tame], *a.* Untameable, unconquerable. **indomitably**, *adv.*

**indoor** (in'dōr) [IN-, DOOR], *a.* Being or done within doors. **indoors**, *adv.* Within a house or building.



**indubitable** (in-dū'bi-tábl) [IN- (2), DUBITABLE], *a.* Not doubtful, unquestionable.  
**induce** (in-dūs') [IN (1), *L. dūcere*, to lead], *v.t.* To lead by persuasion or reasoning, to prevail on; to bring about; (*Log.*) to derive as a deduction. **inducement**, *n.* Act of inducing; a motive, reason, incitement.

**induct** (in-dūkt') [as prec.], *v.t.* To put in actual possession of an ecclesiastical benefice.

**induction** (in-dūk'shūn) [as prec.], *n.* The process of adducing facts to prove a general statement; (*Log.*) the process of inferring a law from particular instances, dist. from deduction. **inductive**, *a.*

**indulge** (in-dūlj') [*L. v.t. indulgere*], To yield to the desires, humours, or wishes of; to gratify (one's weakness, etc.); to harbour, foster. *v.i.* To yield to one's desires (in). **indulgence**, *n.* Act or practice of indulging, complying to desires, etc.; a favour or privilege granted; liberality, tolerance; (*R.-C. Ch.*) a remission of the punishment still due to sin after sacramental absolution.

**indurate** (in-dū-rāt) [IN- (1), *L. durāre*, to make hard], *v.t.* To harden; to render obdurate or unfeeling. *v.i.* To become hard; to become fixed. **induration**, *n.*  
**industrial** (in-dūs'tri-ál) [INDUSTRY, -AL], *a.* Pertaining to industry.

**industrious** (in-dūs'tri-ūs) [as foll.], *a.* Characterized by industry; assiduous in business or study. **industriously**, *adv.*

**industry** (in'dūs-tri) [*L. industria*], *n.* Diligence, assiduity, steady application to any business or pursuit; useful work, esp. mechanical and manufacturing pursuits as dist. from agriculture and commerce.

**-ine**, *suf.* Pertaining to, of the nature of; forming adjectives, as *crystalline*, *divine*, *marine*; forming feminine nouns, as *heroine* abstract nouns, as *discipline*, *medicine*; names of alkaloids and basic substances, as *cocaine*, *morphine*.

**inebriate** (in-ē'bri-āt), [IN- (1), *L. ebrius*, drunk], *v.t.* To make drunk. *a.* (-āt) Intoxicated. *n.* An habitual drunkard.

**inebriant**, *a.* **inebriety** (in-ē'bri-ē-ti), *n.*  
**inedited** (in-ed'i-tēd) [IN- (2), EDIT], *a.* Not edited or revised; not published.

**ineffable** (in-ef'ábl) [IN- (2), *L. effari*, EF-, *fāri*, to speak], *a.* Unutterable, beyond expression. **ineffably**, *adv.*

**ineffaceable** (in-ē-fā'sábl) [IN- (2), EFFACEABLE], *a.* That cannot be rubbed out.

**ineffective** (in-ē-fek'tiv) [IN- (2), EFFECTIVE], *a.* Not producing any or the desired effect; inefficient. **ineffectively**, *adv.*

**ineffectual** (in-ē-fek'tū-ál) [IN- (2), EFFECTUAL], *a.* No producing any effect; powerless.

**inefficacious** (in-ef-i-kā'shūs) [IN- (2), EFFICACIOUS], *a.* Not efficacious; producing no result. **inefficacy**, *n.*

**inefficient** (in-ē-fish'ēnt) [IN- (2), EFFICIENT], *a.* Wanting in ability or capacity. **inefficiency**, *n.*

**inelegant** (in-el-ē-gánt) [IN- (2), ELEGANT],

*a.* Wanting in grace, polish, refinement, etc. **inelegant**, *n.*

**ineligible** (in-el'i-jibl) [IN- (2), ELIGIBLE], *a.* Not eligible; not capable of being selected.

**ineligibility**, *n.*

**inept** (in-ēpt') [IN- (2), *L. aptus*, apt], *a.* Not fit or suitable; silly, absurd. **ineptitude**, **ineptness**, *n.* **ineptly**, *adv.*

**inequality** (in-ē-kwól'i-ti) [IN- (2), EQUALITY], *n.* Want of equality; diversity, irregularity, variability, disparity; unfairness, partiality.

**inequitable** (in-ek'wi-tábl) [IN- (2), EQUITABLE], *a.* Not fair or just.

**ineradicable** (in-ē-rád'i-kábl) [IN- (2), ERADICABLE], *a.* That cannot be eradicated.

**inert** (in-ērt') [IN- (2), *L. ars*, art], *a.* Destitute of inherent power; motionless, sluggish; indisposed to move or act; destitute of active chemical powers. **inertia** (in-ē-r'shā), *n.* That property of a body by which it persists in an existing state of rest or of uniform motion, unless an external force changes that state.

**inestimable** (in-es'ti-mábl) [IN- (2), ESTIMABLE], *a.* That cannot be estimated; too valuable to be rated.

**inevitable** (in-ev'i-tábl) [IN- (2), *L. evitāre*, to avoid], *a.* That cannot be avoided or prevented. **inevitableness**, *n.*

**inexact** (in-ēg-zákt) [IN- (2), EXACT], *a.* Not precisely accurate. **inexactitude**, *n.*

**inexcusable** (in-ēks-kū'zábl) [IN- (2), EXCUSABLE], *a.* Not to be excused or justified. **inexcusably**, *adv.*

**inexhaustible** [IN (2), EXHAUST], *a.* That cannot be exhausted; unfailing.

**inexorable** (in-ek'sór-ábl) [IN- (2), EX-, *L. orāre*, to pray], *a.* Incapable of being persuaded; unbending, relentless.

**inexpedient** (in-ēk-spē'di-ēnt) [IN- (2), EXPEDIENT], *a.* Not expedient; unadvisable. **inexpedience**, **-diency**, *n.*

**inexpensive** (in-ēk-spen'siv) [IN- (2), EXPENSIVE], *a.* Not expensive; cheap.

**inexperienced** (in-ēk-spēr'i-ēnst) [IN- (2), EXPERIENCE], *n.* Not having knowledge gained by experience.

**inexpert** (in-ēk-spért') [IN- (2), EXPERT], *a.* Not expert, unskilful. **inexpertly**, *adv.*

**inexpiable** (in-ēk'spi-ábl) [IN- (2), EXPIABLE], *a.* That cannot be atoned for.

**inexplicable** (in-ēk'spli-kábl) [IN- (2), EXPLICABLE], *a.* Not capable of being made plain or intelligible; not to be explained.

**inexplicit** (in-ēk-splis'it) [IN- (2), EXPLICIT], *a.* Not definitely or clearly stated.

**inexpressible** (in-ēk-spres'ibl) [IN- (2), EXPRESSIBLE], *a.* Incapable of being expressed or described; unutterable, unspeakable. **inexpressive**, *a.*

**inextinguishable** (in-ēk-sting'gwis-ábl) [IN- (2), EXTINGUISHABLE], *a.* Incapable of being extinguished.

**inextricable** (in-ek'stri-kábl) [IN- (2), EXTRICABLE], *a.* That cannot be disentangled.

**infallible** (in-fál'ibl) [IN- (2), FALLIBLE], *a.*

Exempt from liability to error or failure. **infallibil'ity**, *n.* **infallibly**, *adv.*

**infamous** (in-fá-mús) [L. *infāmis*], *a.* Having an ill reputation; notoriously vile; branded with infamy by conviction for a crime. **infamously**, *adv.* **infamy**, *n.* Total loss of reputation; public reproach.

**infant** (in-fánt) [O.F. *enfant*, L. *infans* (IN- (2), *fans*, speaking)], *n.* A child during its earliest years; (*Law*) a person under twenty-one, a minor. *a.* Young, tender; pertaining to infancy. **infancy**, *n.*

**infanticide** (in-fán'ti-síd) [INFANT, -CIDE], *n.* Murder of a new-born infant; the murderer of an infant.

**infantile** (in-fán-tíl) [as INFANT], *a.* Pertaining to infants or infancy; childish.

**infantry** (in-fán-trí) [It. *infanteria*, from *infante*, a youth, as INFANT], *n.* (*collect.*) Foot-soldiers. **infantryman**, *n.* A soldier in an infantry regiment.

**infatuate** (in-fát'ū-āt) [L. *infatuātus*], *v.t.* To deprive of judgment, to affect with folly; to inspire with an extravagant passion. **infatuation**, *n.*

**infect** (in-fekt') [L. *infectus*, tainted], *v.t.* To act upon by contagion or infection; to taint with disease; to corrupt, to affect (with depravity, noxious opinions, etc.). **infection**, *n.* **infectious**, *a.*

**infer** (in-fēr) [IN- (1), L. *ferre*, to bear, bring], *v.t.* To deduce as a fact, consequence, or result; to conclude; to imply. *v.i.* To draw inferences. **inferable**, *a.* **inference**, *n.*

**inferior** (in-fēr'i-ór) [L., comp. of *inferus*, low], *a.* Lower in place, rank, quality, etc.; subordinate. *n.* One who is inferior to another; a subordinate.

**inferiority**, *n.*

**infernal** (in-fēr'nál) [L. *infernalis*, as *prec.*], *a.* Pertaining to hell or the lower regions; hellish; diabolical; confounded.

**infertile** (in-fēr'tíl) [IN- (2), FERTILE], *a.* Not fertile; unfruitful. **infertil'ity**, *n.*

**infest** (in-fest') [L. *infestus*, hostile], *v.t.* To overrun, to haunt, so as to harass.

**infidel** (in-fí-dél) [IN- (2), L. *fidelis*, faith], *a.* Disbelieving in the faith of the person using the epithet; rejecting the Christian religion; agnostic, sceptical; also non-Jewish or non-Mohammedan. *n.* One who disbelieves in a given form of faith.

**infidelity** (-del'i-tí), *n.* Disbelief in Christianity; breach of trust, disloyalty.

**infinite** (in-fí-nít) [IN- (2), FINITE], *a.* Having no limits, endless; indefinitely great or numerous. *n.* Infinite space, infinity; (*fig.*) a vast or infinite amount; the infinite Being, God. **infinitesimal** (-tes'l-mál), *a.* Infinitely small; insignificant; less than any assignable quantity. **infin'itude**, *n.* **infin'ity**, *n.*

**infinitive** (in-fín'i-tív) [as *prec.*], *a.* (*Gram.*) Unlimited; applied to that mood of a verb which expresses the action without regard to any person, etc. *n.* The infinitive mood.

**infirm** (in-fěrm') [IN- (2), FIRM (1)], *a.* Lacking health through age or disease;

weak-minded, irresolute. **infirmity**, *n.* A place in which the sick or injured are lodged and nursed. **infirmity**, *n.*

**infix** (in-flíks') [IN, FIX], *v.t.* To fix in; to implant firmly.

**inflamm** (in-flám') [IN- (1), FLAME], *v.t.* To kindle; to cause inflammation in, to render morbidly hot; to excite, stir up passion, etc.; to intensify, aggravate. *v.i.* To burst into a blaze; to become inflamed or excited. **inflammable** (-flám'ábl), *a.* That may be easily set on fire; readily enkindled.

**inflate** (in-flát') [IN- (1), L. *flātus*, blown], *v.t.* To distend with air; to puff out; to expand or raise (prices, reputation, etc.) artificially. **inflated**, *a.* Distended with air; bombastic, turgid; expanded or raised artificially. **inflation**, *n.*

**infect** (in-flekt') [IN- (1), L. *flectere*, to bend], *v.t.* To bend; to turn from a straight course; to modulate (as the voice); to change the terminations of (words), to decline, conjugate. **inflective**, *a.* Capable of bending; (*Gram.*) inflexional. **inflexed** (-flekst'), *a.* Bent, curved. **inflexible**, *a.* Incapable of being bent; that will not yield to entreaties; firm of will or purpose. **inflexibil'ity**, *n.* **inflexibly**, *adv.* **inflexion** (in-flek'shún), *n.* Act of inflecting; state of being inflected; modulation of the voice; variation of the termination of words in declension and conjugation. **inflexional**, *a.*

**inflict** (in-flíkt') [L. *inflictus*, p.p. of *infligere* (IN- (1), L. *flíctus*, dashed), *v.t.* To impose upon as a penalty or punishment; to cause to suffer (something). **infliction** (-flíkt'shún), *n.* The act of inflicting; a punishment inflicted; an annoyance.

**influence** (in-flú-ěns) [IN- (1), L. *fluere*, to flow], *n.* Power to move, direct, or control, ascendancy (over); energy affecting other bodies, as electric and magnetic induction; a person, thing, etc., exercising moral power (over). *v.t.* To exercise influence upon; to modify (motives, etc.) to any end; to bias, sway. **influential** (-en'shál), *a.*

**influenza** (in-flú-én'zá) [It., as INFLUENCE], *n.* A severe and epidemic catarrh, contagious and infective.

**influx** (in-flúks) [as INFLUENCE], *n.* A flowing (into).

**inform** (in-fórm') [IN- (1), L. *formāre*, to form], *v.t.* To imbue (with feeling, vitality, etc.); to communicate knowledge to; to give form to. *v.i.* To take form or shape; to disclose facts, to bring a charge (against). **informant**, *n.* **information**, *n.* The act of communicating knowledge; intelligence communicated; notice; a complaint presented as a preliminary to criminal proceedings.

**informer**, *n.* One who informs, esp. one who lays an information respecting a breach of the law.

**informal** (in-fór'mál) [IN- (2), FORMAL], *a.* Not in accordance with proper or customary forms; without formality. **informal'ity**, *n.*



**infra-** [L., below], *pref.* Below, beneath.  
**infrangible** (in-frān'jibl) [IN- (2), FRANGIBLE], *a.* That cannot be broken.  
**infrequent** (in-frē'kwent) [IN- (2), FREQUENT], *a.* Rare, unusual.  
**infringe** (in-frinj') [IN- (1), L. *frangere*, to break], *v.t.* To break (a law, contract, etc.); to violate, neglect to obey. *v.t.* To intrude (upon). **infringement**, *n.*  
**infuriate** (in-fū'rī-āt) [IN- (1), L. *furia*, FURY], *v.t.* To provoke to fury.  
**infuse** (in-fūz') [IN- (1), L. *fusus*, poured], *v.t.* To pour (into); to inculcate, implant; to obtain an extract by steeping. **infusion**, *n.* Act of infusing; inculcation.  
**-ing**, *suf.* Forming verbal nouns, as *cleansing*, *hunting*; denoting occupations, as *bricklaying*, *soldiering*; denoting the results, material used, etc., as *painting*, *scaffolding*, *washing*; used as a gerund, as *my having written*; as participial adjectives, as *charming*, *fleeing*; forming diminutives, as *farthing*, *lording*.  
**ingathering** (in-gāth'ēr-ing) [IN- (1) GATHERING], *n.* The act of gathering.  
**ingenious** (in-jē'ni-ūs) [L. *ingeniōsus*, as GENIUS], *a.* Possessed of natural capacity; skillful, clever in contriving, etc.; curious in design or contrivance. **ingenuity**, *n.*  
**ingenuous** [in-jen'ū-ūs] [L. *ingenuus*, frank], *a.* Open, candid. **ingenuousness**, *n.*  
**ingle** (ingl) [?], *n.* A fire on the hearth.  
**ingle-nook**, *n.* A chimney-corner.  
**inglorious** (in-glōr'ūs) [IN- (2), GLORIOUS], *a.* Not glorious; shameful.  
**ingoing** (in'gō-ing) [IN- (1), GOING], *a.* Going in, entering. *n.* Entrance.  
**ingot** (ing'gót) [?], *n.* A mass of cast metal from the crucible.  
**ingrate** (in-grāt') [IN- (2), L. *grātus*, pleasing], *n.* An ungrateful person.  
**ingratiate** (in-grā'shi-āt) [L. *in grātiām*, into favour], *v.t.* To insinuate oneself into goodwill with another.  
**ingratitude** (in-grāt'itūd) [as INGRATE], *n.* Want of gratitude.  
**ingredient** (in-grē'di-ēt) [L. *ingredientis*, walking in (IN- (1), *gradi*, to walk)], *n.* That which enters into a compound as an element, a component part.  
**ingress** (in'gres) [as *prec.*], *n.* The act of entering, **entrance**; **power or liberty of entrance**.  
**inguinal** (ing'gwi-nāl) [L. *inguen*, the groin], *n.* Pertaining to the groin.  
**ingurgitate** (in-gēr'ji-tāt) [IN- (1), L. *gurgēs*, a whirlpool], *v.t.* To swallow down greedily; to engulf. *v.t.* To gorge.  
**inhabit** (in-hāb'it) [IN- (1), L. *habitare*, to dwell], *v.t.* To dwell in; to occupy as a place of settled residence. **inhabitable**, *a.* Fit for habitation. **inhabitant**, *n.*  
**inhale** (in-hāl') [IN- (1), L. *hālāre*, to breathe], *v.t.* To breathe in, draw into the lungs. **inhalation**, *n.* **inhaler**, *n.* One who inhales; a respirator.  
**inharmonious** (in-har-mō'ni-ūs) [IN- (2), HARMONIOUS], *a.* Not harmonious; unmusical.

**inhere** (in-hēr') [IN- (1), L. *hærēre*, to stick], *v.i.* To belong or exist (in) as an attribute; to be an essential or necessary part (in); **inherence**, **-ency**, *n.* **inherent**, *a.* Permanently belonging (in or to); inseparable; innate. **inherently**, *adv.*  
**inherit** (in-her'it) [O.F. *enheriter*], *v.t.* To receive by legal succession; to derive from one's ancestors as part of one's nature. *v.i.* To take or come into possession as an heir. **inheritance**, *n.* **inheritor**, **inheritress**, *n.*  
**inhibit** (in-hib'it) [IN- (1), L. *habēre*, to have, hold], *v.t.* To restrain, hinder, put a stop to (an action, nervous process, etc.); to forbid, interdict; to prohibit (a priest) from exercising his office.  
**inhibition**, *n.* Act of inhibiting.  
**inhospitable** (in-hos'pi-tābl) [IN- (2), HOSPITABLE], *a.* Not inclined to show hospitality; affording no shelter, desolate.  
**inhuman** (in-hū'mān) [IN- (2), HUMAN], *a.* Destitute of kindness towards one's fellow-creatures; brutal, unfeeling. **inhumanity**, *n.*  
**inimical** (i-nim'i-kāl) [IN- (2), L. *amicus*, friend], *a.* Having the disposition of an enemy; adverse.  
**inimitable** (i-nim'i-tābl) [IN- (2), IMITABLE], *a.* That cannot be imitated.  
**iniquity** (i-nik'wi-ti) [IN- (2), L. *æquus*, just], *n.* Want of equity, gross injustice; wickedness, crime. **iniquitous**, *a.*  
**initial** (i-nish'āl) [initialis (IN- (1), *ire*, to go)], *a.* Beginning; placed at or pertaining to the beginning. *n.* The first letter of a word; (*pl.*) the first letters of a Christian name and surname. *v.t.* To mark with one's initials. **initially**, *adv.* At the beginning. **initiate** (i-nish'i-āt), *v.t.* To begin, originate; to instruct in the rudiments; to admit (into a society, mysteries, secret science, etc.). *n.* One who is newly initiated, a novice.  
**initiation**, *n.* **initiatory**, *a.*  
**inject** (in-jekt') [IN- (1), L. *jectus*, thrown], *v.t.* To throw or force (into); to introduce (as a liquid) by mechanical means. **injection**, *n.* Act of injecting; that which is injected.  
**injudicious** (in-jū-dish'ūs) [IN- (2), JUDICIOUS], *a.* Not judicious; rash, hasty; done without judgment. **injudicial**, *a.* Not judicial.  
**injunction** (in-jūnk'shūn) [as ENJOIN], *n.* Act of enjoining; that which is enjoined; a writ whereby a party is required to do or refrain from doing certain acts.  
**injure** (in'jūr) [from next], *v.t.* To do wrong or harm to; to damage; to slander; to impair. **injurious**, *a.*  
**injury** (in'jū-ri) [IN- (2), L. *jūs jāris*, justice], *n.* A wrong; that which occasions loss, detriment, etc.; hurt, harm.  
**injustice** (in jūs'tis) [IN- (2), JUSTICE], *n.* Quality of being unjust, lack of right, unfairness; violation of justice, a wrong.  
**ink** (ink) [O.F. *enque*, Gr. *enkaustikos*, burnt in], *n.* A coloured (usu. black) liquid or viscous material used in writing

or printing; the dark fluid exuded by cuttle-fish. *v.t.* To cover with ink (as type, etc.); to mark (in or over) with ink. **inkhorn**, *n.* A small vessel to hold ink. *a.* Pedantic, high-sounding. **inkstand**, *n.* A stand for one or more inkpots, usu. with a place for pens. **inky**, *a.*

**inkling** (ink'ling) [?], *n.* A hint, whisper, intimation; a mere suspicion (of).

**inland** (in'lánd), *a.* Remote from the sea; carried on within a country, not foreign. *adv.* In or towards the interior of a country. *n.* The interior of a country.

**inlay** (in-lá') [IN, LAY (1)], *v.t.* (past and *p.p.* -laid) To decorate by inserting different materials into a ground-work; to fasten a print, etc., evenly (into a page or sheet). *n.* (in'lá). Material inlaid or prepared for inlaying. **inlayer**, *n.* **inlaying**, *n.* Inlaid work.

**inlet** (in'let) [IN, LET (1)], *n.* A means of entrance, admission; a small arm of the sea. *a.* Let in.

**inly** (in'li) [IN, -LY], *adv.* Inwardly, internally; closely, deeply.

**inmate** (in'mát) [IN, MATE (2)], *n.* One who dwells with another; an occupant (of).

**inmost** (in'möst) [IN, -MOST], *a.* Remotest from the surface; most inward.

**inn** (in) [A.-S.], *n.* A public house of lodging and entertainment for travellers. **innkeeper**, *n.* Inns of Court: Four corporate societies in London (*Inner Temple, Middle Temple, Lincoln's Inn, Gray's Inn*), which have the exclusive right of admitting persons to practise at the bar.

**innate** (i-nát') [IN- (1), L. *nātus*, born], *a.* Inborn, natural; not acquired.

**inner** (in'ér) [A.-S.], *a.* Farther in or nearer the centre; internal; spiritual; hidden, esoteric. *n.* That part of a target immediately outside the bull's eye; a shot striking this. **innermost**, *a.*

**innervate** (i-nér'vát) [IN- (1), NERVE, -ATE], *v.t.* To give a nerve impulse to; to supply with nerves. **innervation**, *n.*

**innings** (in'ingz) [IN, -ING], *n.* (*Cricket*) The turn for batting of a player or a side.

**innocent** (in'ó-sént) [IN- (2), L. *nocens*, hurting], *a.* Guiltless (of); sinless; pure, unspotted, guileless, (*colloq.*) without. *n.* A child; an idiot. **innocence**, *n.*

**innocuous** (in-ok'ü-ús) [IN- (2), L. *nocuus*, hurtful], *a.* Having no injurious qualities, harmless. **innocuously**, *adv.*

**innovate** (in'ó-vát) [IN (1), L. *novātus*, made new], *v.t.* To introduce alterations (in anything); to put forward novelties. *v.t.* To alter or change, by new introductions. **innovation**, *n.* **innovator**, *n.*

**innocuous** (i-nok'shüs) [IN- (2), NOXIOUS], *a.* Harmless, innocuous.

**innuendo** (in-ü-en'dō) [L. *innuendō*, by way of intimation], *n.* (*pl.* -oes) An indirect hint; an insinuation.

**innumerable** (i-nū'mér-ábl) [IN- (2), NUMERABLE], *a.* Countless; indefinitely numerous. **innumerably**, *adv.*

**inobservant** (in-ób-zér'vánt) [IN- (2), OBSERVANT], *a.* Not observant; heedless. **inobservance**, *n.* Want of observance (of a law, etc.).

**inoculate** (in-ok'ü-lát) [L. *inoculātus*, engrafted], *v.t.* To communicate a disease by introduction of infectious matter, in order to induce a mild form of the disease and render the subject immune against further attack; (*fig.*) to imbue (with). **inoculation**, *n.*

**inodorous** (in-ō'dór-ús) [IN- (2), ODOROUS], *a.* Odourless.

**inoffensive** (in-ó-fen'siv) [IN- (2), OFFENSIVE], *a.* Giving no offence; unobjectionable, harmless. **inoffensively**, *adv.* **inoffensiveness**, *n.*

**inoperative** (in-op'ér-á-tiv) [IN- (2), OPERATIVE], *a.* Producing no result.

**inopportune** (in-op'ór-tün) [IN- (2), OPPORTUNE], *a.* Not opportune; unseasonable.

**inordinate** (in-ór'di-nát) [IN- (2), L. *ordinātus*, ordered], *a.* Irregular, disorderly; passing all bounds.

**inorganic** (in-ór-gán'ik) [IN- (2), ORGANIC], *a.* Not having the organs of life; not having organic structure.

**inquest** (in'kwest) [O.F. *enquête*, as INQUIRE], *n.* A judicial inquiry into a matter, usu. before a jury, esp. a coroner's inquiry into a death.

**inquietude** (in-kwi'è-tüd) [IN- (2), QUIETUDE], *n.* Restlessness, uneasiness.

**inquire** (in-kwír') [IN- (1), L. *querere*, to seek], *v.t.* To ask questions (of); to seek information by asking questions; to investigate (into). *v.t.* To ask information about; to search out, to find out.

**inquirer**, *n.* **inquiring**, *a.* Given to inquiry; inquisitive. **inquiry**, *n.* Act of inquiring; a question, interrogation; a searching for truth, information, or knowledge; a judicial investigation.

**inquisition** (in-kwi-zish'ün) [L. *inquisitio*, as INQUIRE], *n.* Investigation; a judicial inquiry, an inquest; a tribunal in the R.-C. Church for inquiring into offences against the canon law, the Holy Office. **inquisitorial**, *a.* **inquisitive**, *a.* Unduly given to asking questions; prying, curious. **inquisitor**, *n.* One who makes inquisition officially; a functionary of the Inquisition. **inquisitorial**, *a.* Pertaining to or like the Inquisition; prying.

**inroad** (in'röd) [IN, ROAD], *n.* A hostile incursion; a desultory invasion; (*fig.*) an encroachment.

**inrush** (in'rüş) [IN, RUSH (2)], *n.* An irruption.

**insalubrious** (in-sál-ü'bri-ús) [IN- (2), SALUBRIOUS], *a.* Not salubrious, unhealthy. **insalubrity**, *n.*

**insane** (in-sán') [IN- (2), SANE], *a.* Deranged in mind, mad; for insane persons; exceedingly rash. **insanely**, *adv.* **insanity** (in-sán'i-ti), *n.*

**insanitary** (in-sán'i-tár-i) [IN- (2), SANITARY], *a.* Not sanitary.

**insatiable** (in-sá'sháb'l) [IN- (2), SATIABLE], *a.* That cannot be satisfied; immoder-



ately greedy (of). **insatiabil'ity**, *n.*  
**insatiate**, *a.* Never satisfied.  
**inscribe** (in-skrīb') [IN- (1), *L. scribere*, to write], *v.t.* To write, carve, or engrave (on stone, paper, etc.); to dedicate (as a book to a friend); to enter on a list, etc., to register names of shareholders; (*Geom.*) to delineate (a figure) within another so that it touches the boundaries of the latter.  
**inscription**, *n.*  
**inscrutable** (in-skroo'tabl) [IN- (2), *L. scrutāri*, to search], *a.* Incapable of being understood; unfathomable.  
**insect** (in'sekt) [IN- (1), *L. secāre*, to cut], *n.* One of a class of articulate, usually winged, animals, with three pairs of legs, and divided into three distinct segments, head, thorax, and abdomen, as flies: (*fig.*) a contemptible person. **insect-powder**, *n.* A powder for destroying fleas, bugs, etc.  
**insecure** (in-sé-kūr') [IN- (2), *SECURE*], *a.* Not safe; not effectually guarded; apprehensive of danger. **insecurity**, *n.*  
**insensate** (in-sen'sát) [IN- (2), *L. sensus*, sense], *a.* Destitute of sense, unconscious; wanting in sensibility, unfeeling; foolish, mad.  
**insensible** (in-sen'sibl) [IN- (2), *SENSIBLE*], *a.* That cannot be perceived; destitute of the power of feeling or perceiving, unconscious; indifferent, heedless (of, how, etc.); callous, apathetic. **insensibil'ity**, *n.* Lack of feeling, emotion, or passion; insusceptibility or indifference (to). **insensibly**, *adv.* Imperceptibly, gradually. **insensitive**, *a.*  
**inseparable** (in-sep'ar-ábl) [IN- (2), *SEPARABLE*], *a.* Incapable of being separated. *n.* (*usu. pl.*) Things which cannot be separated; persons who are constantly together. **inseparably**, *adv.*  
**insert** (in-sért') [IN- (1), *L. sertus*, joined], *v.t.* To set or place (in, amongst, etc.); to introduce (into). **insert'ion**, *n.* Act of inserting; that which is inserted; lace, embroidery, etc., inserted in fancy work, etc.  
**inset** (in-set') [IN- (1), *SET* (1)], *v.t.* To set or fix (in). *n.* (In'set) That which is set or fixed in; an insertion.  
**inshore** (in-shōr') [IN, *SHORE* (1)], *a.* or *adv.* On, near, or towards the shore.  
**inside** (in'sid) [IN, *SIDE*], *a.* Situated within; interior. *adv.* (in-sid') In or into the interior, within. *prep.* (in-sid') Within, on the inner side of, into. *n.* (in'sid) The interior part; the inner side, surface, etc. (of); (in-sid') the contents.  
**insidious** (in-sid'i-ús) [*L. insidiōsus*], *a.* Treacherous, sly; working secretly; intended to deceive or betray.  
**insight** (in'sit) [IN, *SIGHT*], *n.* Power of observation; discernment; penetration.  
**insignia** (in-sig'ni-á) [*L.*, *n.pl.* Badges of office or honour; distinguishing marks.  
**insignificant** (in-sig-nif'i-kánt) [IN- (2), *SIGNIFICANT*], *a.* Trivial; contemptible; without meaning. **insignificance**, *n.*  
**insincere** (in-sin-sēr') [IN- (2), *SINCERE*], *a.*

Not sincere; dissembling; hypocritical.  
**insincer'ity**, *n.*  
**insinuate** (in-sin'ü-ät) [IN- (1), *L. sinuāre*, to wind], *v.t.* To introduce (into favour, etc.) by gradual and artful means; to indicate indirectly or obliquely, to hint or suggest. *v.i.* To make way (into) by indirect means: to make an insinuation; to wheedle. **insinua'tion**, *n.*  
**insipid** (in-sip'id) [IN- (2), *L. sapidus*, well-tasting], *a.* Tasteless; wanting in animation, dull. **insipid'ity**, *n.*  
**insist** (in-sist') [IN- (1), *L. sistere*, to set], *v.i.* To dilate (on); to be emphatic, positive, or persistent (on). **insistence**, *-ency*, *n.* **insistent**, *a.*  
**insobriety** (in-sō-bri'é-ti) [IN- (2), *SOBRIETY*], *n.* Want of sobriety; intemperance (*usu.* in drinking).  
**insolent** (in'sō-lént) [IN- (2), *L. solens*, being wont], *a.* Showing overbearing contempt; insulting. **insolence**, *n.*  
**insoluble** (in-sol'übl) [IN- (2), *SOLUBLE*], *a.* That cannot be dissolved, or solved; inexplicable. **insolubil'ity**, *n.*  
**insolvable** (in-sol'vábl) [IN- (2), *SOLVABLE*], *a.* That cannot be solved or explained.  
**insolvent** (in-sol'vent) [IN- (2), *SOLVENT*], *a.* Not able to discharge all debts. *n.* One unable to pay his debts. **insolvency**, *n.*  
**insomnia** (in-som'ni-á) [IN- (2), *L. somnis*, sleep], *n.* Sleeplessness.  
**insomuch** (in-sō-müch') [IN, *SO*, *MUCH*], *adv.* So, to such a degree, in such wise (that).  
**inspect** (in-spekt') [*L. inspectāre*], *v.t.* To look closely into; to examine officially. **inspection**, *n.* **inspector**, *n.*  
**inspire** (in-spir') [IN- (1), *L. spirāre*, to breathe], *v.t.* To breathe or take into the lungs, to breathe into; to instil (ideas, etc.) into, esp. by supernatural agency; to imbue or animate (with). *v.i.* To take air into the lungs. **inspiration** (-spi-rá'shún), *n.* Act of drawing air into the lungs; act of infusing feelings, ideas, etc.; supernatural influence, esp. that exerted by the Holy Spirit on certain teachers so as to impart a divine element to their utterances; the feelings, ideas, or other influences imparted by divine agency; an inspiring idea. **inspir'atory**, *a.* **inspired**, *a.* Inhaled, infused; imparted, actuated or produced by or as by supernatural agency.  
**inspirit** (in-spir'it) [IN- (1), *SPIRIT*], *v.t.* To infuse spirit or animation into.  
**inspissate** (in-spis'ät) [IN- (1), *L. spissus*, thick], *v.t.* To thicken, to bring to a greater consistence by boiling or evaporation. *a.* (-sät) Thickened.  
**instability** (in-stá-bil'i-ti) [IN- (2), *STABILITY*], *n.* Want of stability or firmness; inconstancy.  
**install** (in-stawl') [IN- (1), *L. stallum*, stall], *v.t.* To induct by placing (in an office, dignity, etc.) with customary ceremonies; to establish in an office, etc.; to put (apparatus, etc.) in position. **installa'tion**, *n.* Act of installing;

a complete plant or set of apparatus, machinery, etc.

**instalment** (in-stawl'mént) [obs. verb *install*, to arrange or fix, as a payment], *n.* A part of a sum due paid at successive periods; a part (of anything) supplied at different times.

**instance** (in'stáns) [as foll.], *n.* An example, precedent; (*Law*) a process or suit. *v.t.* To bring forward as an instance or example. **at the instance of:** At the suggestion or desire of. **in the first instance:** In the first place.

**instant** (in'stánt) [IN- (1), *L. stāre*, to stand], *a.* Pressing, urgent, immediate; present, still going on; of the current month. *n.* A particular point of time; a moment. **instantaneous** (-tā'né-ús), *a.* Happening in an instant; relating to a particular instant. **instantly**, *adv.* Immediately.

**instead** (in-sted') [IN, STEAD], *adv.* In the place or stead of; as a substitute.

**instep** (in'step) [IN, STEP], *n.* The arched upper side of the foot, near the ankle.

**instigate** (in'sti-gāt) [*L. instigātus*, -gāre], *v.t.* To incite, to urge on; to provoke or bring about (an evil action). **instigation**, *n.* **instigator**, *n.*

**instil** (in-stil') [IN- (1), *L. stillāre*, to drop], *v.t.* To pour by drops (into); to insinuate gradually (into the mind of a person).

**instinct** (in'stinkt) [*L. instinctus*], *n.* A natural impulse, esp. in the lower animals; an innate or intuitive tendency or aptitude; intuition, unreasoning perception. *a.* (in-stinkt') Impelled from within; imbued (with). **instinctive**, *a.*

**institute** (in'sti-tūt) [IN- (1), *L. statuere*, to place], *v.t.* To set up, establish, originate; to appoint (to), esp. to a benefice. *n.* A society established for the furtherance of some object (usu. literary or scientific); the building in which this meets; an established law or principle; (*pl.*) a book of elements or principles, esp. of jurisprudence or medicine. **institution**, *n.*

**instruct** (in-strukt') [*L. instructus*], *v.t.* To teach, to educate (in a subject); to inform; to furnish with orders. **instruction**, *n.* Act of instructing; teaching. education; (*pl.*) directions, orders, injunctions. **instructive**, *a.* Conveying instruction. **instructively**, *adv.* **instructor**, -tress, *n.*

**instrument** (in'strū-mént) [*L. instrūmentum*], *n.* That by means of which work is done or an object effected; a tool; a mechanical contrivance for producing music; a document giving formal expression to an act; (*fig.*) an agent. **instrumental**, *a.* Serving as means (to an end or in some act); pertaining to the instrument used; (*Gram.*) denoting the means, as certain cases in Sanskrit, etc. **instrumentalist**, *n.* (*Mus.*) One who plays an instrument. **instrumentality**, *n.* **instrumentally**, *adv.*

**insubordinate** (in-sū-bōr'di-nát) [IN- (2), SUBORDINATE], *a.* Not submissive;

disobedient, disorderly. **insubordination**, *n.*

**insufferable** (in-sūf'ér-ábl) [IN- (2), SUFFERABLE], *a.* Not to be endured; intolerable.

**insufficient** (in-sū-fish'ént) [IN- (2), SUFFICIENT], *a.* Not sufficient; deficient, inadequate. **insufficiency**, *n.*

**insular** (in'sū-lār) [*L. insula*, island], *a.* Pertaining to or of the nature of an island; narrow, contracted (in outlook), like the inhabitants of an island. **insularity**, *n.*

**insulate** (in'sū-lāt) [*L. insulātus*, made like an island] *v.t.* To make into an island; to isolate; to separate by a non-conductor, so as to prevent the passage of electricity or heat. **insulation**, *n.* **insulator**, *n.*

**insult** (in-sult') [*L. insultāre*], *v.t.* To treat with gross indignity or insolence; to affront. *n.* (in'-) An affront, an indignity; an insolent act or speech. **insultingly**, *adv.*

**insuperable** (in-sū'pér-ábl) [IN- (2), SUPERABLE], *a.* Insurmountable.

**insupportable** (in-sū-pōr'tábl) [IN- (2), SUPPORTABLE], *a.* Intolerable.

**insure** (in-shoor') [var. of ENSURE], *v.t.* To contract for the payment of (a specified sum) in the event of loss, injury, etc. (of property, life, etc.); to ensure. *v.i.* To take out an insurance policy. **insurable**, *a.* **insurance**, *n.* The act of insuring against damage or loss.

**insurgent** (in-sēr'jènt) [IN- (1), *L. surgens*, rising], *a.* Rising up against the government, rebellious; (of waves) surging in. *n.* One who rises up against established authority; a rebel.

**insurmountable** (in-sūr-moun'tábl) [IN- (2), SURMOUNTABLE], *a.* That cannot be passed over or overcome.

**insurrection** (in-sū-rek'shún) [*L. insurrectio*, as INSURGENT], *n.* The act of rebelling; rebellion in the initial stage. **insurrectional**, -tionary, *a.*

**insusceptible** (in-sū-sep'tibl) [IN- (2), SUSCEPTIBLE], *a.* Incapable of being moved by any feeling or impression. **insusceptibility**, *n.*

**intact** (in-tákt') [IN- (2), *L. tactus*, touched], *a.* Untouched; unimpaired; entire.

**intaglio** (in-ta'lyō) [It.], *n.* (*pl. -lios*) A gem with a figure cut or engraved into it.

**intangible** (in-tān'jibl) [IN- (2), TANGIBLE], *a.* Imperceptible to the touch, impalpable; not to be grasped mentally; unfounded. **intangibility**, *n.*

**integer** (in-té-jér) [L.], *n.* A whole, esp. a whole number as dist. from a fraction. **integral**, *a.* Whole, complete; an essential part of a whole; (*Math.*) pertaining to an integer or to integration. *n.* A whole, a total, an integer.

**integrity** (in-teg'ri-ti) [*L. integritās*, wholeness], *n.* Entireness; soundness; genuine, unadulterated state; probity.

**integument** (in-teg'ū-mént) [IN- (1), *L. tegere*, to cover], *n.* A natural covering; the skin; a husk, rind, etc.



**Intellect** (in-té-lekt) [L. *intellectus*, as INTELLIGENT], *n.* The faculty by which the mind receives and comprehends; the understanding, the philosophic mind; intellectual people collectively. **Intellectual**, *a.* Possessing intellect in a high degree; pertaining to, appealing to, or perceived by the intellect. *n.* An intellectual person; (*pl.*) the most enlightened people (in a country, etc.).

**Intelligence** (in-tel'i-jéns) [as foll.], *n.* Exercise of the understanding; intellectual power; capacity for the higher functions of the intellect; quickness of intellect; news, information; an incorporeal being regarded as pure intellect.

**Intelligent** (in-tel'i-jént) [L. *intelligens*, understanding (INTER-, *legere*, to choose)], *a.* Endowed with understanding; sagacious, clever, quick.

**Intellectuals**, *n.* (*collect.*) The intellectual classes, as opp. to the uneducated proletariat.

**Intelligible** (in-tel'i-jibl) [as prec.], *a.* Capable of being understood; plain, clear.

**Intemperate** (in-tem'pér-át) [IN- (2), TEMPERATE], *a.* Not exercising due moderation or self-restraint; addicted to excessive indulgence in alcohol; exceeding proper bounds; inclement. **Intemperance**, *n.* Want of self-restraint.

**Intend** (in-tend') [IN- (1), L. *tendere*, to stretch], *v.t.* To design, purpose; to signify, mean; to destine (for); to have a certain intention. **Intendant**, *n.* A superintendent or manager. **Intendancy**, *n.* **Intended**, *n.* (*colloq.*) An affianced lover.

**Intense** (in-tens') [as prec.], *a.* Strained, forced; extreme in degree; severe, immoderate, ardent, eager; strongly emotional. **Intensely**, *adv.* **Intensify**, *v.t.* To render more intense; (*Phot.*) to increase the density of (a negative). *v.i.* To become more intense. **Intensity**, *n.*

**Intensive**, *a.* Concentrated, thorough (opp. to extensive); conducive to high productiveness within a narrow area.

**Intent** (in-tent') [as INTEND], *a.* Having the mind bent on an object; sedulously applied (on); resolved, earnest. *n.* Design, purpose, intention; meaning, drift. **Intention**, *n.* Determination to act in some particular manner; purpose; ultimate aim or object; (*pl.*, *colloq.*) designs with regard to marriage. **Intentional**, *a.* **Intently**, *adv.*

**Inter** (in-tér') [IN- (1), L. *terra*, earth], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* **Interred**) To bury; (*fig.*) to put out of sight. **Interment**, *n.*

**Inter-** [L.], *pref.* Between, among; with, into, or upon each other; as **intercede**, **international**, **interwoven**. **Interact** (in-tér-ákt), *n.* The interval between two acts of a play; an interlude. *v.t.* To act reciprocally.

**Intercalary** (in-tér'ká-lár-i) [INTER-, L. *calāre*, to proclaim], *a.* Inserted between others, as a day in the calendar to make this correspond with the solar year;

containing such an addition (of a year); interpolated. **Intercalate**, *v.t.* To insert between or amongst others; to interpolate.

**Intercede** (in-tér-séd') [INTER-, L. *cēdere*, to go], *v.i.* To plead (with someone) in favour of another; to mediate. **Interceder**, *n.*

**Intercept** (in-tér-sept') [L. *interceptus*], *v.t.* To stop, take, or seize by the way; to obstruct, shut off. **Interception**, *n.*

**Intercession** (in-tér-sesh'án) [as INTERCEDE], *n.* The act of interceding; a prayer for others. **Intercessor**, *n.* A mediator; one who administered a bishopric during a vacancy. **Intercessory**, *a.*

**Interchange** (in-tér-chánj') [INTER-, CHANGE], *v.t.* To exchange with each other; to put each in the place of the other. *v.i.* To alternate. *n.* Reciprocal exchange; alternation. **Interchangeable**, *a.* **Interchangeably**, *adv.*

**Intercollegiate** (in-tér-kó-lē'jī-át) [INTER-, COLLEGIATE], *a.* Carried on between colleges.

**Intercolumnar** (in-tér-kō-lūm'nár) [INTER-, COLUMNAR], *a.* Placed between columns.

**Intercostal** (in-tér-kos'tál) [INTER-, COSTAL], *a.* Situated between the ribs.

**Intercourse** (in-tér-kōrs) [INTER-, COURSE], *n.* Reciprocal dealings, association, communication, etc., between persons, nations, etc.

**Interdenominational** (in-tér-dé-nom-i-ná'shónál) [INTER-, DENOMINATIONAL], *a.* Existing or carried on between different denominations.

**Interdict** (in-tér-dikt) [INTER-, L. *dictus*, said], *n.* A prohibitory decree; (*R.-C. Ch.*) a sentence debarring places or persons from ecclesiastical functions and privileges. *v.t.* (-dikt') To forbid, prohibit; (*R.-C. Ch.*) to lay under an interdict. **Interdiction**, *n.* **Interdictory**, *a.*

**Interest** (in-tér-ést) [L. *interesse*, to concern], *n.* Personal concern, sympathy; participation in benefits, profits, etc.; advantage, behoof; proprietary right, a share, a portion or stake (in); (*collect.*) those having a concern in a particular business, etc.; influence over others; payment for the use of borrowed money or on a debt. *v.t.* To arouse or hold the attention or curiosity of; to concern; to cause to take a share (in). **Interested** (in-tér-és-téd), *a.* Having the interest excited; concerned (in); having a share in; liable to be biased, not disinterested. **Interesting**, *a.* Arousing interest.

**Interfere** (in-tér-fér') [INTER-, L. *ferire*, to strike], *v.i.* To come into collision, to clash (with); to interpose. **Interference**, *n.* **Interfering**, *a.*

**Interfuse** (in-tér-fūz') [INTER-, L. *fusus*, poured out], *v.t.* To cause to flow into each other.

**Interim** (in-tér-im) [L.], *n.* The meantime; the intervening time or period. *a.* Temporary, provisional.

**Interior** (in-tér'i-ór) [L., compar. of *inter*,

see INTER-], *a.* Internal, inner; inland; domestic, as dist. from foreign. *n.* The internal part of anything, the inside; the central part of a country; a picture, etc., of the inside of a building or room.

**interjacent** (in-tér-já'sént) [INTER-, *L.* *jacere*, to lie], *a.* Lying between or among.

**interject** (in-tér-jekt') [INTER-, *L.* *jectus*, thrown], *v.t.* To throw or cast between (as a remark); to interpose. **interjection**, *n.* The act of interjecting; an exclamation, a word thrown in to express feeling. **interjectionally**, *adv.*

**interlace** (in-tér-lás') [INTER-, *F.* *lacer*, to lace], *v.t.* To lace together.

**interlard** (in-tér-lard') [F. *entrelarder*], *v.t.* To diversify a conversation, passage in a book, etc., with unusual phrases, etc.

**interleave** (in-tér-lév') [INTER-, *LEAF*], *v.t.* To insert (blank leaves) between the leaves of.

**interline** (in-tér-lín') [INTER-, *LINE* (1)], *v.t.* To insert between lines; to write or print in alternate lines. **interlin'ear**, *a.*

**interlock** (in-tér-lok') [INTER-, *LOCK* (1)], *v.t.* To connect firmly together by reciprocal engagement of parts; to link together. *v.i.* To engage with each other thus.

**interlocution** (in-tér-ló-kū'shún) [INTER-, *L.* *loqui*, to speak], *n.* Conversation, discussion. **interlocutor**, *n.* One who takes part in a conversation. **interlocutory**, *a.* (*Law*) Not final.

**interloper** (in'tér-lō-per) [INTER-, obs. *lope*, to swing along with strides], *n.* One who thrusts himself into a place, affairs, etc., without a right; an intruder.

**interlude** (in'tér-lood) [INTER-, *L.* *ludus*, play], *n.* A short entertainment between the acts of a play, or between two plays; music played between the acts of a drama, the verses of a hymn, etc.; (*fig.*) an incident, esp. an amusing one, coming between graver events.

**interlunar** (in-tér-loo'nár) [INTER-, *LUNAR*], *a.* Pertaining to the time when the moon is invisible.

**intermarriage** (in-tér-már'áj) [INTER-, *MARRIAGE*], *n.* Marriage between persons of different families, tribes, nations, etc.

**intermeddle** (in-tér-medl') [INTER-, *MEDDLE*], *v.t.* To interfere improperly or officiously (with).

**intermediary** (in-tér-mē'di-ár-i) [INTER-, *L.* *medius*, middle], *a.* Intermediate; mediatory. *n.* An intermediate agent, a go-between. **intermediate**, *a.* Coming or being between; interposing. *n.* An intermediate thing.

**intermezzo** (in-tér-med'zō) [It., as INTER-, *MEDIARY*], *n.* An interlude; a short movement connecting the main divisions of a large musical composition.

**interminable** (in-tér-mi-nábl) [IN- (2), *TERMINABLE*], *a.* Endless; tediously protracted. **interminably**, *adv.*

**intermingle** (in-tér-mingl') [INTER-, *MINGLE*], *v.t.* To mingle together. *v.i.* To be mingled (with).

**intermit** (in-tér-mit') [INTER-, *L.* *mittere*, to send], *v.t.* To cause to cease for a time; to suspend. *v.i.* To cease or relax at intervals (as a fever, etc.). **intermission** (-mish'ún), *n.* **intermittent**, *a.*

**intermix** (in-tér-miks') [INTER-, *MIX*], *v.t.* To mix together, to intermingle. *v.i.* To be intermingled. **intermixture**, *n.*

**intern** (in-těrn') [as next], *v.t.* To send to or confine in the interior of a country; to keep under restraint. **internment**, *n.*

**internal** (in-těrn'al) [med. *L.* *internālis*, from *internus*, inward (*in*, *IN*)], *a.* Situated in or pertaining to the inside, inherent, intrinsic; domestic as opp. to foreign. *n.pl.* The internal organs, the entrails.

**international** (in-tér-nāsh'ó-nál) [INTER-, *NATIONAL*], *a.* Pertaining to, subsisting or carried on between, or mutually affecting different nations. **internationalism**, *n.* The promotion of community of interests between nations. **internationalize**, *v.t.* To bring under the joint protection or control of different nations.

**internecine** (in-tér-ně'sin) [INTER-, *L.* *necāre*, to kill], *a.* Deadly; mutually destructive.

**interpellate** (in-tér-pel'át) [INTER-, *L.* *pellātus*, driven], *v.t.* To interrogate.

**interplay** (in-tér-plā) [INTER-, *PLAY*], *n.* Reciprocal action between parts or things.

**interpolate** (in-tér-pó-lāt) [INTER-, *L.* *polātus*, furbished up], *v.t.* To add a spurious word or passage to; to insert or intercalate; to corrupt. **interpolator**, *n.* **interpolation**, *n.*

**interpose** (in-tér-pōz') [INTER-, *POSE* (1)], *v.t.* To place between; to put forward (an objection, etc.) by way of intervention or interference. *v.i.* To intervene, to intercede, to interrupt. **interposal**, *n.*

**interpret** (in-tér-prét) [F. *interpréter*], *v.t.* To explain the meaning of; to translate from one language into another; to construe or understand (in a particular way). *v.i.* To act as an interpreter. **interpretable**, *a.* **interpretation**, *n.* **interpretative**, *a.* **interpreter**, *n.* One who interprets.

**interregnum** (in-tér-reg'núm) [INTER-, *L.* *regnum*, *REIGN*], *n.* The period between two reigns or governments; a suspension of normal authority, succession, etc.

**interrelation** (in-tér-ré-lā'shún) [INTER-, *RELATION*], *n.* Mutual relation.

**interrogate** (in-tér'ò-gāt) [INTER-, *L.* *rogāre*, to ask], *v.t.* To put questions to; to examine in a formal manner. *v.i.* To ask questions. **interrogation**, *n.* **interrogative**, *a.* Denoting a question; expressed in the form of a question. *n.* A word used in asking questions. **interrogator**, *n.* **interrogatory**, *a.* Interrogative. *n.* A question; an inquiry.

**interrupt** (in-tér-rúpt') [INTER-, *L.* *raptus*, broken], *v.t.* To break in upon; to break the continuity of; to cause a gap in; to obstruct; to disturb. *v.i.* To make interruption. **interruption**, *n.*



**intersect** (in-tér-sekt') [INTER-, *L. sectus*, cut], *v.t.* To pass across; to divide by cutting or passing across. *v.i.* To cross each other. **intersec'tion**, *n.*

**intersperse** (in-tér-spér's') [INTER-, *spersus*, scattered], *v.t.* To scatter here and there among other things.

**interstellar, -lary** (in-tér-stel'ár, -ár-i) [INTER-, STELLAR], *a.* Situated between or passing through the regions between the stars.

**interstice** (in-tér'stis) [INTER-, *L. sistere*, to place], *n.* A small space, opening, crevice, etc. **interstitial** (-stish'al), *a.*

**intertwine** (in-tér-twin') [INTER-, TWINE], *v.t.* To entwine or twist together. *v.i.* To be twisted together.

**interval** (in-tér-vál) [INTER-, *L. vallum*, rampart], *n.* Intermediate space, distance, or time; extent of difference between two things, persons, etc.

**intervene** (in-tér-vén') [INTER-, *L. venire*, to come], *v.i.* To come in as an extraneous feature; to be situated (between); to occur between points of time or events; to interfere, interpose. **intervener**, *n.* One who intervenes, esp. in a law-suit. **intervention**, *n.*

**interview** (in-tér-vū) [O.F. *entrevue* (INTER-, *voir*, to see)], *n.* A conference; a formal meeting between persons, esp. between some person and one employed to obtain information or opinions for publication; the article recording the result. *v.t.* To have an interview with, esp. for publication. **interviewer**, *n.*

**interweave** (in-tér-wēv) [INTER-, WEAVE], *v.t.* To blend closely together.

**intestate** (in-tes'tát) [IN- (2), *L. testātus*, witnessed], *a.* Dying without having made a will; not disposed of by will. *n.* An intestate person. **intestacy**, *n.*

**intestine** (in-tes'tin) [*L. intestinus*], *a.* Internal, domestic, not foreign. *n.* (*usu. pl.*) The tube from the stomach to the anus; the bowels, guts. **intestinal**, *a.*

**intimate** (in'ti-mát) [late *L. intimātus*], *v.t.* To make known; to signify, hint. *a.* (-mát) Close in friendship; confidential; pertaining to one's inner being. **intimacy**, *n.* **intima'tion**, *n.*

**intimidate** (in-tim'i-dát) [IN- (1), *L. timidus*, timid], *v.t.* To frighten; to cow; to deter (from an action). **intimida'tion**, *n.*

**into** (in'tu) [A.-S. *in to*], *prep.* Expressing motion or direction towards the interior, or change from one state to another; in and to.

**intolerable** (in-tol'ér-ábl) [IN- (2), TOLERABLE], *a.* Not tolerable, unendurable.

**intolerant** (in-tol'ér-ánt) [IN-, (2), TOLERANT], *a.* Not tolerant (of); not enduring difference of opinion, teaching, or worship, bigoted. **intolerance, intolera'tion**, *n.*

**intone** (in-tón') [*L. in tonum*, in tone], *v.i.* To chant prayers, etc., in a monotone; to give a musical tone to one's delivery. *v.t.* To recite or chant in a monotone.

**Intona'tion**, *n.* Modulation of the voice, accent; intoning.

**intoxicate** (in-tok'si-kát) [med. *L. intozicātus*, p.p. of *intozicāre*, to smear with poison (IN- (1), *toxicātus*, poisoned)], *v.t.* To make drunk; to excite to enthusiasm; (*Med.*) to poison. **intoxicant**, *a.* and *n.* **intoxicating**, *a.* Tending to intoxicate. **intoxica'tion**, *n.*

**intra-** [L.], *pref.* Within, on the inside.

**intractable** (in-trák'tábl) [IN- (2), TRACTABLE], *a.* Unmanageable, indocile, refractory. **intractabil'ity**, *n.*

**intramural** (in-trá-mū'rál) [INTRA-, MURAL], *a.* Situated or happening within the walls or boundaries.

**intransigent** (in-trán'si-jént) [F. *intransigant*], *n.* Irreconcilable, uncompromising. *n.* An uncompromising adherent of any creed.

**intransitive** (in-trán'si-tiv) [IN- (2), TRANSITIVE], *a.* Not passing on or over; (*Gram.*) denoting action confined to the agent.

**intrepid** (in-trep'id) [*L. intrepidus*], *a.* Fearless, bold. **intrep'id'ity**, *n.*

**intricate** (in'tri-kát) [IN- (1), *L. tricare*, wiles], *a.* Entangled, complicated; obscure. **intricacy**, *n.* **intricately**, *adv.*

**intrigue** (in-trég') [F. *intriguer*, as INTRICATE], *v.i.* To scheme to effect some object by underhand means; to carry on illicit love. *v.t.* To perplex; to interest much. *n.* Act of intriguing; a plot to effect some object; a liaison. **intriguer**, *n.* **intrigu'ingly**, *adv.*

**intrinsic** (in-trin'sik) [INTRA-, *L. secus*, following], *a.* Inherent; belonging to the nature of a thing; essential; real.

**intro-** [L. *intrō*, to the inside], *pref.* In, into; inward.

**introduce** (in-trō-dūs') [INTRO-, *L. dūcere*, to lead], *v.t.* To usher in; to insert; to bring (to a person's notice); to make known, esp. (a person) in a formal way (to another); to bring out into society, before the public, Parliament, etc. **introduction** (-dūk'shūn), *n.* The act of introducing; formal presentation of a person to another; a preface; an elementary treatise. **introductory**, *a.*

**introit** (in-trō'it) [*L. introitus*, from *intrōire*, to enter], *n.* A psalm or antiphon sung or recited as the priest approaches the altar to begin the Mass.

**intromit** (in-trō-mit') [INTRO-, *L. mittere*, to send], *v.t.* To send in; to admit; to insert. **intromission** (-mish'un), *n.*

**intromittent**, *a.*

**introspection** (in-trō-spek'shūn) [INTRO-, *L. specere*, to look], *n.* Examination of one's own mind or feelings. **introspective**, *a.* **introspectively**, *adv.*

**introvert** (in-trō-vért') [INTRO-, *L. vertere*, to turn], *v.t.* To turn inward or upon itself. **introversible**, *a.* **introversion**, *n.*

**intrude** (in-trood') [*intrūdere* (IN- (1), *L. trūdere*, to thrust)], *v.t.* To thrust or force (into). *v.i.* To thrust oneself or force one's way (into); to force oneself (upon others); to enter without invitation. **intruder**, *n.* **intru'sion**, *n.* **intrusive**,

**a.** Tending to intrude; entering without invitation.

**intuition** (in-tū-ish'un) [IN- (1), L. *tuēri*, to look], *n.* Immediate perception by the mind without reasoning; a truth so perceived. **intuitive**, *a.*

**inundate** (in'un-dāt) [IN- (1), L. *unda*, a wave], *v.t.* To overflow, to flood; to submerge. **inunda'tion**, *n.*

**inure** (i-nūr') [IN- (1), O.F. *eure*, work], *v.t.* To use habitually; to habituate.

**inutility** (in-ū-til'i-ti) [IN- (2), L. *utilis*, useful], *n.* Uselessness.

**invade** (in-vād') [IN- (1), L. *vādere*, to go], *v.t.* To enter (a country) as an enemy; to encroach on, to violate. *v.i.* To make an invasion. **invader**, *n.*

**invalid** (in-vāl'id) [IN- (2), VALID], *a.* Of no force, weight, or cogency; null; (in-vā-lēd) infirm or disabled through ill-health or injury. *n.* An infirm or disabled person. *v.t.* (in-vā-lēd') To disable by illness or injury; to register as unfit for duty on this account. *v.i.* To be enrolled as an invalid. **invalida'te**, *v.t.* To weaken or destroy the validity of, to render not valid. **invalida'tion**, **invalid'ity**, *n.*

**invaluable** (in-vāl'ū-ābl) [IN- (2), VALUABLE], *a.* Precious above estimation; priceless.

**invariable** (in-vār'i-ābl) [IN- (2), VARIABLE], *a.* Uniform; not liable to change; constant. *n.* A constant quantity. **invariabil'ity**, *n.* **invariably**, *adv.*

**invasion** (in-vā'zhūn) [as INVADE], *n.* Act of invading; a hostile attack upon or entrance into the territory of others; violation. **invasive** (-siv), *a.*

**invective** (in-vek'tiv) [L. *invectus*, p.p. of *invehere*, see foll.], *n.* A violent expression of censure or abuse; vituperation.

**inveigh** (in-vā') [L. *invehere* (IN- (1), *vehere*, to carry)], *v.t.* To use invectives; to declaim abusively (against).

**inveigle** (in-vēgl') [F. *aveugler*, to blind], *v.t.* To seduce, wheedle, entrap (into). **inveiglement**, *n.*

**invent** (in-vent') [L. *inventus*, found, invented], *v.t.* To devise or contrive (a new means, instrument, etc.); to concoct, fabricate. **inven'tion**, *n.* Act of inventing; production of something new; faculty or power of inventing, inventiveness; that which is invented, a contrivance; a fiction, a scheme. **inventive**, *a.* Quick at contrivance; ready at expedients, ingenious; imaginative. **inventiveness**, *n.* **inventor**, *n.*

**inventory** (in-vēn-tōr-i) [as prec.], *n.* A detailed catalogue of goods and chattels; the articles enumerated. *v.t.* To enter in an inventory; to make a list, catalogue, or schedule of.

**Inverness** (in-vēr-nes') [town in Scotland], *n.* A kind of sleeveless cloak with a cape.

**inverse** (in-vērs') [as INVERT], *a.* Opposite in order or relation; contrary, inverted. *n.* That which is inverted; the direct opposite of. **inversely**, *adv.* **inver-**

**sion**, *n.* Act of inverting; reversal of order, etc., as of words in a sentence.

**invert** (in-vért') [IN- (1), L. *vertere*, to turn], *v.t.* To turn upside down; to place in a contrary order; to reverse.

**invertebrate** (in-vér'tè-brát) [IN- (2), VERTEBRATE], *a.* Destitute of a backbone; (fig.) lacking strength or firmness. *n.* An invertebrate animal.

**invest** (in-vest') [IN- (1), L. *vestire*, to clothe], *v.t.* To cover (with or as with a garment); to clothe or endue (with office, authority, dignity, etc.); to besiege; to employ (money in remunerative business, stocks, etc.). *v.i.* To make an investment. **investmēt** (in-vest'mēt), *n.* **investor**, *n.* One who invests.

**investigate** (in-ves'ti-gāt) [IN- (1), L. *vestigāre*, to track], *v.t.* To search or trace out; to inquire into closely. **investiga'tion**, *n.* **investigator**, *n.*

**investiture** (in-ves'ti-tūr) [as INVEST], *n.* Act or ceremonial of investing (with office, rank, etc.); state of being invested; that with which one is invested.

**inveterate** (in-vet'ér-āt) [IN- (1), L. *vetus veteris*, old], *a.* Long and firmly established; deeply-rooted, obstinate, confirmed by long use. **inveteracy**, *n.*

**invidious** (in-vid'i-ūs) [L. *invidia*, ENVY], *a.* Tending to incur envy or ill-will. **invidiousness**, *n.*

**invigorate** (in-vig'ō-rāt) [IN- (1), VIGOUR], *v.t.* To give vigour to; to animate, encourage. **invigora'tion**, *n.*

**invincible** (in-vin'sibl) [IN- (2), VINCIBLE], *a.* Not to be conquered. **invincibil'ity**, *n.*

**inviolable** (in-vi'ō-lābl) [IN (2), VIOLABLE], *a.* Not to be violated, profaned, or dishonoured; not to be disturbed. **inviolabil'ity**, *n.* **inviolatē**, *a.* Not violated or profaned; unbroken.

**invisible** (in-viz'ibl) [IN- (2), VISIBLE], *a.* Imperceptible to the eye; (*colloq.*) not in sight, not at home. **invisibil'ity**, *n.*

**invite** (in-vit') [L. *invītāre*, to bid], *v.t.* To solicit the company of; to request courteously (to do something); to allure, attract; to draw upon one, esp. unintentionally. *v.i.* To allure, tempt. **invita'tion**, *n.* **inviting**, *a.*

**invocation** (in-vō-kā'shūn) [as INVOKE], *n.* Act of invoking; a supplication, esp. to God; a petition for help or inspiration.

**invoice** (in'vois) [?], *n.* A list of goods dispatched, with particulars of quantity and price, sent to a consignee. *v.t.* To enter (goods) in an invoice.

**invoke** (in-vōk') [IN- (1), L. *vocāre*, to call], *v.t.* To address in prayer; to solicit earnestly for assistance or protection; to appeal to as an authority or as a witness.

**involuntary** (in-vol'un-tār-i) [IN- (2), VOLUNTARY], *a.* Done unintentionally; independent of will or volition. **involuntarily**, *adv.*

**involute** (in'vō-lūt) [as INVOLVE], *a.* Rolled up, folded, esp. of certain leaves, petals, etc.; complicated, involved. **in-**



**vol'ution**, *n.* Act of involving; state of being involved; complication, intricacy; a curling of parts.

**involve** (in-volv') [IN- (1), *L. volvere*, to roll], *v.t.* To enwrap, envelop (in); to entangle, implicate, or include (in); to comprise as a logical or necessary consequence; to imply; to make intricate.

**invulnerable** (in-vul'nér-ábl) [IN-, VULNER-ABLE], *a.* Incapable of being wounded or injured. **Invulnerabil'ity**, *n.*

**inward** (in'wárd) [A.-S. *innan-weard*], *a.* Internal; situated within; towards the interior, connected with the mind or soul. *adv.* (also **inwards**) Towards the interior; in the mind or soul. *n.pl.* The viscera. **inwardly**, *adv.* Internally; towards the centre; mentally, secretly. **inwardness**, *n.* The essence (of); the quality of being inward; mental and spiritual nature.

**inwrought** (in'rawt, in-rawt') [IN-WROUGHT], *a.* Worked in among other things (of a pattern, etc.); adorned with work or figures (of a fabric).

**Ionian** (i-ō'ni-án), *a.* Pertaining to Ionia or its inhabitants. *n.* A member of the division of the Hellenic race which settled in Attica and the N. coast of the Peloponnesus, etc., and Euxine and esp. in Asia Minor. **Ionic** (i-on'ik), *a.* Denoting one of the five orders of architecture, which is distinguished by the volute on both sides of the capital.

**-ior** [compar. suf. of adjectives, and var. of -IOUR], *suf.* As in *junior*, *superior*, *warrior*.

**iota** (i-ō'tá) [Gr.], *n.* The Greek letter ι; a jot, a tittle, a very small quantity.

**I.O.U.** (i-ō-ū) [I, OWE, YOU], *n.* A formal acknowledgment of debt, bearing these letters, the sum involved, and the debtor's signature.

**-iour**, *suf.* As in *behaviour*, *saviour*.

**-ious**, *suf.* Characterized by, full of; forming adjectives, as *ambitious*, *cautious*, *suspicious*.

**ipacacuanha** (ip-è-kāk-ū-án'á) [Guarani *ipe-kaa-guaña*], *n.* The dried root of a plant from Brazil, used as an emetic and purgative.

**ir-** [IN- (1) & IN- (2)], *pref.* (before *r*) As in *irradiate*, *irrelevant*, *irreligion*.

**Iranian** (i-rā'ni-án) [Pers. *irān*, Persia], *a.* Pertaining to Persia or to the Asiatic family of languages comprising Zend, Old Persian, and those derived from them. *n.* A Persian; a native of Iran.

**irascible** (i-rās'ibl) [*L. irasci*, to be angry], *a.* Easily excited to anger. **irascibly**, *adv.* **irascibil'ity**, *n.* **irate** (i-rāt'), *a.* Angry, enraged.

**ire** (ir) [*L. ira*], *n.* Anger, passion.

**iridescent** (ir-i-des'ént) [IRIS, -ESCENT], *a.* Exhibiting changing colours like those of the rainbow. **iridescence**, *n.*

**iris** (i-ris) [Gr. *iris* *iridos*], *n.* (*pl. -ses*) The rainbow; an appearance resembling the rainbow, an iridescence; the circular coloured membrane surround-

ing the pupil of the eye; (*Bot.*) a genus of plants with tuberous roots, sword-shaped leaves, and large variously-coloured flowers, the flag, the fleur-de-lis.

**Irish** (i'rish) [A.-S. *iras*, *pl.*], *a.* Pertaining to Ireland or its inhabitants; like an Irishman. *n.* The Irish language. **Irishism**, *n.* A mode of expression peculiar to the Irish.

**irk** (érk) [?], *v.t.* To bore; to annoy, disgust. *v.i.* To become tired or worried. **irksome**, *a.* Wearisome, tedious. **irk-somely**, *adv.* **irksomeness**, *n.*

**iron** (i'érn) [A.-S. *iren*], *n.* The commonest and most useful of all the metals; an article, tool, etc., made of iron; an iron implement for smoothing; a golf-club used for lofting; (*pl.*) fetters. *a.* Made of iron; like iron, robust, inflexible, merciless. *v.t.* To cover with iron; to fetter with irons; to smooth with an iron. **iron-bound**, *a.* Bound with iron; surrounded with rocks (of a coast); (*fig.*) unyielding.

**ironclad**, *n.* A war-vessel having the parts above water plated with iron. **iron-master**, *n.* A manufacturer of iron. **iron-monger**, *n.* One who deals in ironware or hardware. **ironmongery**, *n.* **iron-mould**, *n.* A spot on cloth, etc., caused by ink or rust. **ironware**, *n.* Goods made of iron, hardware. **ironwork**, *n.* Anything made of iron; (*pl., usu. as sing.*) an establishment where iron is manufactured or wrought.

**irony** (i'rò-ni) [Gr. *eirôn*, a dissembler], *n.* Language or an expression intended to convey the opposite to the literal meaning or having an implication different from that of which the speaker is conscious; subtle sarcasm. **ironic**, **-al** (i-rón'ik, -ál), *a.* **ironically**, *adv.*

**irradiate** (i-rā'di-át) [IR-, *L. radius*, RAY], *v.t.* To shed light upon; to make bright or brilliant; (*fig.*) to light or brighten up. **irrational** (i-rāsh'ò-nál) [IR-, RATIONAL], *a.* Not rational; illogical, contrary to reason, absurd; (*Math.*) not expressible by a whole number or common fraction. *n.* A surd.

**irreclaimable** (ir-è-klē'mábl) [IR-, RECLAIMABLE], *a.* Incapable of being reclaimed; obstinate.

**irreconcilable** (i-rek-òn-si'lábl) [IR-, RECONCILABLE], *a.* Incapable of being reconciled; inconsistent, incongruous. *n.* One who cannot be appeased or satisfied, an intransigent. **irreconcilably**, *adv.*

**irrecoverable** (ir-è-küv'ér-ábl) [IR-, RECOVERABLE], *a.* That cannot be recovered; irreparable. **irrecoverably**, *adv.*

**irredeemable** (ir-è-dē'mábl) [IR-, REDEEMABLE], *a.* Not redeemable; not terminable by payment of the principal.

**irreducible** (ir-è-dü'sibl) [IR- REDUCIBLE], *a.* Not to be lessened; not to be brought to a required condition, etc.

**irrefragable** (i-ref'rà-gábl) [late *L. irrefragabilis*], *a.* Incapable of being refuted.

**irrefutable** (ir-è-fütábl) [IR-, REFUTE], *a.* Incapable of being refuted.

**irregular** (i-reg'û-lâr) [IR-, REGULAR], *a.* Not regular, not according to established principles or custom; departing from rules, lawless, disorderly; abnormal; not direct, not uniform; (*Gram.*) deviating from the common form in inflexion; (*Mil.*) not belonging to the regular army. *n.pl.* Irregular troops. **irregularity**, *n.*

**irrelevant** (i-rel'é-vânt) [IR-, RELEVANT], *a.* Not applicable, not to the point. **irrelevance**, -vancy, *n.* **irrelevantly**, *adv.*

**irreligion** (ir-é-lij'ôn) [IR-, RELIGION], *n.* Indifference or hostility to religion. **irreligious**, *a.* **irreligiously**, *adv.*

**irremediable** (ir-é-mé'di-âbl) [IR-, REMEDY], *a.* Incurable; incapable of being remedied.

**irremovable** (ir-é-moo'vâbl) [IR-, REMOVABLE], *a.* That cannot be removed; permanent, immovable.

**irreparable** (i-rép'a-râbl) [IR-, REPARABLE], *a.* Incapable of being repaired or remedied. **irreparably**, *adv.*

**irreplaceable** (ir-é-plâ'sâbl) [IR-, REPLACEABLE], *a.* Not to be made good in case of loss.

**irrepressible** (ir-é-pres'ibl) [IR-, REPRESSIBLE], *a.* Not to be repressed.

**irreproachable** (ir-é-prô'châbl) [IR-, REPROACHABLE], *a.* Blameless, faultless.

**irresistible** (ir-é-zis'tibl) [IR-, RESISTIBLE], *a.* That cannot be resisted.

**irresolute** (i-rez'ô-lût) [IR-, RESOLUTE], *a.* Not resolute; undecided, hesitating.

**irresolution** (-lû'shun), *n.*

**irrespective** (ir-é-spek'tiv) [IR-, RESPECTIVE], *a.* Regardless of, without reference to.

**irresponsible** (ir-é-spon'sibl) [IR-, RESPONSIBLE], *a.* Not responsible or trustworthy; without a proper sense of responsibility.

**irresponsive** (ir-é-spon'siv) [IR-, RESPONSIVE], *a.* Not responsive (to). **irresponsiveness**, *n.*

**irretrievable** (ir-é-tré'vâbl) [IR-, RETRIEVABLE], *a.* Not to be retrieved; irreparable.

**irreverent** (i-rev'ér-ént) [IR-, REVERENT], *a.* Lacking in reverence; disrespectful.

**irreverence**, *n.* **irreverently**, *adv.*

**irrevocable** (i-rev'ô-kâbl) [IR-, REVOCABLE], *a.* Incapable of being revoked, unalterable. **irrevocably**, *adv.*

**irrigate** (ir'i-gât) [L. *irrigātus*, *p.p.* of *irrigāre*, IR-, L. *rigātus*, moistened], *v.t.* To water (land) by causing a stream to flow over it; (*Med.*) to moisten (a wound, etc.) with a continuous stream. **irrigable**, *a.* **irrigation**, *n.*

**irritate** (ir'i-tât) [L. *irritāre*], *v.t.* To fret, annoy, exasperate; to cause an uneasy sensation in (the skin, an organ, etc.).

**irritable**, *a.* Easily provoked, fretful; highly sensitive. **irritability**, *n.* **irritant**, *a.* and *n.* **irritation**, *n.*

**irruption** (i-rüp'shun) [IR-, L. *ruptus*, broken], *n.* A bursting in; a sudden invasion or incursion. **irruptive**, *a.*

**-ise**, *suf.* Forming abstract nouns, as *franchise*, *merchandise* (see also -IZE).

**-ish** (1), *suf.* Of the nature of, pertaining to; rather, somewhat; as in *childish*, *English*, *outlandish*, *reddish*; (2) forming verbs, as *cherish*, *finish*, *punish*.

**isinglass** ('zing-glas) [prob. M.Dut. *huyzenblas*, sturgeon's bladder], *n.* A gelatinous substance prepared from the swimming-bladders of certain fish, used for making jellies, glue, etc.

**Islam** (iz'lâm) [Arab., submission], *n.* Mohammedanism; (*collect.*) believers in Mohammedanism, peoples under Mohammedan rule. **Islam'ic**, *a.* **Is'lamicism**, *n.*

**island** ('lând) [A.-S. *igland*], *n.* A piece of land surrounded by water; anything isolated. **islander**, *n.*

**isle** (Il) [M.E. *ile*, L. *insula*], *n.* A small island. **islet**, *n.* A little isle.

**-ism**, *suf.* Forming abstract nouns denoting doctrine, theory, system, etc., as *altruism*, *Socialism*, *spiritualism*, *Americanism*.

**iso-** [Gr. *isos*], *comb. form.* Equal; having the same number of parts.

**isolate** ('sô-lât) [as INSULATE], *v.t.* To place in a detached situation; to subject to quarantine; to insulate. **isolation**, *n.*

**-ison**, *suf.* As in *comparison*, *orison*.

**isosceles** (i-sos'é-léz) [Gr. *isoskelês*, equal-legged (ISO-, *skelos*, leg)], *a.* Having two sides equal (of a triangle).

**issue** (ish'û) [O.F., L. *ire*, to go], *n.* Act of passing or flowing out; outflow, outflow; way or means of exit; the mouth of a river; offspring; profits from land or other property; consequence; the point in debate or between contending parties; act of sending or giving out; publication; that which is published at a particular time; the whole quantity or number sent out at one time. *v.i.* To pass or flow out; to be published; to emerge (from); to proceed, to be derived (from); to end or result (in). *v.t.* To send out; to put into circulation. **issuable**, *a.*

**-ist**, *suf.* Denoting an agent, adherent, follower, etc., as *Baptist*, *botanist*, *fatalist*.

**-ister**, *suf.* Denoting an agent, etc., as *chorister*, *sophister*.

**isthmus** (is'mûs) [Gr. *isthmos*], *n.* A neck of land connecting two larger portions; (*Anat.*, etc.) a narrow passage or part between two larger cavities or parts.

**it** (it) [A.-S. *hit*], 3rd pers. neut. pron. (*poss.* *its*, *pl.* *they*, *poss.* *their*, *obj.* *them*). The thing spoken about; the grammatical subject of an impersonal verb; the indefinite object (as *to rough it*, *to fight it out*).

**Italian** (i-tâl'yân), *a.* Pertaining to Italy.

*n.* A native of Italy; the Italian language.

**italic** (i-tâl'ik) [Gr. *Italikos*, as prec.], *a.* Applied to a sloping type (*thus*); pertaining to ancient Italy or the Italian races, esp. as distinguished from Roman. *n.pl.* Italic letters or type. **italicize** (-siz), *v.t.* To print in italics; (*fig.*) to emphasize.

**itch** (ich) [A.-S. *giccan*], *v.i.* To have a sensation of uneasiness in the skin exciting



a desire to scratch the part; to feel a constant desire (for). *n.* A sensation of uneasiness in the skin; an uneasy desire or craving (for, etc.); a contagious skin-disease; scabies. *itchy, a.*

**-ite, suf.** Belonging to, a follower of, as *Jacobite, Moabite, Puseyite*; denoting fossils, minerals, chemical substances, explosives, etc., as *ammonite, chrysolite, dolomite, dynamite*.

**item** (i'tēm) [*L., in like manner*], *n.* A separate article in an enumeration; an individual entry; a detail of news in a newspaper. *adv.* Likewise, also.

**iterate** (it'er-āt) [*L. iterum, again*], *v.t.* To say, make, or do over and over again.

**iterant, a.** Repeating. **iteration, n.** Iterative, *a.*

**itinerant** (i-tin'er-ant) [*L. iter, a journey*], *a.* Passing from place to place; travelling on a circuit. *n.* One who journeys from place to place; a travelling preacher, player, etc. **itinerary, n.** An account of places and their distances on a road, a guide-book; a route; an account of travels.

**-itious, suf.** As in *adventitious, factitious, ambitious, nutritious*.

**-itis, suf.** Denoting inflammation, as *gastritis, peritonitis*.

**itself** (it-self') [*IT, SELF, pron.* Used emphatically (*usu. in apposition*) and reflexively.

**-ium, suf.** Used chiefly to form names of metals, as *aluminium, sodium*.

**-ive, suf.** Serving, or tending to; of the nature or quality of; as *active, pensive, talkative*.

**ivory** (i'vōr-i) [*A.-F. ivorie, L. ebur, ivory*], *n.* The hard white substance composing the tusks of the elephant, etc. *a.* Consisting, made of, or resembling ivory.

**ivy** (i'vi) [*A.-S. iſig*], *n.* An evergreen climbing plant, *usu.* having five-angled leaves, and adhering by aerial rootlets.

**ivied, a.** Overgrown with ivy.

**-ize, suf.** Forming verbs denoting to speak or act as; to follow or practise; to come into such a state; (*transitively*) to cause to follow or resemble; as *Anglicize, Christianize, galvanize, naturalize, terrorize*.

## J

**jab** (jāb) [?], *v.t.* To poke violently; to stab. *n.* A sharp poke, stab, thrust.

**jabber** (jāb'ér) [?], *v.i.* To talk vainly and incoherently; to chatter. *v.t.* To utter rapidly and indistinctly. *n.* Rapid or nonsensical talk; gabble. **jabberer, n.**

**jacinth** (jās'inth) [*O.F. jacinthe, HYACINTH*], *n.* A translucent gem.

**jack** (jāk) [?], *n.* A fellow, a common person; a sailor; a pike, esp. a young one; the knave of cards; contrivances for turning a spit, lifting heavy weights, raising a carriage-wheel, etc.; a lever or other part in various machines; a small flag [*UNION-JACK*]; a coat of mail; a leather flagon. *v.t.* To lift,

hoist, or move with a jack; (*slang*) to resign, give up. **jackass, n.** A male ass; a stupid, ignorant fellow. **jack-boot, n.** A large boot reaching to the thigh. **jackdaw, n.** The smallest of the British crows. **Jack-in-office, n.** One who assumes authority on account of holding a petty office. **jack-knife, n.** A large clasp-knife. **jack-plane, n.** The coarsest of the joiner's bench-planes.

**jackal** (jāk'awl) [*Pers. shaghāl*], *n.* A gregarious animal closely allied to the dog; one who does dirty work for another.

**jackanapes** (jāk'a-nāps) [*nickname*], *n.* A pert fellow; a coxcomb.

**jacket** (jāk'et) [*O.F. jaquette*], *n.* A short coat for men or women; the skin of a potato; a wrapper.

**Jacobean** (jāk-ō-bē'an) [*Jacob, whence James*], *a.* Belonging to the reign of James I.

**Jacobin** (jāk'ō-bin) [*F., as prec.*], *n.* An extreme revolutionist during the French Revolution. **Jacobinism, n.**

**Jacobite** (jāk'ō-bit) [*as prec.*], *n.* A partisan of James II after his abdication, or of his descendants. **Jacobitism, n.**

**jactation** (jāk-tā'shūn) [*L. jactāre, to throw*], *n.* Agitation of the body in exercise, as in riding; jactitation. **jactitation, n.** Restlessness, a tossing or twitching of the limbs; a false pretension to marriage.

**jade** (1) (jād) [?], *n.* A broken-down, worthless horse; an old or an untrustworthy woman, a wench. *v.t.* To tire out (*usu. in. p.p.*). **jadedly, adv.**

**jade** (2) [*Sp. (piedra de) ijada*], *n.* A green silicate of lime and magnesia, an ornamental stone.

**jağ** (jäg) [?], *n.* A notch; a stab, prick. *v.t.* To cut or tear raggedly. **jagged, a.**

**jaguar** (jäg'wār) [*native yagouara*], *n.* A S. American animal resembling the leopard.

**jail, gaol** (jāl) [*A.-F. gaole, O.F. jaiole*], *n.* A prison. **jail-bird, n.** One who has been to prison. **jailer, gaoler, n.** The keeper of a prison.

**jalap** (jāl'ap) [*Aztec Xalapān, place in Mexico*], *n.* The dried tubercles of a Mexican plant, used as a purgative.

**jam** (jām) [?], *v.t.* To wedge or squeeze (in); to compress, to squeeze together; to block up by crowding into; to make (a machine, etc.) unworkable by forcible handling; (*Wireless Teleg.*) to block (another station) with equal wave-impulses. *v.i.* To become immovable or unworkable by rough handling (of a machine, etc.). *n.* A crush, a squeeze; a stoppage in a machine due to jamming; a crowd, a press; a conserve of fruit made by boiling with sugar.

**jamb** (jām) [*F. jambe, leg*], *n.* One of the upright sides of a doorway, window, etc.

**jangle** (jāngl) [?], *v.i.* To sound harshly; to wrangle, bicker. *v.t.* To cause to sound discordantly; to utter harshly. *n.* Wrangling, bickering; discordant sound.

**janitor** (jăn'tî-tôr) [L., *n.* A door-keeper.  
**janizary** (jăn'tî-zâr-î) [Turk. *yeñi-tsheri*, *tsheri*, soldiery], *n.* A soldier of the Sultan's bodyguard.

**January** (jăn'û-âr-î) [L., from *Janus*, a Roman deity], *n.* The first month of the year.

**japan** (jâ-păn') [island empire east of China], *n.* An intensely hard varnish; work varnished and figured in the Japanese style. *v.t.* To cover with or as with japan. **Japanese'**, *a.* and *n.*

**jape** (jâp) [?], *v.i.* To jest, to play tricks. *n.* A jest, a trick, a joke.

**jar** (1) (jâr) [?], *v.i.* To emit a harsh sound; to vibrate harshly; to be discordant or disagreeable; to clash, be inconsistent (with). *v.t.* To cause to tremble; to give a shock to. *n.* A harsh vibration; a discordant sound; a shock; a conflict of opinions or interests.

**jar** (2) [Arab. *jarrah*], *n.* A vessel of glass or earthenware, used for various domestic purposes.

**jargon** (jâr'gôn) [O.F.], *n.* Unintelligible talk; debased or illiterate speech or language; any specialized language.

**jargonelle** (jâr'gô-nel') [F.], *n.* A kind of pear.

**jasmine** (jäs'min) [Arab. *yâsmin*], *n.* A climbing plant with sweet-scented white or yellow flowers.

**jasper** (jäs'për) [Gr. *iaspis*, Oriental in origin], *n.* An impure, coloured variety of quartz; a greenish marble with small red spots.

**jaundice** (jawn'dis) [M.E. *jaunys*, from F. *jaune*, yellow], *n.* A disease characterized by yellowness of the skin, diarrhoea, and general debility; (*fig.*) a mental attitude or condition which warps the vision. *v.t.* To affect with or as with jaundice; (*fig.*) to poison the mind with jealousy, prejudice, etc.

**jaunt** (jawn't) [?], *v.i.* To rove about; to take a short excursion. *n.* A ramble, a short journey, a trip. **jaunting-car**, *n.* An Irish vehicle with two seats, back to back, over the wheels, and one for the driver in front.

**jaunty** (jawn'ti) [F. *gentil*], *a.* Sprightly, airy, self-satisfied. **jauntily**, *adv.*

**javelin** (jäv'é-lin) [F. *javeline*, prob. from Celt], *n.* A light spear thrown by the hand.

**jaw** (jâw) [?], *n.* The bony structure in which the teeth are fixed, forming the framework of the mouth; (*pl.*) the mouth; the narrow opening of a gorge, valley, etc.; one of two opposing members of a vice, etc.; the forked end of a boom or gaff.

**jay** (jâ) [O.F.], *n.* A chattering bird of brilliant plumage; a foolish dupe.

**jazz** (jâz) [Am. Negro], *n.* A noisy and boisterous dance in rag-time.

**jealous** (jel'ûs) [M.E. and O.F. *gelos*], *a.* Suspicious or apprehensive of being supplanted in the love or favour (of wife, husband, friend); anxiously watchful (of one's honour, rights, etc.); envious;

(*Bibl.*) requiring exclusive devotion (of God). **jealously**, *adv.* **jealousy**, *n.*

**jean** (jân) [M.E. *Gene*, Genoa], *n.* A twilled undressed cloth with cotton warp.

**jeer** (jêr) [?], *v.* To scoff (at), to make a mock of, to deride. *n.* A gibe, a taunt.

**Jehovah** (jê-hô'vá) [Heb. *Yahovâh*], *n.* The most sacred name given in the Old Testament to God.

**jeune** (jê-joon') [L. *jējunus*, fasting], *a.* Meagre, scanty; wanting in substance; (*fig.*) devoid of interest or life.

**jelly** (jel'i) [F. *gelée*, frost], *n.* Any gelatinous substance, esp. from animal matter; a conserve made of thickened fruit-juice boiled with sugar. *v.t.* To turn into jelly. **jelly-fish**, *n.* The marine medusae and other allied species. **jellify**, *v.t.* and *i.*

**jimmy** (jem'i) [dim. of *James*], *n.* A short, stout crowbar, used by burglars.

**jennet** (jen'et) [Sp. *ginete*], *n.* A small Spanish horse.

**jenneting** (jen'é-ting) [?], *n.* An early kind of apple.

**jeopardy** (jêr'ar-di) [O.F. *jeu parti*, even game], *n.* Exposure to danger, loss, or injury; risk, peril. **jeopardize**, *v.t.* To risk.

**jerboa** (jêr-bô'â) [Arab. *yarbâ'*], *n.* A small mouse-like rodent with long hind legs adapted for leaping.

**jeremiad** (jer-ê-mi'ad) [*Jeremiah*], *n.* A lamentation, esp. over modern degeneracy, in the style of the prophet Jeremiah.

**jerk** (1) (jêrk) [?], *v.t.* To pull, push, or thrust sharply; to throw with a sharp, suddenly arrested action. *v.i.* To move with jerks. *n.* A sharp, sudden push or tug; a twitch. **jerky**, *a.*

**jerk** (2) [Am. Sp. *charquear*], *v.t.* To cut (beef) into long pieces and dry in the sun.

**jerkin** (jêr'kin) [?], *n.* A short jacket, formerly often made of leather.

**jerry** (jer'i) [prob. *Jeremiah*], *a.* Cheaply and badly built, flimsy. **jerry-builder**, *n.* A speculative builder of inferior houses. **jerry-built**, *a.*

**jersey** (jêr'zi) [the island], *n.* A close-fitting knitted tunic with long sleeves.

**jest** (jêst) [O.F. *geste*], *n.* A joke, something to provoke mirth; a laughing-stock; a frolic. *v.i.* To joke; to jeer (at).

**jester**, *n.* A buffoon, esp. one formerly retained by persons of high rank.

**Jesuit** (jêz'û-it) [Sp. *Jesuita* (*jesus*, -ITE)], *n.* A member of the Society of Jesus, a R.-C. order founded in 1534 by Ignatius Loyola.

**jet** (1) (jet) [Gr. *gagatês* (*Gagai*, in Lycia)], *n.* A variety of black stones susceptible of a brilliant polish.

**jet** (2) [O.F. *jetier*, L. *jactâre*, to throw], *v.i.* To spurt out, to come out in a jet. *v.t.* To send out in a jet or jets. *n.* A sudden spurt or shooting out of water or flame, esp. from a small orifice; a nozzle for the discharge of water, etc.

**jetsam** (jet'sâm) [as foll.], *n.* Goods, etc. thrown overboard to lighten a ship and subsequently washed ashore.

**jettison** (jet'i-sôn) [O.F. *getaison*, from L.



**jactare**, to throw], *n.* The casting of goods overboard to lighten a vessel in distress. *v.t.* To throw goods overboard.

**jetty** (1) (jet'i) [O.F. *getee*, as JET (2)], *n.* A solid structure projecting into water and serving as a mole, pier, or wharf.

**Jew** (joo) [A.-F. *Jeu*, L. *Iudæus*], *n.* A Hebrew; (*fig.*) a usurer, an extortionate tradesman, etc. **Jewess**, *n.* Jewish; *a.*

**jewel** (joo'él) [A.-F. *juel*], *n.* A precious stone; a personal ornament containing a precious stone or stones; a person or thing of very great value or excellence. *v.t.* To adorn or fit with jewels. **jeweller**, *n.* A maker of or dealer in jewels. **jewellery**, **jewelry**, *n.* Jewels in general; the art or trade of a jeweller.

**Jewry** (joo'ri) [JEW, -ERY], *n.* The Jews or the land where they dwell or dwelt; the Jews' quarter in a town or country.

**jib** (1) (jib) [?], *n.* A triangular foremost sail; the extended arm of a crane. **jibboom**, *n.* A movable spar running out beyond the bowsprit.

**jib** (2) [?], *v.i.* To move restively sideways or backwards, as a horse; to make difficulties (at some task, etc.). **jibber**, *n.* A horse that jibs.

**jiffy** (jif'i) [?], *n.* An instant, an extremely short time.

**jig** (jig) [?], *n.* A lively dance, and the music for it.

**jilt** (jilt) [?], *n.* A woman who gives her lover encouragement and then throws him over. *v.t.* To throw over (one's lover).

**jingle** (jingl) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a tinkling sound like that of small bells, etc.; to correspond in rhyme, etc.; to rhyme (in a depreciative sense). *v.t.* To cause to make a tinkling or tinkling sound. *n.* A tinkling metallic sound; a correspondence or repetition of sounds in words, esp. of a catchy, inartistic kind; doggerel.

**Jingo** (jing'gō) [?], *n.* (*pl.* -goes) A mild oath; one who advocates a spirited or bellicose foreign policy. **Jingoism**, *n.*

**jinricksha** (jin-rik'sha) [Jap. *jin*, man, *riki*, strength, *sha*, vehicle], *n.* A light two-wheeled Japanese carriage, drawn by one or two men.

**jiu-jitsu** (joo'jit-soo') [Jap.], *n.* The Japanese art of wrestling.

**job** (1) (job) [?], *n.* A piece of work, esp. one done for a stated price; business (esp. public) yielding unfair profit or advantage; (*colloq.*) a situation, a berth. *a.* Applied to collections of things sold together; let on hire. *v.t.* To let out by the job, or for hire; to buy up in miscellaneous lots and retail; to deal in (stocks); to deal with in an underhand way for private benefit. *v.t.* To buy and sell as a broker; to do job-work; to let or hire by the job; to profit corruptly at the public expense.

**jobmaster**, *n.* One who lets out carriages or horses. **jobber**, *n.* One who deals in stocks and shares, esp. a middleman.

**Job** (2) (jōb) [the Patriarch, subject of the *Book of Job* in the O.T.], *n.* (*fig.*) An uncomplaining sufferer or victim.

**jobbery** (job'é-ri) [JOB (1), -ERY], *n.* Underhand business.

**jockey** (jok'i) [*Jackey*, dim. of JACK], *n.* A professional rider in horse-races. *v.t.* To employ sharp practices against; to outwit, out-manceuvre, etc.; (*Horse-racing*) to jostle by riding against.

**jocose** (jō-kōs') [as JOKE], *a.* Humorous, facetious; given to jesting. **jocosely**, *adv.* **jocoseness**, **jocosity** (-kōs'it-i), *n.*

**jocular** (jok'ū-lār) [as JOKE], *a.* Addicted to jesting; facetious, amusing; embodying a joke. **jocular'ity**, *n.* **joc'ularly**, *adv.*

**jocund** (jok'ūnd) [L. *jācundus*], *a.* Sportive, gay; inspiring mirth.

**jog** (jog) [?], *v.t.* To push or jerk lightly, to nudge, esp. to excite attention; to stimulate (one's memory). *v.i.* To move with a leisurely pace. *n.* A slight push or nudge; a leisurely trotting motion.

**jog-trot**, *n.* A slow, monotonous trot. *a.* Monotonous, humdrum progress; slow routine.

**join** (join) [O.F. *joindre*, L. *ungere*], *v.t.* To connect, fasten together; to couple, associate; to engage in (battle). *v.t.* To be contiguous or in contact; to become associated (with); to become a member of (a society, etc.). *n.* A joint; a mark of junction. **joiner**, *n.* One who joins; a carpenter who makes furniture, finishes woodwork, etc. **joinery**, *n.*

**joint** (joint) [O.F., as prec.], *n.* A junction or mode of joining parts together; the union of two bones; one of the pieces into which a carcass is cut up. *a.* Belonging to, produced by, etc., different persons in conjunction; sharing (with others). *v.t.* To form with joints or connect by joints.

**joint stock**: Capital divided into shares and held jointly by several persons.

**joint-stool**, *n.* A stool made with parts jointed together. **jointed**, *a.* **jointly**, *adv.* In conjunction with others. **jointure**, *n.* An estate settled upon a woman in consideration of marriage, which she is to enjoy after her husband's decease.

**joist** (joist) [O.F. *giste*, a bed], *n.* One of the timbers to which floor boards or the laths of a ceiling are nailed.

**joke** (jōk) [L. *jocus*], *n.* Something said or done to excite merriment; a jest; a ridiculous incident, circumstance, etc. *v.i.* To make jokes, to jest. **joker**, *n.*

**jolly** (jol'i) [O.F. *jolif*, gay, fine], *a.* Merry, gay, jovial; inspiring or expressing mirth; pleasant, agreeable, remarkable.

**jollify**, *v.i.* To make merry; to tipple. **jollifica'tion**, *n.* **jollity**, *n.*

**jolly-boat** (jol'i-bōt) [Scand.], *n.* A small boat for the general work of a ship.

**jolt** (jōlt) [?], *v.t.* To shake with sharp, sudden jerks. *v.i.* To move thus. *n.* A sudden shock or jerk.

**jonquil** (jong'kwil) [F. *jonquille* (L. *juncus*, rush)], *n.* The rush-leaved narcissus or daffodil.

**jorum** (jōr'um) [?], *n.* A large drinking vessel; its contents.

**jostle** (jɒsl) [as JOUST], *v.* To push against; to hustle. *n.* A hustling; a collision.  
**jot** (jɒt) [Gr. *iōta*, the letter *i*], *n.* A tittle, an iota. *v.t.* To write (a brief memorandum). **jotting**, *n.* A note or memorandum.

**journal** (jɜːnəl) [L. *diurnālis*, diurnal], *n.* An account of daily transactions; the book from which daily entries are posted up in the ledger; a diary; a newspaper or periodical published at regular intervals. **journalist**, *n.* One who keeps a diary, a literary worker on a newspaper or periodical. **journalism**, *n.* **journalistic**, *a.*

**journey** (jɜːni) [L. *diurnāta*, a day's work], *n.* Travel from one place to another, esp. by land; the distance travelled in a given time. *v.i.* To travel; to make a journey. **journeyman**, *n.* A mechanic or artisan who has served his apprenticeship and works for an employer.

**joust** (joost) [O.F. *jouster*, low L. *juxtāre*, to approach], *v.i.* To tilt, to encounter on horseback with lances. *n.* A tilting-match; a combat on horseback.

**jovial** (jɔːvi-əl) [L. *jovialis*, of Jupiter], *a.* Mirthful, joyous. **joviality**, *n.*

**jowl** (jəʊl) [A.-S. *ceaſt*, jaw], *n.* The jaw; the cheek; the head and shoulders of a fish.

**joy** (jɔɪ) [O.F. *joie*], *n.* The emotion produced by gratified desire, success, happy fortune, etc.; gladness, delight; a cause of happiness. *v.i.* To rejoice. *v.t.* To gladden. **joyful**, *a.* **joyless**, *a.* **joyous**, *a.*

**jubilate** (juːbi-lāt) [L. *jubilāre*], *v.i.* To exult; to express intense joy. **jubilant** (shən), *n.* **jubilant**, *a.*

**jubilee** (juːbi-li) [as prec.], *n.* An important festival among the Jews, celebrated every 50th year to commemorate the exodus from Egypt; a 50th anniversary; a season of great public rejoicing; (*R.-C. Ch.*) a year of special indulgence or remission of the consequences of sin. **diamond jubilee**: A sixtieth anniversary.

**Judaic**, -al (joo-dā'ik, -āl) [L. *Judæicus*], *a.* Pertaining to the Jews, Jewish.

**Judaism**, *n.* The religious doctrines and rites of the Jews; conformity to these.

**judge** (jʌdʒ) [M.E. and O.F. *juge*, L. *jūdex*], *n.* A civil officer who hears and determines causes in a court of justice; one authorized to decide a dispute or contest; a connoisseur. *v.t.* To decide (a question); to hear or try (a cause); to pass sentence upon; to criticize. *v.i.* To hear and determine a case; to give sentence; to come to a conclusion; to criticize, be censorious. **judgeship**, *n.* **judgment**, *n.* Act of judging; a judicial decision, a sentence of a court of justice; discernment, discrimination, good sense; the critical faculty; opinion; (*fig.*) a misfortune regarded as a punishment for sin.

**judicature** (joo'di-kā-tūr) [L. *judicāre*, to judge], *n.* The administration of justice by trial and judgment; the authority

of a judge; a court of justice, and its jurisdiction.

**judicial** (ju-dish'āl) [L. *judiciālis*, as prec.], *a.* Pertaining or proper to courts of law or the administration of justice; showing judgment; discriminating. **judicially**, *adv.* **judiciary**, *n.* The judicature.

**judicious** (ju-dish'ūs) [as prec.], *a.* Sagacious, discerning; prudent; done with reason. **judiciousness**, *n.*

**jug** (jʌg) [?], *n.* A vessel with a handle for holding liquors; (*slang*) a prison. *v.t.* (*usu. in p.p.*) To stew (a hare).

**juggernaut** (jʌg'ér-nawt) [Hindi, *Jag-ganāth*, lord of the world], *n.* A belief, institution, etc., to which one is ruthlessly sacrificed or by which one is destroyed.

**juggle** (jʌgl) [L. *joculātor*, a juggler, as JOKE], *v.i.* To play tricks by sleight of hand; to practise artifice or imposture (with). *v.t.* To deceive by trickery. **juggler**, *n.* **jugglery**, *n.*

**Jugo-Slav** (ū'go-slav') [Serb., South Slav], *a.* Of or pertaining to the southern Slav races or countries. *n.* A member of these races.

**jugular** (joo'gū-lār) [L. *jugulum*, the collar-bone], *a.* Belonging to the neck or throat.

**juice** (joos) [L. *jās*, soup], *n.* The watery part of vegetable or the fluid part of animal bodies; (*fig.*) the essence of anything. **juicy**, *a.* Abounding in juice, succulent.

**jujube** (joo'joob) [Gr. *zizuphon*], *n.* The berry-like fruit of spiny shrubs of the *Rhamnus* family, dried as a sweetmeat; a lozenge flavoured with or imitating this.

**julep** (joo'lép) [Arab. *julāb*], *n.* A sweet drink.

**Julian** (joo'li-ān), *a.* Pertaining to Julius Cæsar.

**julienne** (zhu-li-en') [F.], *n.* A clear soup; a variety of pear.

**July** (ju-'li') [after *Jūlius* Cæsar], *n.* The seventh month of the year.

**jumble** (jʌmbl) [?], *v.t.* To mix confusedly; to throw together without order. *n.* A muddle, disorder, confusion.

**jump** (jʌmp) [?], *v.i.* To spring, leap, bound; to move suddenly with springs or bounds; to start up abruptly. *v.t.* To cross by leaping; to skip a chapter, etc.). *n.* The act of jumping; a leap, a bound. **jumpable**, *a.* **jumper**, *n.* One who or that which jumps; a loose, coarse outer jacket worn by sailors, labourers, etc.; a knitted or other garment of a similar shape. **jumpy**, *a.*

**junction** (jʌnk'shʌn) [L. *unctio*, as JOIN], *n.* Act of joining, the state of being joined; a joint, a point or place of union, esp. where lines of railway meet.

**juncture** (jʌnk'chʌr) [as prec.], *n.* The place at which two things are joined, a joint; a point of time marked by the concurrence of critical circumstances.

**June** (joon) [L. *Jūnius*], *n.* The sixth month of the year.

**jungle** (jʌŋgl) [Hind. *jāngal*], *n.* Land covered with forest trees or dense vegetation, esp. in India. **jungly**, *a.*



**junior** (joo'nyôr) [L., comp. of *juvenis*, young], *a.* Younger; lower in standing. *n.* One younger or of lower standing than another. **junior'ity**, *n.*

**juniper** (joo'ni-për) [L. *jūniperus*], *n.* A genus of prickly evergreen shrubs, the berries of which are used to flavour gin.

**junk** (jünk) [Jav. *jong*], *n.* A flat-bottomed vessel used in the China seas.

**junker** (yung'kër) [G. young squire], *n.* A German noble.

**junket** (jüng'kët) [M.F. *juncade*], *n.* A dish of curds sweetened and flavoured, and served with cream. *v.* To make good cheer.

**junta** (jün'tá) [Sp., as JOIN], *n.* A legislative or administrative council, esp. in Spain, Italy, and S. America.

**junto** (jün'tô) [from prec.], *n.* A secret political or other council.

**juridical** (joo-rid'i-kál) [L. *jūridicus*], *a.* Pertaining to the administration of justice, or to jurisprudence.

**jurisconsult** (joo-ris-kôn-sült') [as prec., CONSULT], *n.* One learned in law, esp. civil or international, a jurist.

**jurisdiction** (joo-ris-dik'shün) [L. *jūrisdictiō*], *n.* The legal power or right of administering justice, making and enforcing laws; the district within which such power may be exercised.

**jurisprudence** (joo-ris-proo'déns) [L. *jūrisprudentia*], *n.* The philosophy of law; the science of the laws, constitutions, and rights of men; the legal system of a particular country.

**jurist** (joo'rist) [L. *jūs jūris*, law], *n.* One learned in the law.

**juror** (joor'ôr) [L. *jūrāre*, to swear], *n.* One who serves on a jury.

**jury** (joor'i) [O.F. *jurée*, an oath, as prec.], *n.* A body of men sworn to try and give a true verdict upon questions put before them. **juryman**, *n.*

**jury-mast** (joor'i-mast) [?], *n.* A temporary mast erected in place of one carried away.

**just** (jüst) [L. *justus*, from *jūs*, right], *a.* Acting according to what is right; fair, impartial, honest; accurate, precise; fit, proper; deserved; righteous. *adv.* Exactly; barely, with nothing to spare; a very little time ago; perfectly, quite.

**justly**, *adv.* **justness**, *n.*

**justice** (jüs'tis) [L. *justitia*, as prec.], *n.* The quality of being just; fairness in dealing with others; uprightness, honesty; just requital of deserts; authoritative administration or maintenance of law and right; one who holds courts, hears causes, and administers justice between individuals; a magistrate. **justiceship**, *n.* **justiciary**, *n.* An administrator of justice. *a.* Pertaining to the administration of justice.

**justify** (jüs'ti-fi) [L. *jās*, JUSTICE, *facere*, to make], *v.t.* To prove to be just; to vindicate, make good, show grounds for; to declare free from the penalty of sin; to adjust. **jusun'able**, *a.* **justifica'tion**, *n.*

**jut** (jüt) [JET (2)], *v.i.* To project, protrude; to stick (out). *n.* A protruding point.

**jute** (joot) [Bengali, *jhōto*], *n.* Fibre from the inner bark of certain plants, from which paper, cordage, etc., are prepared.

**juvenescent** (joo-vé-nes'ent) [L. *juvenescere*], *a.* Growing or being young.

**juvenile** (joo'vé-níl) [L. *juvenilis* from *juvenis*, young], *a.* Young; befitting or characteristic of youth.

**juxtapose** (jūk-stá-pōz') [L. *juxtā*, next, Fr. *poser*, to put], *v.t.* To place (a thing) next to or (things) side by side. **juxta-position**, *n.*

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**Kafir** (káf'ir) [Arab., infidel], *n.* One of a S. African Bantu race; their language; a native of Kafiristan in N. Afghanistan. *a.* Of or pertaining to the Kafir.

**Kaiser** (kí'zër) [G., from L. *Cæsar*], *n.* An emperor, the title of the former Emperor of Germany, and of the head of the Holy Roman Empire.

**kale** (kāl) [COLE], *n.* Cabbage, esp. with crinkled leaves. **kale-yard**, **kail-yard**, *n.* **A kitchen-garden.**

**kaleidoscope** (ká-lí'dô-sköp) [Gr. *kalos*, beautiful, *eidos*, appearance, -SCOPE], *n.* An instrument showing an endless variety of symmetrical forms.

**kali** (kál'i, ká'li) [Arab. *qalī*], *n.* The salt-wort, from which soda-ash was obtained.

**Kalmuck** (kál'mūk) [Rus. *Kalmuikā*], *n.* One of a race of Mongols living between W. China and the Volga; a coarse shaggy cloth or coloured cotton.

**Kanaka** (ká-nák'a, kán'a-ká) [Hawaiian], *n.* A South Sea islander.

**kangaroo** (käng-gá-roo') [native], *n.* A marsupial quadruped peculiar to Australasia, distinguished by their large hind limbs and short fore limbs.

**kedge** (kej) [?], *n.* A small portable anchor used in warping.

**kedgerie** (kej'er-ē) [Hind. *khichrī*], *n.* A dish of fish, rice, egg, etc.

**keel** (kēl) [prob. from Icel. *kjölr*], *n.* The principal timber of a ship, extending from bow to stern; a corresponding part in an iron vessel. **keelhaul**, *v.t.* To drag under water on one side of the ship and up again on the other.

**keen** (1) (kēn) [A.-S. *cēne*], *a.* Having a sharp edge or point; sensitive, acute; biting, piercing (of cold); acrimonious; eager, ardent (on). **keenness**, *n.*

**keen** (2) [Ir. *caoinim*, to weep], *n.* Lamentation over a deceased person. *v.t.* To mourn; to utter with keening.

**keep** (kēp) [A.-S. *cēpan*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. kept*) To have in charge; to guard, preserve, protect; to maintain; to pay proper regard to; to celebrate; to remain in; to have regularly on sale; to restrain (from); to detain (in custody, etc.); to reserve (for). *v.i.* To continue or retain one's place; to continue to be (in a specified condition); to restrict oneself (to).

**n.** Subsistence, maintenance; food required for subsistence; the main tower of a mediaeval castle. **keeper, n.** keeping. **n. keepsake, n.** Anything kept for the sake of the giver.

**keg (keg)** [Scand.], **n.** A small cask or barrel.

**kelp (kelp)** [?], **n.** The calcined ashes of seaweed, from which carbonate of soda was obtained, now used for obtaining iodine, the large, coarse seaweed from which kelp is produced.

**kelpie (kel'pi)** [?], **n.** A water-spirit usu. in the form of a horse, supposed to haunt fords.

**kelson (kel'son)** [KUEL], **n.** A longitudinal piece placed along the floor-timbers of a ship binding them to the keel.

**ken (ken)** [?], **v.t.** (*chiefly Sc.*) To understand; to know. **n.** View, sight; range of sight or knowledge.

**kennel (1) (ken'el)** [O.F. *chenil*, L. *canis*, dog], **n.** A shelter for a dog or hounds; a hovel; a pack of hounds. **v.i.** To lodge in or as in a kennel.

**kennel (2)** [O.F. *canel*, CHANNEL], **n.** A gutter, a puddle.

**Kentish (ken'tish)**, **a.** Pertaining to the county of Kent.

**kerb (kərb)** [CURB], **n.** A row of stones set as edging to a pavement, etc. **kerb-stone, n.**

**kerchief (kěr'chif)** [O.F. (*covrir*, to cover, *chief*, head)], **n.** A cloth to cover the head; a napkin.

**kernel (kěr'nél)** [A.-S. *cyrnel*], **n.** The substance contained in a nut or a fruit-stone; (*fig.*) the core, gist or essence.

**kerosene (ker'ó-sén)** [Gr. *kēros*, wax, -ENE], **n.** A lamp-oil distilled from petroleum, coal, etc.

**kersey (kěr'zi)** [place in Suffolk], **n.** A coarse woollen cloth, usu. ribbed.

**kestrel (kes'trel)** [?], **n.** A small hawk.

**ketch (kech)** [formerly OATCH], **n.** A fore-and-aft rigged two-masted vessel.

**ketchup (kech'up)** [Malay *kêchap*], **n.** A sauce made from mushrooms, tomatoes, etc.

**kettle (ketl)** [A.-S. *cetel*], **n.** A metal vessel for heating water, etc. **kettledrum, n.** A drum made of a hemispherical copper shell with a parchment head.

**key (1) (kē)** [A.-S. *cæg*], **n.** An instrument for working the bolt of a lock to and fro; that which gives access to or opportunity for something; that which explains anything difficult; a translation; (*Mus.*) one of several systems of notes having definite tonic relations among themselves and to the keynote; (*fig.*) the general tone or style (of a picture, speech, etc.). **v.t.** (*fig.*) To stir (up) to an action, etc. **keyboard, n.** The range of keys on a piano, organ, etc. **keyhole, n.** The hole in a lock, door, etc., by which a key is inserted. **key-note, n.** (*Mus.*) The fundamental note of a key; (*fig.*) the general tone or spirit (of a picture, poem, etc.). **keystone, n.** The central stone of an arch locking the others

together; (*fig.*) the fundamental element, principle, etc. **keyed, a.** **keyless, a.** Not having a key; wound without a key.

**key (2)** [Sp. *cayo*], **n.** A low island, esp. of coral, on the coast of Florida.

**khaki (ka'ki)** [Hind., dusty], **a.** Dust-coloured, dull-yellow. **n.** Material of this colour, used for army uniforms.

**Khedive (kē-dēv')** [Turk. *khediv*], **n.** A Governor or Viceroy of Egypt.

**kick (kik)** [M.E. *kiken*], **v.t.** To strike with the foot; to push, move, or drive, by kicking; to strike in recoil. **v.i.** To strike out with the foot or feet; to recoil (as a gun), (*fig.*) to show opposition (at, etc.). **n.** The act of kicking; a blow with the foot, a recoil (of a gun).

**kickshaw (kik'shaw)** [F. *quelque chose*, something], **n.** Something fantastical, a trifle.

**kid (kid)** [Scand.], **n.** The young of the goat; leather from its skin; (*pl.*) gloves of this leather; (*slang*) a child. **v.i.** To bring forth a kid or kids.

**kidnap (kid'nāp)** [KID, *nap*, NAB], **v.t.** To steal (a child); to abduct. **kidnapper, n.**

**kidney (kid'ni)** [?], **n.** One of the two glands in the lumbar region which secrete urine and remove nitrogenous matter from the blood; (*fig.*) temperament, kind, fashion.

**kilderkin (kil'dér-kin)** [Dut.], **n.** A small barrel, usu. of 18 gals.

**kill (kil)** [?], **v.t.** To deprive of life, to slay; to put an end to, to quell; to still (pain, etc.); to neutralize (effects of colour, etc.); to pass (time) idly. **v.i.** To slaughter, esp. in sport; (*slang*) to fascinate, to do execution. **n.** The act of killing; an animal or number of animals killed.

**kiln (kiln, kil)** [A.-S. *cyln*], **n.** A furnace for calcining, drying, etc.

**kilo-** [Gr. *chilioi*, a thousand], **comb. form.**

**kilogramme (kil'ô-grām)** [GRAMME], **n.** A French measure of weight, 1,000 grammes or 2·2046 lb. av. **kilolitre (kil'ô-lê-tér)**, **n.** 1,000 litres, or 220 gallons. **kilometre (kil'ô-mê-tér)**, **n.** A French measure of distance, 1,000 metres or '621 mile.

**kilt (kilt)** [Scand.], **v.t.** To tuck up (the skirts of a dress); to gather together (material) into vertical pleats. **n.** A kind of short petticoat worn by the Highlanders of Scotland.

**kimono (ki-mō'nō)** [Jap.], **n.** A loose robe fastened with a sash, a Japanese outer garment.

**kin (kin)** [A.-S. *cynn*], **n.** Stock, family; kindred. **a.** Of the same family, nature, or kind; akin.

**-kin, dim. suf.** As in *buskin*, *cannikin*.

**kind (kind)** [A.-S. *cynd*], **n.** Race, natural group; sort, class; manner, fashion, way. **a.** Disposed to do good to others; sympathetic, tender; proceeding from or characterized by goodness of heart.

**kindness, n.**

**kindergarten (kin'dér-gar-tèn)** [G.,



children's garden], *n.* A school for infants.

**kindle** (kindl) [Scand.], *v.t.* To set fire to; to light; to inspire (the passions, etc.); to excite, to stir up (to action, etc.); to light up or illumine. *v.i.* To take fire; (fig.) to become inflamed or excited, to become illumined.

**kindly** (kind'li) [KIND, -LY], *a.* Kind, good-natured, genial; favourable, auspicious.

**kindliness**, *n.*

**kindred** (kin'dred) [KIN, -red, A.-S. *ræden*, condition], *n.* Relationship by blood or marriage; (fig.) likeness of character; (collect.) relatives, kin. *a.* Related by blood; (fig.) congenial, sympathetic.

**kinematic** (ki-nè-mät'ik) [Gr. *kinēma*-matis, movement, from *kinēin*, to move], *a.* Pertaining to movement or to kinematics. *n.pl.* The science of pure motion, admitting conceptions of time and velocity but excluding that of force.

**kinetic** (ki-net'ik) [as prec.], *a.* Of, producing, or depending upon motion. *n.pl.* That branch of dynamics which treats of forces imparting motion to bodies.

**king** (king) [A.-S. *cyning*], *n.* The male sovereign of a nation; (fig.) one who is pre-eminent in any sphere; (*Cards*) a card ranking next to the ace and before the queen; (*Chess*) a piece which has to be protected from checkmate; (*Draughts*) a piece which is entitled to move in any direction. **king-cup**, *n.* The bulbous buttercup, the marsh marigold, and allied species. **kingfisher**, *n.* A small British bird with brilliant blue and green plumage, subsisting on fish. **king'dom**, *n.* The territory under a king; the position or attributes of a king; sovereign power; the highest of the divisions into which natural objects are arranged.

**kink** (kink) [Scand.], *n.* A twist or abrupt bend in a rope, wire, etc.; a prejudice, a crotchet.

**kinstok** (kinz'tök) [KIN, FOLK], *n.* Family, relations, kindred. **Kinsman**. -woman, *n.*

**kiosk** (ki-osk') [Turk. *kiushk*], *n.* A summer-house; a light structure for the sale of newspapers; a band-stand.

**kipper** (kip'er) [?], *n.* A herring split open, salted, and smoke-dried. *v.t.* To cure and preserve (salmon, herrings, etc.).

**kirk** (kërk) [Sc.], *n.* A church.

**kirtle** (kërtl) [A.-S. *cyrtel*], *n.* A woman's gown or petticoat; a man's short jacket.

**kismet** (kis'mët) [Arab. *qisma*(t), from *gasama*, to divide], *n.* Fate, destiny.

**kiss** (kis) [A.-S. *cos*], *n.* A caress or salute with the lips; (*Billiards*) a mere touch of the moving balls. *v.t.* To salute or caress by pressing or touching with the lips. *v.i.* To join lips in affection or respect.

**kit** (kit) [M. Dut. *kittel*], *n.* An outfit, esp. of a soldier.

**kitchen** (kich'en) [A.-S. *cyccene*], *n.* A room where food is cooked. **kitchen-garden**, *n.* A garden in which vegetables, etc., are

cultivated for the table. **kitchen-range**, *n.* A grate with oven, boiler, etc., for cooking.

**kite** (kit) [A.-S. *cýta*], *n.* A medium-sized bird of prey; (fig.) a greedy or rapacious person, a sharper; a light device of wood and paper constructed for flying in the air.

**kith** (kith) [A.-S. *cythh*, native country], *n.* Kindred.

**kitten** (kitn) [M.E. *kitoun*], *n.* The young of the cat; a playful girl. *v.t.* To bring forth kittens.

**kittiwake** (kit'i-wāk) [imit. cry], *n.* A sea-gull, common on the British coasts.

**kiwi** (kē'wi) [Maori], *n.* A wingless bird of New Zealand.

**kleptomania** (klep-tō-mā'ni-ā) [Gr. *kleptēs*, thief, -MANIA], *n.* An irresistible propensity to steal. **kleptomaniac**, *n.*

**knack** (nāk) [?], *n.* An adroit way of doing a thing; dexterity.

**knacker** (nāk'er) [?], *n.* A dealer in worn-out horses; a horse-slaughterer.

**knap** (nāp) [imit.], *v.t.* To break into pieces, esp. with a snap; to flake or chip flint.

**knapsack** (nāp'sāk) [Dut.], *n.* A case for clothes, etc., carried on the back by soldiers or tourists.

**knave** (nāv) [A.-S. *cnafa*, a boy], *n.* A tricky fellow, a rogue; (*Cards*) a court-card below the queen and above the ten, the jack. **knavery**, *n.* **knaveish**, *a.*

**knead** (nēd) [A.-S. *cnedan*], *v.t.* To work up (flour, etc.) with the hands; to work into dough: to shape, or mingle by this method; to work thus on (the muscles) in massage. **kneading-trough**, *n.* A trough in which dough is worked up.

**knee** (nē) [A.-S. *cnēo*], *n.* The joint of the thigh with the leg; part of a garment covering this; a piece of timber or metal with a similar angle to connect beams, etc.

**knee-breeches**, *n.pl.* Breeches reaching just below the knee. **knee-cap**, *n.* The bone in front of the knee-joint.

**kneecap**, *n.* The knee-cap or socket of the knee

**kneel** (nēl) [A.-S. *cnēowlian*], *v.i.* (*past* and *p.p.* *knel*). To bend or fall on the knees.

**knell** (nel) [A.-S. *cnyllan*], *v.i.* To toll as a funeral bell; to sound in a mournful or ominous manner. *n.* The sound of a bell, esp. at a death or funeral.

**knickerbockers** (nik'er-bok-ēr-z) [imag. author of Washington Irving's "History of New York"], *n.* Loose breeches gathered in below the knee. **knickers**, *n.*

**knick-knack** (nik'nāk) [redupl. of **KNAUCK**]. *n.* A showy trifle; a trinket.

**knife** (nif) [A.-S. *cnif*], *n.* A blade with one edge sharpened, set in a handle; a cutting part of a machine.

**knight** (nit) [A.-S. *cniht*, a boy, servant], *n.* Formerly, one of gentle birth, admitted to an honourable degree of military rank; one who holds a non-hereditary dignity entitling him to the title "Sir"; (*Chess*) a piece shaped like a horse's head. *v.t.* To

create or dub (a person) a knight. **knight-errant**, *n.* A mediæval knight who wandered about in quest of adventures. **knight-errantry**, *n.* **knight of the shire**: Formerly, a parliamentary representative of a county. **knightly**, *a.* and *adv.*

**knit** (nit) [A.-S. *cnyttan*, rel. to KNOT], *v.t.* To form into a fabric or a garment by looping a continuous yarn; (*fig.*) to join closely together, to unite; to contract into wrinkles. *v.i.* To make a textile fabric by interweaving yarn or thread; (*fig.*) to become closely united. **knitting**, *n.* **knitting-needle**, **-pin**, *n.* A long eyeless needle with blunt ends, used in knitting.

**knob** (nob) [cogn. with Knap], *n.* A rounded protuberance, as a handle of a door, lock, drawer, etc.

**knock** (nok) [A.-S. *cnocian*], *v.t.* To give a hard blow to; to force by striking; to cause to strike together. *v.i.* To strike hard or smartly (at, against, together, etc.). *n.* A blow; a rap, esp. on a door for admission. **knock-kneed**, *a.* Having knees bent inwards in walking. **knock-out**, *a.* Disabling (of a blow). **knocker**, *n.* A hammer-like attachment to a door for knocking for admittance.

**knoll** (nōl) [A.-S. *cnoll*], *n.* A rounded hill; a mound, a hillock.

**knot** (not) [A.-S. *cnotta*], *n.* The interlacement of a rope or ropes, etc., so as to fasten to itself or to another object; an ornamental bow on a dress; a shoulder-pad used by market-porters for carrying burdens; (*fig.*) a difficulty, perplexity, problem; an irregular portion in a tree caused by branches, buds, etc.; a nautical mile. *v.t.* To tie in or fasten with a knot; to interwine; to join together closely or intricately; to entangle, perplex. *v.i.* To form knots (of plants); to make knots for fringe. **knotted**, *a.* **knotty**, *a.*

**knout** (nout) [Rus. *knut*], *n.* A scourge used in Russia for punishment.

**know** (nō) [A.-S. *cñawan*], *v.t.* (*past* knew, *nū*, *p.p.* known) To have a clear perception of; to identify; to be convinced of the truth or reality of; to be acquainted with, have personal experience of, or be on intimate terms with; to be aware of; to understand from learning or study. *v.i.* To have knowledge; to be assured (of). **knowing**, *a.* Intelligent; experienced.

**knowledge** (nol'ej) [M.E. *knowlege*], *n.* The result of knowing; that which is known; familiarity gained by experience; learning; erudition, science.

**knuckle** (nūkl) [M.E. *knokil*], *n.* A joint of a finger, esp. at the base; the middle or tarsal joint of a quadruped. *v.i.* To submit, to yield (with *down* or *under*). **knuckle-duster**, *n.* An iron instrument to add force to a blow.

**kobold** (kō'bōld) [G.], *n.* A German house-spirit like the brownie.

**kopje** (kop'j) [Dut.], *n.* A small hill.

**Koran** (kō-ran') [Arab. *qur'ān*, from *qara'a*, to read], *n.* The Mohammedan scriptures.

**kosher** (kō'shēr) [Heb. *kāshēr*, right], *a.* Permitted (of food fulfilling requirements of Jewish law).

**kraal** (kral) [S. Afr. Dut.], *n.* A S. African village or group of huts enclosed by a palisade; a hut.

**kudos** (kū'dos) [Gr.], *n.* Fame, credit.

**kultur** (kūl'tér) [G., *CULTURE*], *n.* The German system of intellectual, moral, æsthetic, economic, and political progress.

**kummel** (kim'él) [G.], *n.* A liqueur flavoured with caraway-seeds.

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**laager** (la'gér) [S. Afr. Dut.], *n.* A defensive encampment, esp. formed with wagons, etc. *v.i.* To encamp.

**label** (lā'bél) [O.F., a ribbon], *n.* A narrow strip of paper, etc., attached to an object to indicate contents, destination, ownership, etc. *v.t.* To affix a label to; (*fig.*) to describe, to set down (as).

**labial** (lā'bi-ál) [L. *labium*, lip], *a.* Pertaining to the lips or lip-like organs; (*Phon.*) formed or modified in sound by the lips. *n.* A sound or letter representing a sound formed with the lips.

**laboratory** (lāb'ōr-ā-tōr-i) [L. *labōrāre*, to labour], *n.* A place in which scientific experiments are conducted; a manufactory of chemical articles, etc.

**laborious** (lā-bōr'i-ūs) [as foll.], *a.* Working hard or perseveringly; industrious; betraying marks of labour, laboured; hard, fatiguing. **laboriously**, *adv.*

**labour** (lā'bōr) [L. *labor*, whence *labōrāre*, F. *labourer*, to labour], *n.* Physical or mental exertion, esp. in obtaining the means of subsistence; a task, esp. one requiring great effort; travail, the pains of childbirth; (*Polit. Econ.*) the element contributed by toil to production, esp. in opp. to capital; (*collect.*) the labouring class. *v.i.* To toil, to exert oneself; to proceed with difficulty; to be burdened with difficulties; (*Naut.*) to move heavily and slowly, to pitch or roll; to be in travail or the pains of childbirth. **labourer**, *n.* One who performs work requiring manual labour but little skill.

**laburnum** (lā-bēr'nūm) [L.], *n.* A tree with yellow flowers.

**labyrinth** (lāb'i-rinth) [Gr. *laburinthos*], *n.* A maze. **labyrinthine**, *a.*

**lac** (lāk) [Hind. *lākḥ*], *n.* 100,000 (esp. of rupees).

**lace** (lās) [O.F. *las*], *n.* A cord used to bind or fasten, esp. by interweaving; ornamental network of threads forming a fabric of open texture; ornamental braid for uniforms, etc. *v.t.* To fasten with a lace through eyelet-holes. **lace-pillow**, *n.* A cushion on which various kinds of lace are made. **lacing**, *n.* A fastening by a cord passing through holes, etc.

**lacerate** (lās'ér-āt) [L. *lacerātus*, torn], *v.t.* To tear, to mangle; (*fig.*) to rend, harrow. *a.* Torn. **laceration**, *n.*

**lachrymal** (lāk'ri-māl) [L. *lacryma*, tear], *a.*



- Pertaining to tears; secreting or conveying tears (of glands, ducts, etc.). **lachrymatory**, *a.* **lachrymose**, *a.* Shedding or ready to shed tears.
- lack** (lāk) [Teut.], *n.* Deficiency, want, need (of); that which is needed. *v.t.* To be in need of, to be without; to feel the want of. *v.i.* To be deficient (in); to be wanting.
- lackadaisical** (lāk-ā-dā'zi-kál) [LACK-A-DAY, -IO, -AL], *a.* Affectedly pensive, languishing, sentimental.
- lackey** (lāk'ī) [F. *laquais*], *n.* A footman; (*fig.*) a servile follower.
- laconic** (lā-kon'ik) [Gr. *Lakōnikos*, Spartan], *a.* Pertaining to Laconia or Sparta, or its inhabitants; hence brief, sententious, pithy. **laconism**, *n.*
- lacquer** (lāk'ér) [as LAC], *n.* A shellac varnish coloured with gold, gamboge, etc.; woodwork coated with such a varnish, usu. decorated with inlaid figures. *v.t.* To cover with lacquer.
- lacrosse** (la-kros') [F.], *n.* A ball-game resembling hockey, played with a crosse or stringed bat.
- lacteal** (lāk'té-ál) [L. *lac*, milk], *a.* Pertaining to milk; milky; conveying chyle. *n.pl.* The vessels which convey chyle from the alimentary canal. **lacteous**, *a.* Milky. **lactic**, *a.* Pertaining to milk; contained in or derived from sour milk.
- lacuna** (lā-kū'ná) [L.], *n.* (*pl.* -næ) A gap, an hiatus; a small pit or depression.
- lad** (lād) [M.E. *laddē*], *n.* A boy, a stripling; (*colloq.*) a fellow. **laddie**, *n.*
- ladder** (lād-ér) [A.-S. *hlæder*], *n.* A device of wood, iron, rope, etc., consisting of two long uprights, connected by cross-pieces forming steps by which one may ascend.
- lade** (lād) [A.-S. *hladan*], *v.t.* (*p.p.* laden) To put a load or burden on; to put a cargo on board; to ship (goods) as cargo.
- ladle** (lād'l) [A.-S. *hlædel*, as LADLE], *n.* A large spoon with which liquids are lifted. *v.t.* To serve out with a ladle.
- lady** (lā'di) [A.-S. *hlæfdige*], *n.* A woman of good breeding or social standing; the mistress of a house; a title given to the wife of a knight or any superior to him in rank, and the daughter (or the wife of a son) of an earl, marquess, or duke. **Our Lady**: The Virgin Mary. **lady-bird**, *n.* A small red coleopterous insect with black spots. **ladylike**, *a.* **ladyship**, *n.*
- lag** (lāg) [?], *a.* Last; sluggish, tardy. *v.i.* To loiter, to fall behind. *n.* Retardation of movement; one who lags behind or comes last. **laggard**, *a.* Slow, sluggish, backward; wanting in energy. *n.* A slow, sluggish fellow; a loiterer.
- lager beer** (lā'gér-bēr') [G. *lager*, a store], *n.* A light beer brewed in Germany.
- lagoon** (lā-oon') [F. *lagune*, L. *lacuna*], *n.* A shallow lake near a river or the sea; the water enclosed by a coral island.
- lair** (lār) [A.-S. *leger*, a bed], *n.* The den of a wild beast.
- laird** (lārd) [Sc., LORD], *n.* The owner of a landed estate; a landlord, squire.
- laity** (lā'i-ti) [A.-F. *laïté*, as LAY (2)], *n.* The people as distinct from the clergy, laymen.
- lake** (1) (lāk) [O.F. *lac*, L. *lacus*], *n.* A large sheet of water entirely surrounded by land.
- lake** (2) [LAC], *n.* A crimson pigment.
- lama** (lā'má) [Tibetan], *n.* A Tibetan or Mongolian Buddhist priest.
- lamb** (lām) [A.-S.], *n.* The young of the sheep; its flesh as food; (*fig.*) one as innocent and gentle as a lamb; a member of a flock. *v.i.* To bring forth lambs.
- lambent** (lām'bént) [L. *lambens*, licking], *a.* Touching slightly without burning (as flame); softly radiant; playing about.
- lame** (lām) [A.-S. *lama*], *a.* Disabled in a limb, esp. the foot or leg; limping, halting; unsatisfactory; imperfect. *v.t.* To make lame; to cripple. **lameness**, *n.*
- lament** (lā-ment') [L. *lamentāri*], *v.i.* To mourn, wail; to feel or express sorrow. *v.t.* To bewail, to mourn over; to deplore. *n.* Sorrow audibly expressed; an elegy, a dirge; a mournful song. **lam'entable**, *a.* To be lamented; mournful, unfortunate, deplorable. **lamentation**, *n.* **lamen'ted**, *a.* Mourned for; deceased.
- lamina** (lām'ī-ná) [L.], *n.* (*pl.* -næ) A thin plate, layer, flake, stratum, etc.
- Lammas** (lām'ás) [A.-S. *hlāfmæsse*], *n.* The 1st August. **latter Lammas**: A day that will never arrive.
- lamp** (lāmp) [Gr. *lampein*, to shine], *n.* A contrivance for the production of artificial light, esp. a vessel containing oil for combustion with a wick; (*fig.*) any source of light or of spiritual light. **lamp-post**, *n.* A pillar supporting a street lamp.
- lampoon** (lām-poon') [F.], *n.* A sarcastic personal satire. *v.t.* To write lampoons upon; to abuse with personal satire.
- lamprey** (lām'pri) [L. *lambere*, to lick, *petra*, rock], *n.* An eel-like fish with a mouth used as a sucker.
- lance** (lans) [L. *lancea*], *n.* A long shaft with a sharp point, formerly the peculiar weapon of knights, now used by some regiments of cavalry; a similar weapon used for spearing fish, etc. *v.t.* To pierce with a lance; (*Surg.*) to open with a lancet. **lancer**, *n.* A cavalry soldier armed with a lance; (*pl.*) a square dance.
- lanceolate** (lan'sé-ó-lát) [dim. L. of *lancea*, LANCE], *a.* Tapering to a point at each end.
- lancet** (lan'sét) [dim. of LANCE], *n.* A surgical instrument used in bleeding, cutting of abscesses, tumours, etc.
- land** (lānd) [A.-S.], *n.* The solid portion of the earth, as dist. from the sea; the ground, soil, a tract of country; a country, a region; a nation; landed property, real estate. *v.t.* To set or place on shore; to bring to shore; to set down from a vehicle; to deal (a blow); to bring (fish) to land. *v.i.* To disembark; to find oneself in a certain position; to alight. **land-breeze**, *n.* A wind blowing seawards off the land. **landlady**, *n.* A

- woman who keeps an inn or lodging-house; a woman who lets houses, etc. **landlocked**, *p.p.* Enclosed with land. **landlord**, *n.* One who has tenants holding under him; the master of an inn or of a lodging-house. **land-lubber**, *n.* A landsman, one unused to the sea or ships. **landmark**, *n.* Anything set up to mark the boundaries of land; an object on land serving as a guide for sailors, etc. **landrail**, *n.* The corn-crake. **landslide**, *n.* A landslip; a political debacle. **landslip**, *n.* The sliding down of a considerable portion of ground to a lower level; the ground thus slipping. **landsmen**, *n.* One who lives on land; one unused to the sea and its ways. **land-steward**, *n.* One who manages a landed estate. **land-surveyor**, *n.* One who measures and draws plans of estates, etc. **land-swell**, *n.* The roll of the sea inshore. **landed**, *a.* Having an estate in land; consisting of real estate. **landing**, *n.* The act of going or setting on land, esp. from a vessel; a pier, wharf; a level space at the top of a flight of stairs. **landing-net**, *n.* A net used to take fish when hooked. **landward**, *a. and adv.*
- landau** (län'dō) [German town], *n.* A four-wheeled carriage with a folding top. **landaulette**, *n.* A motor-car with a hood, fixed in front, movable behind.
- landgrave** (länd'grāv) [G. *landgraf*], *n.* A German title, orig. of a governor of a province. **landgraveine**, *n.* The wife of a landgrave.
- landscape** (länd'skāp) [Dut. *landschap*], *n.* A picture representing country scenery; a view of country scenery.
- lane** (lān) [A.-S.], *n.* A narrow road, esp. between hedges; a narrow street.
- langsyne** (läng-sin') [Sc.], *adv.* Long since, long ago. *n.* Time long ago.
- language** (läng'gwāj) [F. *langage*, L. *lingua*, tongue], *n.* Human speech; the communication of ideas by words; the vocabulary peculiar to a nation, etc., or appropriate to a science, profession, etc.; the phrases, etc. peculiar to an individual; literary style; phraseology, wording.
- languid** (läng'gwīd) [as foll.], *a.* Faint, lacking energy; spiritless, listless, dull; sluggish, slow. **languidly**, *adv.*
- languish** (läng'gwīsh) [L. *languēre*, rel. to *laxus*, LAX], *v.i.* To become feeble or sluggish; to lose energy or animation; to fade, grow slack; to droop, to pine (for); to put on a languid expression, to affect a tender, wistful, or sentimental air. **languishment**, *n.*
- languor** (läng'gōr) [L. as prec.], *n.* Languidness, lassitude, faintness, inertness; debility, nervous prostration; tenderness of mood or expression; oppressive stillness (of the air, etc.). **languorous**, *a.*
- lank** (lānk) [A.-S. *hlanc*], *a.* Lean, long and straight (of the hair). **lanky**, *a.*
- lanolin** (län'ō-lin) [L. *lana*, wool], *n.* An unctuous substance extracted from wool.
- lantern** (län'tern) [L. *lanterna*], *n.* A case with transparent panes for holding and protecting a light; the lighthouse chamber containing the light. **lantern-jawed**, *a.* Having a long, thin face.
- lanyard** (län'yārd) [F. *lanrière*], *n.* (Naut.) A short line for seizing or lashing.
- lap** (1) (läp) [A.-S. *læppa*], *n.* A loose hanging part of a garment, esp. that part which hangs over the knees when a person sits down; the part of the person from the waist to the knees in sitting.
- lap** (2) (?), *v.t.* To wrap, to roll (round, about, etc.); to fold, bend over; to enwrap, surround, involve; to cause to overlap; to bind. *n.* That part of anything that extends over something else; one round of a race-course.
- lap** (3) (läp) [A.-S. *lapiān*], *v.t.* To drink by lifting with the tongue; (*fig.*) to beat (as waves on the shore) with a sound as of lapping. *v.i.* To lick or take up with the tongue; to drink or consume by lapping. *n.* The act of lapping; a lick.
- lapel** (läp'él) [LAP (1), -EL], *n.* That part of a garment made to lap over, esp. the fold on the front of a coat below the collar.
- lapidary** (läp'i-dār-i) [L. *lapidarius*, from *lapis*, stone], *n.* One who cuts, polishes, engraves, or deals in gems; a connoisseur of gems.
- lapis lazuli** (läp'is-läz'ū-lī) [L. *lapis*, stone, *lazulum*, azure], *n.* A rich blue silicate containing lime, and soda.
- lapse** (läps) [L. *lapsus*, freq. of *labi*, to glide], *v.i.* To pass insensibly or by degrees; to fall into disuse; to make a slip, to fail in duty; to pass from one proprietor to another by omission, negligence, etc.; to become void. *n.* The act of lapsing, gliding, slipping, or gradually falling (away, from, etc.); the imperceptible passage of time; a slip, an error, a fault, deviation from what is right; a falling into disuse, neglect, decay, or ruin.
- lapwing** [A.-S. *hlæpewince*], *n.* A bird of the plover family, the peewit.
- larboard** (lar'bōrd, -bōrd) [M.E. *ladeborde*], *n.* The left side of a vessel to a person facing the bow; port.
- larceny** (lar'sé-nī) [A.-F. *larcin*, L. *latrocinium* (*latro*, a robber)], *n.* The unlawful taking away of another's personal goods, theft.
- larch** (larch) [L. *larix*], *n.* A coniferous tree having deciduous bright-green foliage, and tough, durable timber.
- lard** (lard) [L. *lardum*], *n.* The fat of hogs melted and separated from the flesh. *v.t.* To fatten; to smear with lard; to insert strips of bacon in before roasting; (*fig.*) to intermix (writing, talk), with foreign phrases, flowers of speech, etc.
- larder** (lar'dér) [as prec.], *n.* A room where meat and other provisions are kept.
- large** (larj) [L. *largus*], *a.* Great in size, number, quantity, extent, or capacity; big, bulky; extensive; ample, copious; liberal, lavish; wide in range, comprehensive. **at large**: At liberty, free; freely; with ample detail. **large-hearted**,



**a.** Having a liberal heart or disposition.  
**largely**, *adv.* To a large extent.  
**largess** (lar'jes) [F. *largesse*, as prec.], *n.* A present, a generous bounty; liberality.  
**largo** (lar'gō) [It.], *adv.* (*Mus.*) Slowly, broadly, in an ample, dignified style.  
**lariat** (lār'i-āt) [Sp. *la reata*, the rope], *n.* A rope for picketing horses in camp.  
**lark** (1) (lark) [A. S. *lærce*], *n.* A small British song-bird, the skylark. **larkspur**, *n.* A plant with spur-shaped calyx.  
**lark** (2) [?], *n.* A prank, a frolic. *v.i.* To sport, to frolic. **larky**, *a.*  
**larrikin** (lār'i-kin) [Austral.], *n.* A rowdy young hooligan.  
**larva** (lar'vā) [L., a ghost, mask], *n.* (pl. -væ) The first condition of an insect on its issuing from the egg, a caterpillar, maggot. **larval**, *a.*  
**larynx** (lār'inks) [Gr. *larunx*], *n.* (pl. -ynges) The vocal organ, consisting of the upper part of the windpipe, containing the vocal cords. **laryn'geal**, **laryn'gic**, *a.* Pertaining to the larynx. **laryngitis** (-j'itis), *n.* Inflammation of the larynx.  
**lascar** (lās'kār, lās-kar') [? Pers. *lashkari*, a soldier], *n.* An East Indian sailor employed on European vessels.  
**lascivious** (lā-siv'i-ūs) [L. *lascivus*, lustful], *a.* Lewd, wanton, lustful; exciting lust.  
**lash** (lāsh) [?], *n.* The flexible part of a whip; a scourge; a stroke with a whip; flogging; an eyelash; sarcasm, satire, vituperation. *v.t.* To flog with anything pliant and tough; to whip; to drive with a whip; to dash against; to bind with a rope or cord; to assail fiercely with satire. *v.i.* To use a whip; to strike, fling, or kick violently (at, out, etc.); to fling out sarcasm. **lashing**, *n.* A rope by which anything is secured; a flogging.  
**lass** (lās) [M. E. *lasee*], *n.* A young woman, a girl; a sweetheart. **lassie**, *n.*  
**lassitude** (lās'i-tūd) [L. *lassus*, weary], *n.* Weariness, lack of energy; languor.  
**lasso** (lās'ō) [O. Sp. *lazo*], *n.* A leather rope with a running noose, used for catching cattle, etc. *v.t.* To catch with a lasso.  
**last** (1) (last) [A. S. *latost*, *lætest*, superl. of *læt*, LATE], *a.* Coming after all others or at the end; closing, final; pertaining to the end; conclusive, definitive; utmost, lowest, meanest; only remaining; next before the present, most recent. *n.* The end; the last moment, hour, day, etc.; death; (*ellipt.*) the last thing done, mentioned, etc. *adv.* On or for the last time or occasion; after all others. *v.i.* To continue in existence; to hold out, to continue unexhausted or unimpaired, to endure. **lasting**, *a.* Continuing; enduring, permanent, durable. **lastly**, *adv.* At last; finally.  
**last** (2) [A. S. *lāst*, foot-track], *n.* A shaped block on which boots and shoes are fashioned.  
**latch** (läch) [A. S. *læccan*, to catch], *n.*

A fastening for a door, gate, etc. *v.t.* To fasten with a latch.  
**latchet** (läch'èt) [LACE, -ET], *n.* A string for a shoe or sandal.  
**late** (lät) [A. S. *læt*], *a.* Coming after the usual time; slow, backward, long delayed; far on towards the close; far on in any period or in development; far advanced; existing previously but not now; deceased; lately or recently alive, in office, etc.; recent in date. *adv.* After the proper or usual time; at or till a late hour, season.  
**lateen** (lā-tēn') [F. *latine*, LATIN], *n.* A triangular sail used in the Mediterranean.  
**latent** (lā'tēt) [L. *latens*, lying hid], *a.* Lying hid or concealed; not apparent; dormant, not active, potential. **latency**, *n.*  
**lateral** (lāt'ér-āl) [L. *latus*, side], *a.* Pertaining to, at, from, or towards the side.  
**lath** (lath) [A. S. *læth*], *n.* A thin strip of wood, such as is nailed to rafters to support tiles, or plastering. *v.t.* To cover or line with laths. **lathing**, *n.*  
**lathe** (lāth) [?], *n.* A machine for turning and polishing wood, ivory, metal, etc.  
**lather** (lāth'ér) [A. S. *læthor*], *n.* Froth or foam made by soap moistened with water, or caused by profuse sweating. *v.t.* To form a lather; to become covered with lather (of a horse). *v.t.* To cover with lather.  
**Latin** (lāt'in) [L. *Latīnus*, from *Latium*], *a.* Pertaining to ancient Latium or ancient Rome, the inhabitants, or their language, or to any of the derived languages. *n.* The Latin language. **Latinism**, *n.* **Latinist**, *n.* **latin'ity**, *n.* Quality of Latin style, idiom, or scholarship.  
**latitude** (lāt'i-tūd) [L. *lātītudo*, from *lātus*, broad], *n.* Breadth; extent, comprehensiveness; looseness of application or meaning; laxity, freedom from rule or restraint; extent of deviation from a standard; angular distance on a meridian, angular distance of a place north or south of the equator; (pl.) regions, climates.  
**latitudinar'ian**, *n.* One who does not attach great importance to dogmas. *a.* Wide in range or scope; free from prejudice, attaching little importance to speculative opinions; lax. **latitudinar'ianism**, *n.*  
**-latry** [Gr. *-latreia*, worship (-later, Gr. *-latrēs*, worshipper)], *comb. form.* As in *bibliolatry*, *idolatry*.  
**latten** (lāt'én) [O. F. *laton*], *n.* A finer kind of brass.  
**latter** (lāt'ér) [A. S. *lætra*, compar. of *læt*, LATE], *a.* Coming or happening after something else; last-mentioned; modern, present; lately done; second-mentioned; pertaining to the end of a period, life, the world, etc. **latter-day**: Modern.  
**lattice** (lāt'is) [O. F. *latis*, from *latte*, lath], *n.* A structure of laths or strips of metal crossing and forming open work. **lattice-window**, *n.* A window consisting of small (usu. diamond-shaped) panes set in strips of lead.  
**laud** (lawd) [L. *laudāre*, to praise], *v.t.* To

praise, celebrate, extol. *n.* Praise; thankful adoration; a song of praise; (*pl.*) the psalms immediately following matins. *laudable, a.* Praiseworthy, commendable. *laudation, n.* Praise.

**laudanum** (law'dá-núm) [?], *n.* Opium prepared in alcohol, tincture of opium.

**laugh** (laf) [A.-S. *hlehan*], *v.i.* To express amusement, scorn, or exultation by inarticulate sounds and convulsive movements of the face, etc.; to deride, scoff (at); to be or appear gay or sportive. *v.t.* To express by laughing; to utter with laughter; to move or affect by laughter. *n.* The action or manner of laughing; an explosion of laughter. *laughable, a.* Exciting laughter; comical, ridiculous. *laughing gas, n.* Nitrous oxide, used as an anæsthetic. *laughing-stock, n.* An object of ridicule; a butt. *laughter, n.*

**launch** (1) (lawñch, lanch) [O.F. *lancier*, to lance], *v.t.* To throw, to hurl; to cause (a vessel) to glide into the water; to start or set (a person, etc.) going; to fulminate. *v.i.* To be launched (of a ship); to put to sea; to enter on a new sphere; to expatiate. *n.* The act of launching a ship.

**launch** (2) (lawñch, lanch) [Sp. and Port. *lancha*], *n.* The largest boat belonging to a man-of-war; a pleasure-boat.

**laundress** (lawñdrés) [L. *lavanda*, things to be washed], *n.* A washerwoman; a woman who looks after chambers in the Inns of Court. **launder, v.t.** To wash and get up (linen). **laundry** (lawñdri), *n.* A place where clothes are washed.

**laureate** (law're-át) [L. *laurea*, a laurel-wreath], *a.* Crowned with laurel; eminent, distinguished, esp. as a poet; a Poet Laureate. **laureateship, n.**

**laurel** (lor'él) [F. *laurier*, L. *laurus*], *n.* A glossy-leaved evergreen shrub; its foliage. **laurelled, a.** Crowned with laurel.

**lava** (la'vá) [It., as *LAVE*], *n.* Molten matter flowing in streams from volcanic vents, or solidified by cooling.

**lavatory** (láv'a-tór-i) [L. *lavatōrium*, as foll.], *n.* A place for washing.

**lave** (láv) [A.-S. *laflan*, F. *laver*, L. *lavare*], *v.t.* To wash or flow against.

**lavender** (láv'en-dér) [A.-F. *lavendre*], *n.* A sweet-scented flowering shrub, cultivated for its oil which is used in perfumery; the colour of the flowers, a pale lilac.

**laver** (láv'ér) [as *LAVATORY*], *n.* A brazen vessel for the Jewish priests to wash in when they offered sacrifices.

**lavish** (láv'ish) [O.F. *lavache*, a deluge of words, as *LAVE*], *a.* Spending or giving with profusion; prodigal, unrestrained; existing or produced in profusion. *v.t.* To expend or bestow profusely.

**law** (law) [A.-S. *lagu*], *n.* A rule imposed by authority or accepted as binding; a system of such rules, its controlling influence, the condition of order and stability it secures; the practical application of these rules, esp. by litigation, judicial process, etc; jurisprudence; legal

knowledge; the legal profession; rules governing a profession, art, association, sport, etc.; a start or time allowance in a hunt or race. **lawgiver, n.** One who makes or enacts laws, a legislator. **law-lord, n.** A member of the House of Lords qualified to deal with the judicial business of the House. **lawsuit, n.** An action in a court of law. **lawful, a.** Conformable to or allowed by law; legitimate. **lawfulness, n.** **lawless, a.** Regardless of or unrestrained by the law, unbridled, illegal. **lawlessness, n.**

**lawn** (1) (lawn) [O.F. *launde*, from Celt.], *n.* A grassy space kept smooth and closely mown. **lawn-tennis, n.** A game resembling tennis, played on a lawn.

**lawn** (2) [*Laon*, a French town], *n.* A cotton or linen fabric, finer than cambric.

**lawyer** (law'yér) [LAW, -YER], *n.* One who practises law, esp. a solicitor.

**lax** (laks) [L. *laxus*], *a.* Loose, not tight, firm, or compact; not exact, not strict; negligent, careless; vague; relaxed in the bowels. **laxative, a.** Opening or loosening the bowels. *n.* A medicine to assist this. **laxity, n.**

**lay** (1) (lá) [A.-S. *leggan*], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* **laid**) To place in a prostrate or recumbent position; to drop (as eggs); to put down, to deposit; to wager; to dispose regularly, put in proper position; to spread; to prostrate; to overthrow; to cause to settle (as dust); to cause to be still, to calm; to exorcize; to bring into a certain state or position; to present; to impose, enjoin, inflict; to bring down (blows, etc., on); to plan, prepare; (*Mil.*) to point (a gun); (*Lit.*) to locate (a story, etc.). *v.i.* To deposit eggs; to wager. *n.* The direction or position in which something is situated; the direction the strands of a rope are twisted; (*slang*) occupation, job. **laying, n.**

**lay** (2) [Gr. *laikos*, from *laos*, the people], *a.* Pertaining to the people as distinct from the clergy; non-professional, esp. with reference to lawyers and doctors. **lay brother or sister:** A monk or nun engaged in manual labour and exempt from other duties. **layman, n.** One of the people, as distinguished from the clergy.

**lay** (3) [O.F. *lai*], *n.* A lyric; a short narrative poem for singing or recitation.

**layer** (lá'ér) [LAY (1), -ER], *n.* One who or that which lays; a thickness of anything spread out (usu. one of several), a stratum; a shoot laid partly beneath the surface so that it may take root.

**layette** (lá-et') [F.], *n.* The outfit for a baby.

**lay figure** (lá'fig'úr) [*lay*, from Dut. *leeman*, joint-man (*lid*, joint)], *n.* A jointed figure of the human body used by artists for hanging drapery on, etc.

**lazar** (láz'ár) [*Lazarus* (Luke xvi. 20)], *n.* A leper. **lazar-house, n.** A lazaretto.

**lazaretto** (láz-á-ret'ò) [It. as prec.], *n.* A hospital; a place of quarantine.

**lazy** (lá'zi) [?], *a.* Idle, disinclined for



work or exertion; disposing to sloth. **lazy-bones**, *n.* A lazy fellow, an idler. **laziness**, *n.*

**-le**, *suf.* Forming diminutives of nouns, as *bramble*, *kitlle*; frequentatives or diminutives of verbs, as *crumple*, *dwindle*, *nestle*, *nibble*, *waddle*; nouns denoting an instrument or agent, as *beadle*, *girdle*, *needle*; adjectives, as *brittle*, *idle*.

**lea** (lē) [A.-S.], *n.* A meadow; grass-land; land left untilled, fallow land.

**lead** (1) (led) [A.-S. *lēad*], *n.* A soft malleable and ductile, bluish-grey, heavy metal; a thin plate of type-metal used to separate lines in printing; blacklead used in lead-pencils; (*pl.*) strips of lead used for covering a roof; a roof covered with lead; a plummet. *v.t.* To cover, fasten, weight, frame, or fit with lead; (*Print.*) to space out by inserting leads. **lead-pencil**, *n.* A pencil consisting of a slip of graphite enclosed in wood. **leadsmen**, *n.* (*Naut.*) The sailor who heaves the lead in sounding. **leaden**, *a.* Made of lead; slow, indisposed to action.

**lead** (2) (lēd) [A.-S. *lēdan*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* *led*) To conduct, to guide; to direct the movements of, to be in command of; to take the first place among; to indicate, esp. by going in advance; to pass or spend (time, etc.); to begin a round at cards with. *v.i.* To act as conductor or guide; to go in advance; to be the commander or head in any undertaking; (*Cards*) to be the first player, to play in a specified way; to go towards, to extend; to tend (to) as a result. *n.* Guidance, direction, esp. by going in front; the first place, command, leadership; an example; a mill-race; a cord, strap, or chain for leading a dog; (*Cards*) the first play or the right to this. **leader**, *n.* One who or that which leads; a guide, conductor; a commander; a chief editorial article in a newspaper. **leading**, *a.* **leading-strings**, *n.pl.* Strings by which children were formerly supported when learning to walk; unnecessary or unwanted control. **leadership**, *n.*

**leaf** (lēf) [A.-S. *lēaf*], *n.* (*pl.* *leaves*) One of the expanded (usually lateral) organs of plants; anything resembling this; a sheet of paper comprising two pages; a thin sheet of metal, a hinged member of a table, door, shutter, etc. **leaf-mould**, *n.* Decayed leaves reduced to mould and used as compost. **leafless**, *a.* **leaflet**, *n.* A one-page handbill, circular, etc.

**league** (1) (lēg) [L. *ligāre*, to tie], *n.* A union for mutual help, protection, or pursuit of common interests; a treaty of alliance. *v.i.* To join in a league, to confederate.

**league** (2) [?], *n.* A measure of length (in Eng. 3 miles).

**leak** (lēk) [Teut.], *v.i.* To let water, etc. in or out through a hole; to ooze through a hole or fissure. *n.* A hole which admits water, etc.; the oozing of water or other fluid through a crevice. **leakage**, *n.*

**leal** (lēl) [A.-F., as *LOYAL*], *a.* Loyal, true. **lean** (1) (lēn) [A.-S. *hlīnian*], *v.i.* (*past and p.p.* *leaned or leant*, *lent*) To incline, slope, slant; to incline one's body so as to rest (against or upon); (*fig.*) to depend (upon) as for support; to have a tendency (towards). *v.t.* To cause to incline; to support, to rest (upon or against). **leaning**, *n.* Inclination, partiality, propensity (towards or to).

**lean** (2) [A.-S. *hlāene*], *a.* Thin, lank; consisting of muscular tissue (of meat); (*fig.*) meagre, poor; sterile; unprofitable. *n.* Meat that consists of muscular tissue without fat. **leanly**, *adv.* **leanness**, *n.*

**leap** (lēp) [A.-S. *hlēapan*], *v.i.* (*past and p.p.* *leapt*, *lept*, *leaped*) To jump, to spring; to rush, to dart; to pass over an interval. *v.t.* To jump or spring over or across; to cause to jump. *n.* Act of leaping; a jump, a bound; the space passed over by leaping; a sudden transition. **leap-frog**, *n.* A game in which one stoops down and another vaults over him. **leap year**: An intercalary year of 366 days, adding one day to February (every year the number of which is a multiple of four, except those divisible by 100 and not by 400).

**learn** (lērn) [A.-S. *leornian*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* *learnt*, *learned* (1), *lérnd*) To acquire knowledge of or skill in by study, etc.; to fix in the memory; to ascertain. *v.i.* To acquire knowledge; to receive instruction. **learned** (2) (lér'néd), *a.* Having acquired learning; skilful (in); erudite; scholarly. **learnedly**, *adv.* **learner**, *n.* **learning**, *n.* Act of learning; knowledge (esp. of literature, philology, and history); erudition.

**lease** (lēs) [A.-F. *lessor*, as *LAX*], *v.t.* To grant or to hold (land or tenements) on lease. *n.* A letting of lands, etc., for a specified period; the contract for or the term of such letting. **leasehold**, *n.* Tenure by lease; property held by lease. *a.* Held thus. **leaseholder**, *n.*

**leash** (lēsh) [O.F. *lesse*, as *LAX*], *n.* A thong for a hound or hawk; (*Sport*) a brace and a half, three.

**least** (lēst) [A.-S. *lēast*, superl. of *læs*, *LESS*], *a.* Smallest (in size, amount, degree, quantity, value, importance, etc.). *adv.* In the smallest or slightest degree. *n.* The smallest amount, degree, etc.

**leather** (lēth'ér) [A.-S. *lether*], *n.* The tanned skin of an animal; dressed hides collectively; an article made of leather. **leathern**, *a.* **leathery**, *a.*

**leave** (1) (lēv) [A.-S. *lēaf*], *n.* Liberty; permission to be absent; the period of this; act of departing, a farewell, an adieu. **leave-taking**, *n.* A parting; a farewell.

**leave** (2) [A.-S. *lēfan*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* *left*) To allow to remain; to bequeath; to refrain from removing, consuming, etc.; to depart from, to quit; to forsake, abandon; to desist from, to cease; to commit, refer for consideration, approval, etc. *v.i.* To depart; to discontinue.

**leaving**, *n.* Act of departing; (*pl.*) residue, refuse.

**leaven** (levn) [F. *levain*], *n.* Fermenting dough; any substance used to cause fermentation; (*fig.*) an influence tending to cause a general change. *v.t.* To raise and make light with leaven; (*fig.*) to imbue, to taint.

**lecher** (lech'er) [O.F. *lecheor*], *n.* One addicted to lewdness. **lecherous**, *a.* **lechery**, *n.*

**lectern** (lek'tern) [O.F. *letrun*, from L. *lect-*, p.p. stem of *legere*, to read], *n.* A reading-desk, esp. in churches.

**lecture** (lek'chür) [as **LECTERN**], *n.* A formal discourse on a subject before an audience or class; a reproof. *v.i.* To deliver a lecture or give instruction by means of lectures. *v.t.* To instruct by lectures; to reprimand. **lecturer**, *n.* **lectureship**, *n.*

**ledge** (lej) [?], *n.* A shelf; a shelf-like ridge; (*Mining*) a metal-bearing stratum.

**ledger** (lej'er) [?], *n.* The principal book in a set of account-books, showing all the debits and credits.

**lee** (lē) [A.-S. *hlæo*, shelter], *n.* The quarter opposite to that against which the wind blows; the sheltered side; shelter. *a.* Pertaining to the side away from the wind. **lee-way**, *n.* The drift of a vessel to leeward of her course; (*fig.*) arrears; lost time.

**leech** (lēch) [A.-S. *læce*, rel. to *læcnian*, to heal], *n.* An aquatic invertebrate animal, largely employed for the local extraction of blood; <sup>a</sup> a physician.

**leek** (lēk) [A.-S. *læac*], *n.* A culinary vegetable allied to the onion.

**leer** (lēr) [A.-S. *hlæor*, the cheek], *n.* A sly or arch look; a look expressive of malice, amorosness, or triumph. *v.i.* To look with a leer.

**lees** (lēz) [O.F. *lie*], *n.pl.* Dregs.

**leeward** (loo'ard) [LEE, -WARD], *a.* Pertaining to the part away from that against which the wind blows. *adv.* Towards the lee side. *n.* The lee side or direction.

**left** (left) [A.-S. *left*, *lyft*, weak, worthless], *a.* Pertaining to the side that is east when one faces south, opp. to right. *adv.* On or towards the left. *n.* The side opposite to the right; the opposition (sitting on the left of the president in a legislative assembly), the advanced or radical party. **left-handed**, *a.* Using the left hand more readily than the right; delivered with the left hand (of a blow); (*fig.*) awkward, clumsy; insincere; equivocal; morganatic (of marriages).

**leg** (leg) [Icel. *leggr*], *n.* A limb to walk with, esp. the part from the knee to the ankle; the part of a garment that covers the leg; anything resembling or used as a leg, as a support to a table, bedstead, chair, etc., a limb of a pair of dividers, etc.

**leg-bail**, *n.* Escape from custody.

**legacy** (leg'á-si) [O.F. *legacie*, as **LEGATE**], *n.* A bequest; anything handed on by a predecessor.

**legal** (lē'gál) [F. *legal*, L. *lex legis*, law], *a.* Pertaining or according to law; lawful; appointed by or concerned with the law.

**legalist**, *n.* **legal'ity**, *n.* **legalize**, *v.t.*

**legate** (leg'át) [O.F. *legat*, L. *légatus*, appointed], *n.* An ambassador from the Pope.

**legatee** (leg-á-tē) [as *prec.*], *n.* One to whom a legacy is bequeathed.

**legation** (lē-gá'shün) [as **LEGATE**], *n.* A diplomatic representative and his suite; his official residence.

**legato** (lē-gá'tō) [It., bound], *adv.* (*Mus.*) In an even gliding manner without a break.

**legend** (lej'end) [L. *legenda*, that which is to be read], *n.* A traditional story, esp. popularly accepted as true; a myth, a fable; non-historical story-telling or literature, an inscription on a coat of arms, coin, etc. **legendary**, *a.*

**legerdmain** (lej-ér-dé-mán') [F. light of hand], *n.* Sleight of hand.

**legging** (leg'ing) [LEG, -ING], *n.* A covering of leather, canvas, etc., for the leg.

**legible** (lej'ibl) [L. *legibilis* (*legere*, to read)], *a.* That may be read, easily decipherable. **legibility**, *n.* **legibly**, *adv.*

**legion** (lē'jón) [L. *legio*], *n.* A division of the ancient Roman army (3,000 to 6,000 men), a military force; (*fig.*) a host, multitude. **legionary**, *a.*

**legislate** (lej'is-lät) [L. *lex. legis*, law], *v.i.* To enact a law or laws. **legislation**, *n.* The act of making laws. **legislative**, *a.* Enacting laws; having power to legislate; pertaining to legislation. *n.* The legislative power or function. **legislator**, *n.*

**legitimate** (lē-jit'i-mät) [as *prec.*], *a.* Lawful; properly authorized; born in wedlock, legally descended; regular, natural; conformable to accepted usage; following by logical sequence. *v.t.* (-mät) To make lawful; to render legitimate; to justify, to serve as justification for. **legitimacy**, *n.* **legitimately**, *adv.* **legitimize**, *v.t.* To render legitimate.

**leguminous**, *a.* Pertaining to the order of peas, beans, pulse, etc.

**leisure** (lez'hür) [O.F. *leisir*, L. *licēre*, to be allowed], *n.* Freedom from business, etc.; time at one's disposal; opportunity, convenience. *a.* Unoccupied, free. **leisured**, *a.* **leisurely**, *a.* and *adv.*

**lemming** (lem'ing) [Norw.], *n.* A small migratory rodent allied to the rat.

**lemon** (lem'on) [F. *limon*, Oriental in orig.], *n.* An acid orange-like fruit; the tree bearing this.

**lemur** (lē'mür, lem'ür) [L. a ghost], *n.* A genus of nocturnal animals allied to the monkeys.

**lend** (lend) [A.-S. *lænan*], *v.i.* (*past and p.p. lent*) To grant for temporary use; to let out (money) at interest. **lender**, *n.*

**length** (length) [A.-S. *lengthu*], *n.* Measure from end to end, as dist. from breadth or thickness; a definite portion of the linear extent of anything; state of



being long; extent of time, duration; the distance anything extends; the quantity of a vowel or syllable. **lengthen**, *v.t.* To make long or longer; to extend; to protract; *v.i.* To grow longer. **lengthways**, *adv.* **lengthwise**, *adv.* and *a.* **lengthy**, *a.* Long and tedious; prolix.

**lenient** (lén'ni-ént) [L. *leniens*, soothing], *a.* Mild, gentle; clement. **leniency**, *n.*

**lens** (lénz) [L. seed of lentil], *n.* (*pl.* **lenses**) A piece of a transparent substance (or combination of such), so curved as to diminish or increase the apparent size of objects viewed through it; the crystalline body through which rays are focused on the retina.

**Lent** (lent) [A.-S. *lencten*, spring], *n.* A fast of forty days, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Eve; a season of penitence and fasting. **lenten**, *a.* Pertaining to Lent; sparing, meagre.

**-lent**, *suf.* Full, as in *corpulent*, *opulent*.

**lentil** (lén'til) [as **LENS**], *n.* A small branching leguminous plant; (*pl.*) the seeds of this plant used for food.

**lento** (lén'tó) [It.], *adv.* (*Mus.*) Slowly.

**leonine** (lé'ó-nín) [L. *leo*], *a.* Pertaining to or like a lion.

**leopard** (lep'árd) [Gr. *leopardos* (**LION**, **PARD**)], *n.* A large, fierce mammal of the cat tribe, with a spotted coat.

**leper** (lep'é'r) [Gr. *lepos*, scale], *n.* One affected with leprosy.

**leprosy** (lep'ró-si) [as **LEPER**], *n.* A chronic disease, usually characterized by shining tubercles, thickening of the skin, loss of feeling, and ulceration and decay of parts. **leprous**, *a.*

**lesion** (lé'zhún) [F. *lésion*, from L. *lædere*, to injure], *n.* A hurt, injury; morbid change in a tissue, etc.

**less** (les) [A.-S.], *a.* Smaller (in size, extent, number, amount, degree, importance, rank, etc.). *prep.* Minus, with deduction of. *adv.* In a smaller or lower degree; not so much. *n.* A smaller quantity, etc.; the smaller, the junior etc., of things compared. *conj.* Unless.

**-less** [A.-S. *lēas*, loose, free from], *suf.* Devoid of, free from; as in *fearless*, *godless*, *tireless*.

**lessee** (lé-sē') [A.-F., **LEASE**], *n.* One to whom a lease is granted. **lesseeship**, *n.*

**lessen** (les'é'n) [**LESS**, **-EN**], *v.t.* To make less or diminish in size, number, etc.; to reduce, depreciate, degrade. *v.i.* To become less in size, extent, degree, etc.; to decrease, shrink. **lesser**, *a.* Less, smaller; inferior.

**lesson** (les'ón) [O.F. *lecon*, as **LECTURE**], *n.* An exercise done, or portion learnt, read or recited by a pupil to a teacher; instruction given to a pupil at one time; (*pl.*) a course of instruction; a portion of Scripture read during divine service. *v.t.* To teach; to discipline; to admonish.

**lessor** (les'ór) [as **LEASE**], *n.* One who grants a lease.

**lest** (lest) [A.-S. *lēas*], *conj.* For fear that; in order that not.

**let** (1) (let) [A.-S. *létan*], *v.t.* To permit, to allow; to give leave to; to lease; to give out on contract. *v.i.* To be let or leased. *n.* A letting.

**let** (2) [A.-S. *lettan*], *\*v.t.* To hinder, impede, prevent. *n.* *\*A* hindrance, obstacle; (*Rackets*, etc.) a stoppage requiring the ball to be served again.

**-let**, *suf.* Diminutive, as in *bracelet*, *culet*.

**lethal** (lé'thál) [L. *lêthâlis*, from *lêtum*, death], *a.* Deadly, fatal.

**lethargy** (lêth'ár-ji) [Gr. *lêthargos*, forgetting], *n.* Morbid drowsiness; a state of torpor, apathy, or inactivity **lethargic**, **-al**, *a.*

**letter** (lê'tér) [L. *littera*], *n.* A mark representing a sound in speech; one of the characters in the alphabet; a written message; the precise meaning of a term, etc., dist. from the spirit; (*pl.*) literature, literary culture; learning. *v.t.* To impress or stamp with letters. **letter-book**, *n.* A book in which copies of letters are kept. **letter-card**, *n.* A folded card with gummed edges for sending by post as a letter. **letter-perfect**, *a.* Having learnt one's part thoroughly (of actors). **letterpress**, *n.* Printed matter other than illustrations. **lettered**, *a.* Marked with letters; learned; pertaining to or suited for literature or learning. **lettering**, *n.*

**lettuce** (lê'tis) [M.E. *letuce*], *n.* A crisp-leaved garden plant used in salads.

**Levant** (lé-vánt') [F., from It. *levante*, L. *levantem*, nom. -*vans*, pres. p. of *levâre*, to raise], *n.* The eastern coasts of the Mediterranean. *v.i.* To abscond, to run away, esp. with gambling liabilities undischarged. **Levantine**, *a.*

**levee** (lev'éi) [F. *levé* or *lever*, rising, as *prec.*], *n.* A morning reception held by a sovereign or prince, or his representative. **level** (levl) [L. *libella*, dim. of *libra*, a level], *n.* A horizontal line or plane; an instrument for determining whether a surface, etc., is horizontal; the altitude of a point or surface; level country; (*fig.*) the standard in a community as regards morality, culture, etc.; (*Mining*) a horizontal passage. *a.* Horizontal, even, flat; equal in rank or degree; (*fig.*) equable, well-balanced. *v.t.* To make horizontal; to bring to the same level; to make smooth or even; to point (a gun) in taking aim; to aim, to direct (an attack, satire, etc.); to raze, make level (with the ground), to knock down; to bring to an equality. **level-headed**, *a.* Sensible, shrewd, common-sense. **leveller**, *n.* One who or that which levels; one who wishes to destroy all social distinctions.

**lever** (lé'vèr) [O.F. *leveor* (*lever*, to raise)], *n.* A rigid bar having a fixed point (*fulcrum*), used to overcome resistance (or weight) at some part of the bar by means of a force (or power) applied at another part; a part of a machine acting on the same principle; a watch in which two levers connect the pallet and balance,

(fig.) anything that brings power or influence to bear. *v.t.* To move or lift with or as with a lever. **leverage**, *n.*  
**leveret** (lev'ér-ét) [O.F. *levrete*], *n.* A hare in its first year.

**leviathan** (lè-vi'á-thán) [Heb. *livyáthán*], *n.* A huge aquatic monster; a huge ship.

**Levite** (lè'vit) [Heb. *Lévi*, son of Jacob], *n.* One of the tribe of Levi, esp. as assistants to the priests; (*fig.*) a priest. **Levitical**, *a.* Pertaining to the Levites or to the book of Leviticus.

**levity** (lev'i-ti) [L. *levis*, light], *n.* Lightness of disposition, conduct, or manner; want of seriousness, frivolity.

**levy** (lev'i) [F. *levée*, L. *levāre*, to raise], *n.* Act of raising or collecting for public service; that which is so raised; troops called out for military service. *v.t.* To raise, to collect together (as an army); to impose and collect (as a tax). **leviable**, *a.*

**lewd** (lūd) [A.-S. *læwede*, belonging to the laity], *a.* Unchaste, indecent; depraved.

**lexicon** (lek'si-kón) [Gr. *lexikos*, pertaining to words], *n.* A dictionary.

**liable** (li'ábl) [?], *a.* Bound in law or equity; responsible (for); subject (to); exposed (to); tending, apt, or likely (to). **liability**, *n.* State of being liable; that for which one is liable; (*pl.*) debts.

**liaison** (li-á'són) [F., from L. *ligātiōnem*, nom. -tio, from *ligāre*, to bind], *n.* An illicit intimacy between a man and woman; (*Phon.*) the carrying on of the sound of a final consonant to a succeeding word beginning with a vowel or *h* mute. **liaison-officer**, *n.* One who correlates the movements of troops under different commands.

**liar** (li'ár) [LIE (1)], *n.* One who knowingly utters falsehoods; one addicted to lying.

**libation** (li-bá'shún) [L. *libāre*, to pour out], *n.* A sacrifice, by a drink-offering or by pouring oil or wine on the ground.

**libel** (li'bél) [L. *libellus*, a little book], *n.* A defamatory publication containing malicious statements tending to bring any person into ridicule or disrepute; a lampoon, satire. *v.t.* To publish a libel upon; to defame or lampoon. **libellous**, *a.*

**liberal** (lib'ér-ál) [L. *liber*, free], *a.* Generous, open-handed; ample, abundant; open, candid; not too strict, narrow, or literal; broad-minded; favourable to freedom and democratic government; not technical, tending to free mental development (of education). *n.* One who advocates progress and reform. **liberalism**, *n.* **liberality**, *n.* The quality of being liberal; bounty, munificence; largeness of views, catholicity; freedom from prejudice. **liberally**, *adv.*

**liberate** (lib'ér-át) [L. *liberāre*, as *prec.*], *v.t.* To set at liberty. **liberation**, *n.* **liberator**, *n.*

**libertine** (lib'ér-tin) [L. *libertinus*, a freed-man], *n.* A freethinker in religious matters; a debauchee, a profligate.

**liberty** (lib'ér-ti) [L. *libertas*, from *liber*, free], *n.* Quality or state of being free; right of self-government, to act as one pleases, or to do a particular thing; permission granted to do any act; (*pl.*) rights or privileges enjoyed by grant or prescription; a place where certain privileges or immunities are enjoyed; a slight of decorum or courtesy.

**libidinous** (li-bid'i-nūs) [L. *libido*, lust], *a.* Characterized by lewdness, lustful.

**librarian** (li-brá'ri-án) [as *foli.*], *n.* One who has charge of a library.

**library** (li'brár-i) [L. *librārius*, pertaining to books, from *liber*, book], *n.* A collection of books, esp. classified and catalogued; a room or series of rooms containing such a collection.

**libretto** (li-bret'tó) [It., dim. of *libro*, book], *n.* (*pl.* -ti) The words of an opera, etc.; a book containing such words. **librettist**, *n.* A libretto-writer.

**licence** (li'séns) [L. *licentia*, from *licēre*, to be allowed], *n.* Leave, permission, esp. consent granted by a constituted authority (as to marry, publish a book, produce a play, carry on a business, etc.); a document containing such permission; a certificate of competence issued by an examining body; unrestrained liberty of action, disregard of law or propriety; abuse of freedom; deviation from the ordinary rules. **licensee**, *v.t.* To authorize by granting a licence; to allow, permit, to allow entire freedom. **licensee'**, *n.* One who holds a licence. **licenser**, *n.* **licentiate**, *n.* One holding a certificate of competence in some profession.

**licentious** (li-sen'shūs) [as *prec.*], *a.* Dissolute, profligate; unrestrained by rule. **licentiousness**, *n.*

**lich** (lich) [A.-S. *lic*], *n.* A corpse. **lichgate**, *n.* A churchyard gate with a roof under which a coffin may be placed.

**lichen** (li'kén) [Gr. *leichen*], *n.* A parasitic fungus covering rocks, tree-trunks, etc., with coloured crusts.

**lick** (lik) [A.-S. *liccian*], *v.t.* To pass the tongue over; to take in with the tongue; to pass lightly over (of flame, etc.); (*slang*) to flog, beat, surpass. *v.i.* To make a licking motion (of flames). *n.* The act of licking; a slight smear (as of paint).

**lid** (lid) [A.-S. *hlid*], *n.* A hinged or detachable cover for shutting a vessel, box, or aperture; an eyelid.

**lie** (1) (li) [A.-S. *lēogan*], *v.i.* To say or write anything intending to deceive; to deceive. *n.* An intentional violation of the truth; a false statement deliberately made; (*fig.*) a deception, imposture.

**lie** (2) [A.-S. *licgan*], *v.i.* (*pres. p. lying, past lay, p.p. lain*). To place oneself in a reclining posture; to be situated in a specified direction; to sleep, lodge, encamp (at a specified place); to rest, to remain; to be, to reside, in a specified state, position, etc.; (*Law*) to be sustainable (of an action, etc.). *n.* Position, direction, manner of lying; lair,



**lief** (lēf) [A.-S. *lēof*, cogn. with LOVE], *adv.* Willingly, gladly, freely.

**liege** (lē) [O.F. *lige*], *n.* A lord, a sovereign.

**lien** (lē'en) [L. *ligamen*, a band], *n.* (*Law*) A right to detain the goods of another until some claim has been satisfied.

**lieu** (lū) [F.], *n.* Place, stead, room.

**lieutenant** (lē-ten'ant) [F.], *n.* An officer acting as deputy to a superior; (*Mil.*) an officer next below a captain, (*Nav.*) below a commander. **lieutenancy**, *n.*

**life** (lif) [A.-S. *lif*], *n.* (*pl. lives*) State or condition of being alive, animate existence, the period of this, a specified portion of a person's existence, the living form; (*collect.*) living things; manner or course of living, animating principle, the essential idea (of a movement, etc.); animation, vivacity, spirit; that which imparts animation, human affairs; a narrative of one's existence, a biography.

**life-annuity**, *n.* A sum paid yearly to a person from a specified age to death.

**life-belt**, *n.* A belt for supporting a person in the water.

**life-boat**, *n.* A boat specially constructed for saving life in storms.

**life-guard**, *n.* A guard appointed to protect the person of some one, esp. a sovereign.

**life-interest**, *n.* An interest or estate terminating with the life of a person.

**life-line**, *n.* A rope used for saving life, or as an additional safeguard.

**livelong**, *a.* Lasting throughout life.

**life-preserver**, *n.* A loaded stick for defending one's life.

**lifetime**, *n.* The duration of one's life.

**lifeless**, *a.* **life-like**, *a.* Like a living being; like the original (of a portrait).

**lift** (lift) [Icel.], *v.t.* To raise to a higher position; to hold or support on high, to pick up; to remove (anxiety, etc.); to exalt, elate. *v.i.* To rise (as a ship on the waves); to rise and disperse (as a mist). *n.* Act of lifting; degree of elevation; a rise, a hoisting-machine, an elevator; a helping hand.

**ligament** (lig'à-mént) [L. *ligamentum*], *n.* Anything which binds; a tie; a band of fibrous tissue by which bones are bound together.

**lig'ature**, *n.* That which binds, esp. a thread to tie arteries, etc.; a bond; (*Print.*) two or more letters cast on one shank, as *ff*, *fi*; (*Mus.*) a tie connecting notes.

**light** (1) (lit) [A.-S. *leoht*], *n.* The natural agent by which objects are rendered visible; the sensation produced by the stimulation of the sight; the state in which things are visible, opp. to darkness; (*fig.*) one's fair opportunities, one's chances; a source of light; daylight; a window, or division of a window; (*fig.*) exposure, general knowledge; elucidation, enlightenment; a model, example; (*pl.*) one's intellectual powers. *a.* Having light; clear, not dark; pale-coloured, fair. *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* **lit**, **lighted**) To kindle, set fire to; to give light to; to conduct with a light. *v.i.* To take fire; to be

illuminated; to brighten (up).

**light-house**, *n.* A tower supporting a powerful light for the guidance of mariners.

**light-ship**, *n.* A moored vessel carrying a light to give warning or guidance.

**light** (2) (lit) [A.-S. *leoht*], *a.* Of small weight; easy to be lifted, moved, etc.; lightly armed (of troops); active, quick; of low specific gravity; below the standard weight; unimportant, trivial; flighty, volatile, fickle; wanton, cheerful, gay.

**light-fingered**, *a.* Dexterous in stealing; given to thieving.

**light-headed**, *a.* Delirious, thoughtless.

**light-heeled**, *a.* Nimble, quick-moving, light-footed.

**light-minded**, *a.* Fickle, unsteady, volatile.

**light-weight**, *n.* A horse or man below the average weight; a boxer of 135 lb. or under.

**lightness**, *n.*

**light** (3) (lit) [*lihtan*], *v.i.* To descend as from light; to chance (upon).

**lighten** (1) (l'ten) [A.-S. *leohtan*], *v.i.* To become light, to brighten; to emit lightning, to shine out. *v.t.* To illuminate, enlighten.

**lighten** (2) (l'ten) [LIGHT (2), -EN], *v.t.* To reduce in weight; to relieve, mitigate, alleviate.

**lighter** (l'ter) [?], *n.* A large, open boat, used in loading and unloading ships, a heavy barge.

**lightning** (lit'ning) [LIGHTEN (1), -ING], *n.* The flash caused by the discharge of electricity between clouds.

**lightning-rod**, *n.* A wire for carrying the electrical discharge to earth, thus protecting a building, etc.

**lights** (lits) [LIGHT (2)], *n.pl.* The lungs of animals, esp. as food for cats, etc.

**lightsome** (lit'sóm) [LIGHT (2), -SOME], *a.* Light-hearted, gay; airy, nimble.

**ligneous** (lig'né-ús) [L. *lignum*, wood], *a.* Made or consisting of wood; resembling wood, woody.

**like** (1) (lik) [A.-S. *lic*], *a.* Resembling; such as; equal or nearly equal in quantity, quality, etc.; characteristic of; inclined to. *adv.* As, in the manner of, to the same extent or degree as. *n.* A counterpart.

**like** (2) (lik) [A.-S. *lician*, as prec.], *v.t.* To be pleased with; to be attracted by; to enjoy. *v.i.* To be pleased; to choose. *n.* A longing desire; predilection (*usu.* in *pl.*).

**likeable**, *a.*

**-like**, *sup.* Forming adjectives; as in *childlike*; adverbs, as in *childlike she replied*.

**likely** (lik'li) [LIKE (1), -LY], *a.* (-lier, -liest) Probable, plausible; to be expected (to); suitable, well-adapted. *adv.* Probably.

**likelihood**, *n.*

**liken** (l'kén) [LIKE (1), -EN], *v.t.* To compare, to represent as similar (to).

**likeness** (lik'nés) [LIKE (1), -NESS], *n.* Similarity, resemblance; a representation of a person or thing; form, guise.

**likewise** (lik'wíz) [LIKE (1), -WISE], *adv.* or *conj.* In like manner; also, moreover, too.

**liking** (lī'king) [LIKE (2), -ING], *n.* State of being pleased; fondness, fancy.

**lilac** (lī'lāk) [Arab. *līlāk*], *n.* A shrub with fragrant pale violet, purple, or white flowers. *a.* Of the colour of lilac.

**Lilliputian** (lī-lī-pū'shan) [*Lilliput* in Swift's "Gulliver's Travels"], *a.* Pigmy, diminutive. *n.* A pigmy.

**lilt** (lilt) [M.E. *lulle*], *v.* To sing in cheerful, lively style. *n.* A lively tune; the melody or rhythm of a song.

**lily** (lī'lī) [A.-S. *lilie*, L. *lilium*], *n.* A plant producing white or coloured flowers of great beauty. *a.* Pure white; unsullied.

**limb** (lim) [A.-S. *lim*], *n.* An arm, leg, or wing; a main branch of a tree; a member, a branch; an impish child.

**limber** (1) (līm'ber) [F. *limonière*], *n.* The wheels, ammunition-box, axle, and pole of a gun-carriage. *v.* To attach the limber to the gun (usu. with *up*).

**limber** (2) (?), *a.* Flexible, lithe.

**limbo** (līm'bō) [L., abl. of *limbus*, as LIMB], *n.* The edge of hell, the abode of souls who, through no fault of their own, cannot be redeemed; prison.

**lime** (1) (lim) [A.-S. *lim*], *n.* A calcareous earth used for making mortar, for manure, etc.; bird-lime. *v.t.* To smear with bird-lime; to ensnare; to spread lime over (land); to dress (hides) in lime and water. **lime-kiln**, *n.* A kiln in which limestone is calcined and reduced to lime.

**limelight**, *n.* A light produced by projecting a jet of ignited hydrogen and oxygen upon a ball of lime; (*fig.*) the glare of publicity. **limestone**, *n.* Any rock the basis of which is carbonate of lime.

**lime** (2) [as LINDEN], *n.* The linden-tree.

**lime** (3) [Arab. *limah* (cp. LEMON)], *n.* The fruit of a West Indian tree, smaller and more acid than the lemon.

**limit** (līm'it) [L. *limes*, -mitis], *n.* A boundary or edge marking utmost extent; a restraint, check; that which has bounds. *v.t.* To set a bound to; to confine within certain bounds; to serve as boundary or restriction to. **limitation**, *n.*

**limn** (lim) [O.F. *luminer*, to illumine], *v.t.* To paint, depict, portray.

**limp** (limp) (?), *v.i.* To walk lamely; to be irregular (of verse, logic, etc.). *n.* Act of limping; a limping step or walk. *a.* Wanting in stiffness, flaccid, pliable.

**limpet** (lim'pét) [A.-S., *lempedu*], *n.* A shellfish having an open conical shell, adhering firmly to rocks.

**limpid** (līm'pid) [L. *limpidus*], *a.* Clear, transparent; perspicuous. **limpid'ity**, *n.*

**linch-pin** (linch'pin) [A.-S. *lynis*, an axle-tree, PIN], *n.* A pin holding a wheel on the axle.

**linden** (līn'dén) [A.-S. *lind*], *n.* The lime-tree.

**line** (1) (lin) [L. *linea* (from *linum*, flax), through A.-S. *line*], *n.* A thread, string, (*Naut.*) rope; a cable for telegraph or telephone or the route traversed; (*fig.*) a rule or direction; (*pl.*) one's lot in life; a thread-like mark; a streak, seam, furrow, etc.;

the equator; (*fig.*) a scheme, design; a limit, boundary; a row of letters, words, men, or other objects; (*colloq.*) a short letter; a single verse of poetry; (*pl.*) a schoolboy's imposition; (*pl.*) a certificate of marriage; a series of trenches, etc.; row of men ranged as in order of battle; infantry regiments apart from the Guards, engineers, supply corps, etc.; persons related in direct descent, family, lineage; ships, etc., plying between certain places or under one management; a railway track; a railway system; a certain branch of business, a certain class of goods; (*fig.*) field of activity; the twelfth part of an inch. *v.t.* To draw lines upon; to mark (in, off, etc.) with lines; to spread out or post (troops) in line. *v.i.* To come or extend into line; to form a line beside or along (of troops).

**line** (2) [A.-S. *lin*, flax], *n.* The fine long fibre of flax separated from the tow.

**line** (3) (lin) [from prec.], *v.t.* To put a covering of different material on the inside of; to serve as such a covering; to fill.

**liner** (1), *n.* One who makes or fits linings; a lining of a cylinder. **lining**, *n.* The covering of the inside of anything.

**lineage** (lin'e-aj) [O.F. *lignage*], *n.* Descendants from a common progenitor; pedigree.

**lineal** (lin'e-ál) [F. *lineal*, as LINE (1)], *a.* Ascending or descending in the direct line of ancestry. **lineally**, *adv.*

**lineament** (lin'e-á-mént) [F. *lintement*, as LINE (1)], *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) Characteristic lines or features, contour.

**linear** (lin'e-ár) [L. *lineāris*, as prec.], *a.* Composed of or like lines; having a lengthwise direction, involving magnitudes of one degree or dimension only.

**linen** (līn'en) [A.-S., as LINE (2)], *n.* A cloth made of flax; (*collect.*) articles chiefly made of linen. *a.* Made of flax.

**liner** (lī'nér) (2) [LINE (1), -ER], *n.* A vessel belonging to a regular line of passenger ships.

**ling** (1) (ling) [Icel. *langa*, cogn. with LONG], *n.* A long slender food-fish of northern seas.

**ling** (2) [Icel. LYNG], *n.* Heather or heath. **-ling**, *suf.* Forming nouns (now only diminutive), as *darling*, *gosting*, *lordling*; forming adverbs, as *darkling*.

**linger** (ling'ger) [A.-S. *lengan*, to protract], *v.t.* To delay going, to tarry, loiter; to be long in going or coming, to hesitate. **lingerer**, *n.* **lingeringly**, *adv.*

**lingerie** (lan-zhri) [F.], *n.* Linen articles.

**lingo** (ling'gō) [as LINGUAL], *n.* A foreign language, peculiar dialect.

**lingual** (ling'gwál) [L. *lingua*, tongue], *a.* Pertaining to the tongue; (*Phon.*) formed by the tongue. *n.* A letter or sound produced by the tongue, as *t*, *d*, *n*, *l*, *r*. **linguist**, *n.* One skilled in languages.

**liniment** (līn'i-mént) [L. *linire*, to anoint], *n.* A liquid preparation for rubbing on bruised or inflamed parts; embrocation.

**link** (1) (link) [Icel. *hlekk*, A.-S. *hlence*], *n.* A loop of a chain; a connecting part in



- machinery, or in a series, argument, etc.; a measure of 7-92 inches. *v.t.* To connect or attach (to, etc.) by links. *v.i.* To be connected.
- link** (2) [?], *n.* A torch made of tow and pitch. **link-boy**, *n.* A boy carrying a link.
- links** (links) [Sc.], *n. pl.* Undulating sandy ground near the shore; ground on which golf is played.
- linnet** (lin'èt) [O.F. *linette*, from *lin*, flax, on which it feeds], *n.* A common song-bird.
- linoleum** (li-nô'le-ûm) [L. *linum*, flax, *oleum*, oil], *n.* A preparation of linseed-oil and ground cork on canvas, used for floor-cloth.
- linotype** (li'no-tîp) [LINE (1), OF, TYPE], *n.* A machine for producing stereotyped lines of words.
- linseed** (lin'sêd) [A.-S. *lin*, LINE (2), SEED], *n.* Flax-seed. **linseed-oil**, *n.* The oil expressed from linseed.
- linsey-woolsey** (lin'zi-wul'zi) [LINE (2), WOOL], *n.* A coarse fabric of linen or cotton warp with wool filling.
- lint** (lint) [LINE (2)], *n.* The down of scraped linen used for dressing wounds.
- lintel** (lintl) [O.F.], *n.* The horizontal beam over a door or window.
- lion** (li'ôn), [L. *leo*, *leônis*], *n.* A large and powerful carnivorous quadruped of the cat tribe; (*fig.*, *pl.*) sights to be seen by visitors; eminent celebrities, objects of general attention.
- lip** (lip) [A.-S. *lippa*], *n.* One of the two fleshy parts enclosing the opening of the mouth; the edge of an orifice, chasm, etc.; (*slang*) impudence, cheek.
- liqueate** (li-kwât) [L. *liquatus*, melted], *v.t.* To melt; to liquefy (metals) in order to purify. **Liqueation**, *n.*
- liquefy** (lik'wê-fi) [L. *liquâre*, to become fluid, -FY], *v.t.* To melt, to dissolve; to convert to a liquid form. *v.i.* To become liquid. **liquefa'cent**, *n.* That which liquefies. *a.* Serving to liquefy. **liquefac'tion**, *n.* **liques'cent**, *a.*
- liqueur** (li-kûr) [F., LIQUOR], *n.* An alcoholic cordial flavoured with aromatic substance.
- liquid** (lik'wid) [L. *liquidus*], *a.* Fluid; flowing or capable of flowing; (*fig.*) limpid, clear; (of vowels) not guttural, easily pronounced; (of assets) readily convertible into cash; (of principles, etc.) unstable. *n.* A substance whose particles are incompressible and inelastic and move freely among themselves, as water in a fluid state; a letter pronounced with a slight contact of the organs of articulation, as *l*, *r*. **liquidate**, *v.t.* To pay off (a debt, etc.). to wind up (a bankrupt estate, etc.). *v.i.* To have its debts, etc., liquidated (of a company). **liquida'tion**, *n.* **liquida'tor**, *n.*
- Liquor** (lik'ôr) [A.-F. *licur*, L. *liquor*], *n.* A liquid or fluid substance, the liquid part of anything; an alcoholic (esp. spirituous) beverage.
- liquorice** (lik'ôr-is) [Gr. *glukus*, sweet, *rhiza*, root], *n.* The root of a plant; a sweetmeat or drug prepared from this.
- lira** (lêr'â) [It.], *n.* (*pl.* lire, lêr'â) An Italian silver coin serving as the unit of value, roughly equal to the French franc.
- lisp** (lisp) [A.-S. *whisp*, lipping], *v.i.* To pronounce *s* and *z* with the sound of *th* or *dh*; to speak affectedly or imperfectly. *v.t.* To pronounce with a lisp. *n.* The act or habit of lipping.
- lissom** (lis'ôm) [LITHE SOME], *a.* Lithe, nimble.
- list** (1) (list) [A.-S. *liste*], *n.* The border or sledge of cloth; a strip of this; a boundary, limit; (*pl.*) palisades enclosing ground for a tournament, the ground so enclosed, a scene of contest; a roll, a catalogue or schedule of persons or things. *v.i.* To enter in a list.
- list** (2) [A.-S. *lystan*, as LUST], *v.i.* To please, to be pleasing to; to careen or heel (a ship) over. *v.i.* To lean over, to careen. *n.* A leaning over.
- listen** (lissn) [A.-S. *hlosnian*], *v.i.* To give ear (to), to hearken; to heed, obey. **listener**, *n.*
- listless** (lis'tlês) [LIST (2), -LESS], *a.* Careless, heedless; indifferent; languid.
- litany** (lit'â-nî) [Gr. *litaneia*, from *litanos*, a suppliant], *n.* A solemn form of supplicatory prayer, esp. a series of short prayers with responses.
- lite** [Gr. *lithos*, stone], *surf.* Forming names of minerals, as *aerolite*.
- litéral** (lit'ér-âl) [L. *litteralis*, as LETTER], *a.* According to the verbal meaning; not figurative; pertaining to letters.
- literary** (lit'ér-âr-i) [L. *litterarius*, as prec.], *a.* Pertaining to literature or polite learning; versed or engaged in literature; consisting of written compositions. **litera'tim** [L.], *adv.* Letter for letter, literally.
- literature** (lit'ér-a-tûr, -chûr) [L. *litteratûra*, as prec.], *n.* The written productions of a country or period or pertaining to a particular subject; printed matter; writings distinguished for beauty of form or expression, as dist. from works dealing with positive knowledge.
- lith-**, **litho-** [Gr. *lithos*, a stone], *comb. form.* Pertaining to stone.
- lith** [as prec.], *surf.*, as in *monolith*.
- lithe** (lith) [A.-S.], *a.* Flexible, supple.
- lithograph** (lith'ô-gráf) [LITHO-, -GRAPH], *v.t.* To engrave on stone and transfer to paper, etc.; to print by lithography. *n.* An impression from a drawing on stone. **litho'grapher**, *n.* **lithog'raphy**, *n.*
- litigate** (lit'i-gât) [L. *litigare*, to go to law], *v.t.* To contest in a court of law. *v.i.* To go to law; to carry on a lawsuit. **litiga'tion**, *n.*
- litigious** (li-tij'ûs) [litigîous, as prec.], *a.* Fond of litigation; quarrelsome, contentious; pertaining to legal dispute.
- litmus** (lit'mûs) [M. Dut. *leecmos*], *n.* A blue dye obtained from lichens, turned

red by acids or restored to its original colour by alkalis.

**litre** (lê'têr) [F., Gr. *litra*, a pound], *n.* The metric unit of capacity, about 1½ pints.

**litter** (lit'êr) [O.F. *litere*, L. *lectus*, bed], *n.* A stretcher supporting a couch in which a person may be carried; straw, hay, etc., used as a bed for animals, or covering for plants; odds and ends scattered about; a state of untidiness; the young brought forth by a sow, bitch, cat, etc., at a birth.

**littérateur** (lit-êr-â-tur) [F., as **LETTER**], *n.* A literary man.

**little** (liti) [A.-S. *lȳtel*], *a.* (comp. less. \*lesser, superl. least) Small, not big, in size, extent, amount, or quantity; short in duration or distance; of small importance; petty; mean, contemptible; young, weak. *adv.* In a small degree; not at all. *n.* A small amount, space, time, etc.; only a trifle. **littleness**, *n.*

**littoral** (lit'ôr-âl) [L., *litus* -toris, shore], *a.* Pertaining to the shore, esp. between high- and low- water marks. *n.* A coastal region.

**liturgy** (lit'ûr-jî) [Gr. *leitourgia*, a public service], *n.* A ritual for public worship, the formal set of words in which this is set forth. **liturgic**, *a.* **liturgist**, *n.*

**live** (1) (liv) [ALIVE], *a.* Alive, living; ignited; ready for use; charged with electricity; moving or transmitting motion; full of energy, of present interest, etc. **live stock**: Animals kept for farming or domestic purposes.

**live** (2) (liv) [A.-S. *līfan*], *v.i.* To have life; to be alive; to exist as animal or vegetable; (*fig.*) to remain in operation; to reside, dwell (at, in, etc.); to subsist (upon); to gain a livelihood (by); to pass one's life in a particular condition, etc.; to live strenuously or intensely. *v.t.* To spend (a specified kind of life); to survive.

**livelihood** (liv'li-hud) [A.-S. *līflād*], *n.* Means of subsistence.

**livelong** (liv'long) [orig. *lief-long* (LIFE, LONG (1))], *a.* Long-lasting; the whole length of.

**lively** (liv'li) [A.-S. *līflīc*], *a.* Life-like, vivid; full of life, active; animated, gay, bright. **liveliness**, *n.*

**liven** (lī'ven) [LIFE, -EN], *v.t.* To make lively, to enliven (up).

**liver** (1) (liv'er) [LIVE (2), -ER], *n.* One who lives, esp. in a specified way (as a good liver).

**liver** (2) [A.-S. *līfer*], *n.* The glandular organ in vertebrates which secretes bile; (*colloq.*) a disordered liver.

**livery** (liv'ê-ri) [O.F. *livrée*, L. *liberare*, to give, as DELIVER], *n.* A distinctive dress worn by male servants or the members of a city company; the privileges of a city company; formerly, allowance for keeping and feeding a horse. **liveryman**, *n.* A freeman of the City of London, who is entitled to wear the livery of the company

to which he belongs. **livery-stable**, *n.* A stable where horses are kept at livery or let out on hire.

**livid** (liv'id) [L. *lividus*], *a.* Of a leaden colour.

**living** (liv'ing) [LIVE (2), ING], *a.* Having life; in a state of combustion; quickening; active, efficient; contemporary; true to life (of a portrait). *n.* State of being alive; livelihood, power of continuing life; the benefice of a clergyman; manner of life.

**lizard** (liz'ârd) [L. *lacertus*], *n.* A reptile having a scaly body and four limbs.

**llama** (la'mâ) [Peruv.], *n.* A domesticated Peruvian wool-bearing animal, *Auchenia lama*, resembling a small humpless camel; material made from its wool.

**llano** (la'nô, ly'a'nô) [Sp.], *n.* A level, treeless steppe or plain in S. America.

**lo** (lô) [A.-S. *lā*], *int.* See! behold!

**loach** (lôch) [?], *n.* A small British river-fish.

**load** (lôd) [A.-S. *lād*, way], *n.* A burden, esp. for conveyance; as much as can be carried at a time; that which is borne with difficulty. *v.t.* To put a load on or in; to make heavy; to weigh down, to oppress; to charge (a gun); to fill to overflowing; to overwhelm (with abuse, honours, etc.). *v.i.* To take in a load or cargo (usu. with *up*); to charge a fire-arm. **loadstone**, *n.* Magnetic oxide of iron, a natural magnet.

**loaf** (1) (lôf) [A.-S. *hlāf*], *n.* (*pl.* loaves) A shaped mass of bread; a conical mass of refined sugar.

**loaf** (2) [?], *v.i.* To lounge or idle about. *v.t.* To spend or pass (time away) idly. *n.* A saunter, an idle time. **loafer**, *n.*

**loam** (lôm) [A.-S. *lām*], *n.* A rich loose soil consisting chiefly of sand and clay.

**loan** (lôn) [A.-S. *lān*], *n.* Act of lending; that which is lent, esp. money lent at interest. *v.t.* (*colloq.*) To grant the loan of.

**loath** (lôth) [A.-S. *lāth*], *a.* Unwilling, reluctant.

**loathe** (lôth) [A.-S. *lāthian*, from prec.], *v.* To feel disgust at; to abhor, detest.

**loathing**, *a.* Abhorring. *n.* Disgust, aversion, abhorrence. **loathsome**, *a.* Causing loathing or disgust; odious.

**lob** (lob) [?], *n.* A dull, stupid fellow; (*Cricket*) a slow underhand ball; (*Lawn-tennis*) a ball pitched high in the air. *v.t.* To bowl or pitch a lob.

**lobby** (lob'i) [low L. *lobia*, lodge], *n.* A vestibule opening into several apartments; a small hall; the hall of a legislative assembly open to the public, also one of two corridors in which members vote. *v.i.* To solicit the votes of members.

**lobbyist**, *n.* One who does this.

**lobe** (lôb) [Gr. *lobos*], *n.* A rounded and projecting or hanging part; the soft lower part of the ear; a rounded division of a leaf.

**lobelia** (lô-bê'li-â) [Matthias de Lobel (1538-1616), botanist to James I], *n.* A brilliant flowering plant.



**lobster** (lob'stér) [A.-S. *loppestre*], *n.* A large marine long-tailed and stalk-eyed ten-legged crustacean.

**lobworm** (lob'wèrm) [LOB, WORM], *n.* A large earthworm, used as bait by anglers.

**local** (lô-kál) [F., from *L. localis*, from *locus*, place], *a.* Pertaining to a place or particular place or places; pertaining to a part only (as a disease, etc.). *n.* An inhabitant of a particular place; a suburban train; an examination held in a provincial centre; an item of local news.

**locale** (lô'kal') The scene or locality of an event, etc. **local'ity**, *n.* Particular place, site, geographical position; limitation to a place. **lo'calize**, *v.t.* To make local; to ascertain or indicate the exact place of; to identify with or restrict to a particular place. **locate** (lô-kát'), *v.t.* To set in a particular locality; (*in p.p.*) to situate; to discover the site of. **location**, *n.* Situation or position. **loc'ative**, *n.* (*Gram.*) A case denoting place.

**loch** (loch) [Gael.] A lake or narrow or land-locked arm of the sea in Scotland.

**lock** (1) (lok) [A.-S. *loc*], *n.* A device for fastening doors, etc., usu. worked by a key; a device for preventing movement of a wheel; the firing-apparatus of a gun; a gated enclosure in a canal for raising and lowering vessels by the alteration of water-level; an air-tight antechamber to a caisson; a block, a jam. *v.t.* To fasten with a lock; to shut up thus; to fasten by means of parts that engage together; (*in p.p.*) to embrace, to tangle together. *v.i.* To become fastened by or as by a lock; to intertwine. **lock-jaw**, *n.* A variety of tetanus in which the muscles of the jaw are violently contracted. **lock-out**, *n.* Temporary discharge of workmen to bring them to terms. *v.t.* To coerce by closing a factory against. **locksmith**, *n.* A maker and repairer of locks. **lock-stitch**, *n.* A sewing-machine stitch which locks two threads together. **lock-up**, *n.* A place of temporary confinement; time for locking up; investing of capital so that it cannot be realized. *a.* That may be locked.

**lock** (2) [A.-S. *locc*], *n.* A tuft, esp. of hair; a tress, ringlet.

**locker** (lok'ér) [LOCK (1), -ER], *n.* A chest or other close receptacle, with lock and key.

**locket** (lok'èt) [F. *loquet*, dim. of O.F. *loc*, latch], *n.* A small ornamental case for wearing, adapted to contain hair, a miniature, etc.

**locomotion** (lô-kô-mô'shùn) [L. *locus*, place, MOTION], *n.* Act or power of moving from place to place. **locomotive**, *a.* Pertaining to locomotion; moving from place to place; having the power of or causing locomotion. *n.* A railway-engine.

**locum-tenens** (lô'kùm-tê'néns) [L., holding place], *n.* (*pl.* -tenentes) One acting in the place of another, esp. a doctor or clergyman.

**locust** (lô'küst) [L. *locusta*], *n.* A migratory winged insect allied to the grasshopper, very destructive to vegetation; a locust-tree or its fruit. **locust-tree**, *n.* The carob, and various West Indian trees.

**locution** (lô-kû'shùn) [L. *locutio*], *n.* Style of speech, mode of delivery.

**lode** (lôd) [A.-S. *lād*, see LOAD], *n.* An open ditch; a reach of water in a canal; a vein bearing metal. **lodestar**, *n.* A guiding star, the pole-star; one's guiding principle.

**lodge** (loj) [O.F. *loge*], *n.* A temporary residence; a small house in a park; a gate-keeper's or gardener's cottage; quarters for a porter in a college, chambers, etc.; (*Freemasonry*, etc.) a local branch. *v.t.* To supply with temporary accommodation; to deposit, leave for security. *v.i.* To reside temporarily, esp. to have sleeping quarters, etc., at a fixed charge; to stay or become fixed (*in*). **lodger**, *n.* **lodging**, *n.*

**loft** (loft) [Icel. *loft*], *n.* The space under a roof; a gallery in a church, etc.; a room over a barn or stable; a pigeon-house, a flock of pigeons. **lofty**, *a.* Towering, of imposing height; elevated in character, sentiment, style, etc.; high-flown; haughty. **log** (log) [M.E. *logge*], *n.* A bulky piece of unhewn timber; an apparatus for ascertaining the rate of a ship's motion; a log-book. **log-book**, *n.* A book in which a diary of events occurring in a ship's voyage is kept, with a record of observations with the log.

**loganberry** (lô'gán-bér-í) [Logan, pers. name, BERRY], *n.* A fruit obtained by crossing the raspberry and blackberry.

**logarithm** (log'a-rithm) [Gr. *log-os*, word, ratio, *arithmos*, number], *n.* The exponent of the power to which a fixed number, called the base, must be raised to produce a given number. **logarith'mic**, *a.*

**loggerhead** (log'ér-hed) [LOG, HEAD], *n.* A stupid fellow, a dolt. **at loggerheads**: Disagreeing, quarrelling.

**logic** (loj'ik) [Gr. *logikē*, reasoning], *n.* The science of reasoning, correct thinking, proving and deducing; force of argument; (*fig.*) force of circumstances, situation, etc. **logical**, *a.* **logician** (lô-jish'-án), *n.* One skilled in logic.

**logo-** [Gr. *logos*, word, reasoning], *comb. form.* Pertaining to words; wordy.

**-logy** [Gr. *-logia*, as LOGO-], *suffix.* Forming names of sciences and departments of knowledge, and nouns denoting modes of speaking; as *astrology*, *eulogy*, *tautology*.

**loin** (loin) [O.F. *loigne*], *n.* The part between the false ribs and the hip-joint; a joint of meat.

**loiter** (loj'tér) [? Dut.], *v.t.* To dawdle; to move with frequent halts.

**loll** (lol) [prob. imit.], *v.t.* To hang from the mouth (of the tongue); to lounge. *v.t.* To allow to hang out or about.

**lollipop** (lol'l-pop) [?], *n.* A sugar-plum. **lone** (lôn) [ALONE], *a.* Solitary, uninhabited, deserted; without company.

**lonely** (lɒn'li) [prec., -LY], *a.* Solitary, unfrequented, sequestered; lone; addicted to seclusion; **loneliness**, *n.* **lone-some**, *a.* Unfrequented.

**long** (1) (lɒŋ) [A.-S. *lang*], *a.* Of relatively great extent in dimension or in time; of a specified linear extent or duration in time; protracted in sound; dilatory; far-reaching; lengthy, verbose, tedious. *adv.* To a great extent in distance or time; for or by a long time; throughout a specified period. *n.* Anything that is long. **long-boat**, *n.* The largest boat of a sailing-ship. **longbow**, *n.* A powerful bow drawn by hand, formerly the national English weapon. **long-hand**, *n.* Ordinary writing, opp. to shorthand. **long-leaded**, *a.* Shrewd, sensible. **long-suffering**, *a.* Forbearing, patient. *n.* Forbearance to punish. **long-winded**, *a.* Wearisome from prolixity. **longish**, *a.*

**long** (2) (lɒŋ) [A.-S. *longian*], *v.i.* To have an earnest desire (for); to yearn (to or for). **longing**, *a.* **longingly**, *adv.*

**-long**, *suf.* Forming adverbs, as *sidelong*. **longeval** (lɒŋ-jē'vəl) [L. *longus*, long, *ævum*, age], *a.* Long-lived. **longevity**, *n.*

**longitude** (lɒn'ji-tūd) [L. *longitudo*], *n.* Angular distance of a place east or west of a given meridian; distance in degrees on the ecliptic from the vernal equinox to the foot of a perpendicular from, or circle of latitude of, a heavenly body. **longitudinal**, *a.* Pertaining to longitude.

**loo** (loo) [obs. *lanterloo*, F. *l'anturelu*, nonsense, a refrain of a 17th-cent. song], *n.* A round game at cards; the pool in this.

**loofah** (loo'fá) [Arab. *lafa*, plant], *n.* The fibre of the sponge-gourd.

**look** (luk) [A.-S. *lōcian* (cp. G. dial. *lügen*)], *v.i.* To direct the eye (towards) in order to see; to gaze, stare; to give consideration; to face, have a particular direction (towards, etc.); to seem, appear; to take care. *v.t.* To express or show by the looks; to inspect, examine. *n.* Act of looking or seeing, a glance; (*pl.*) appearance, aspect, mien. **looker-on**, *n.* A mere spectator. **looking-glass**, *n.* A mirror.

**loom** (1) (loom) [A.-S. *gelōma*, a tool], *n.* A machine in which yarn or thread is woven into a fabric.

**loom** (2) [Teut.], *v.i.* To appear faintly in the distance; to appear as in a mist.

**loon** (loon) [?], *n.* A scamp, a worthless person; the great northern diver.

**loop** (loop) [prob. Celt.], *n.* A doubling of a string, etc., across itself to form a curve or eye; a noose; a stitch in crochet or knitting; a loop-line. *v.t.* To form into or to fasten with loops. *v.i.* To make a loop. **loop-line**, *n.* A railway, telegraph-line, etc., diverging from the main line and joining it again.

**loophole** (loop'hól) [Dut. *lūpen*, to watch, *hole*], *n.* An aperture in a wall for shooting, for looking through, or for light; (*fig.*) a means of escape.

**loose** (loos) [Icel. *lauss*], *a.* Not tied, or confined; unfastened, detachable, hanging partly free; not crowded together, not compact; slack; careless, slovenly; not strict; vague, incorrect; dissolute. *v.t.* To undo, untie, unfasten; to release; to dissolve; to relax; to free from burden; to discharge. **loosen**, *v.* **looseness**, *n.*

**loot** (loot) [Hind. *lut*], *n.* Booty, plunder, esp. from a conquered city; (*fig.*) illicit gains. *v.t.* To plunder, to pillage.

**lop** (lop) [?], *v.t.* To cut off the extremities of; to trim (trees, shrubs, etc.).

**lop-eared**, *a.* Having hanging ears. **lop-sided**, *a.* Heavier on one side than the other; ill-balanced.

**lope** (lōp) [LEAP], *v.i.* To swing or move (along) with long strides.

**loquacious** (lō-kwā'shūs) [L. *loqui*, to talk], *a.* Talkative, chattering; apt to disclose secrets. **loquacity** (lō-kwā'si-ti), *n.*

**lord** (lōrd) [A.-S. *hlāford*], *n.* One possessing supreme power, a sovereign; the Supreme Being; a feudal superior; an owner; a peer of the realm; a courtesy-title given to sons of certain peers and certain official personages as Lord Chief Justice, Lord Mayor, etc.; (*pl.*) the members of the House of Lords. *v.i.* To play the lord (over). **Lord-Lieutenant**, *n.* The chief executive authority and head of the magistracy in a county. **lordly**, *a.* Befitting a lord; grand, haughty. *adv.* Imperiously; arrogantly. **lordship**, *n.*

**lore** (lōr) [A.-S. *lār*], *n.* (*collect.*) The traditions and facts relating to a given subject.

**lorgnette** (lōr-nyet') [F., from *lorgner*, to squint], *n.* A pair of eye-glasses with a long handle.

**\*lorn** (lōrn) [A.-S. *loren*, lost], *a.* Lost, abandoned, forlorn.

**lorry** (lōr'i) [?], *n.* A low, flat, four-wheeled wagon without sides.

**lose** (looz) [A.-S. *losian*, to escape (from)], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* *lost*) To part with accidentally or as a forfeit, penalty, etc.; to be freed from; to miss, be unable to find; to fail to gain, hear, obtain, etc. to fail to keep possession of; to waste; (*n.p.p.*) to cause to disappear or perish. *v.i.* To fail to be successful; to suffer loss. **losable**, *a.* **loser**, *n.*

**loss** (los) [A.-S. *los*], *n.* Act or state of losing or being lost; failure to gain; that which is lost; disadvantage.

**lot** (lot) [A.-S. *hlōt*], *n.* A die, paper, or other object used in determining chances; decision by chance; the chance, share, or fortune falling to one; a separate thing or collection of things offered for sale at auction; a parcel of land; a number of things or persons; a great deal (*often pl.*). *v.t.* To divide into lots; to apportion.

**lotion** (lō'shūn) [L. *lotio*], *n.* A liquid application for a wound, etc.; a cosmetic.

**lottery** (lot'ér-i) [It. *lotteria*], *n.* A method of allotting valuable prizes by lot; the drawing of lots; a mere hazard.

**lotus** (lō'tūs) [Gr. *lotos*], *n.* A plant the



fruit of which was said to induce a dreamy languor. **lotus-eater**, *n.* One who gives himself up to dreamy ease.

**loud** (loud) [A.-S. *hlūd*], *a.* Powerful in sound; noisy, clamorous; (*fig.*) ostentatious, flashy. *adv.* Loudly. **loudish**, *a.* loudly, *adv.* **loudness**, *n.*

**lough** (loch) [Ir. *loch*], *n.* A lake, an arm of the sea.

**lounge** (lounj) [?], *v.i.* To idle about, to saunter; to loll. *n.* Act of lounging; a saunter; a place for lounging; a sofa. **lounger**, *n.*

**lour**, **lower** (3) (lour) [M.E. *lourēn*], *v.i.* To appear gloomy; to scowl; to look threatening (of weather). **louring**, *a.*

**louse** (lous) [A.-S. *lūs*], *n.* (*pl.* lice, *lls*) An insect parasitic on man; applied to various parasites infesting animals, fish, and plants. **lousy** (lou'zi), *a.*

**lout** (lout) [A.-S. *lutan*], *n.* An awkward fellow; a clown, a bumpkin. **loutish**, *a.*

**louver** (loo'ver) [M.E. and O.F. *lover*], *n.* A turret with openings for the escape of smoke.

**lovable** (lūv'abl) [LOVE, -ABLE], *a.* Worthy of love; amiable. **lovableness**, *n.*

**love** (lūv) [A.-S. *lufu*], *n.* A feeling of deep regard, fondness, and devotion (for, towards, etc.); deep affection between persons of the opposite sex; a personification of this, Cupid; a beloved one, a sweetheart (as a term of endearment); (*Games*) no points scored. *v.t.* To have strong affection for, to be in love with; to delight in. *v.i.* To be in love. **love all**: (*In games*) Nothing scored on either side.

**love-bird**, *n.* A short-tailed African or American parrot. **love-god**, *n.* Cupid.

**love-in-a-mist**, *n.* The fennel-flower.

**love-in-idleness**, *n.* The pansy or heartsease. **love-knot**, *n.* An intricate bow (a token of love).

**love-lock**, *n.* A tress hanging at the ear or on the forehead. **love-lorn**, *a.* Forsaken by one's love; pining away for love. **lovesick**, *a.* Languishing with love; expressive of languishing love. **loveless**, *a.* lovely, *a.* and *adv.* **loveliness**, *n.* **lover**, *n.* **loving-cup**, *n.* A large two- or three-handled drinking-vessel passed round with wine.

**low** (1) (lō) [late A.-S. *lāh*], *a.* (*comp.*

**lower** (1), *superl.* **lowest**) Not reaching or situated far up; below the normal height; below or little above a given level; near the horizon (of the sun, moon, etc.); near the equator; below the standard in rank, quality, character, etc.; humble, mean; base, dishonourable; vulgar; not advanced in civilization; not high in organization; weak, feeble; badly nourished; (of sounds) deep, produced by slow vibrations, soft; scanty, nearly exhausted; moderate, cheap; (*Ch. of Eng.*), not favouring sacerdotalism. *adv.* In or to a low position. deeply; at a low price; in a humble rank; softly, quietly; on a poor diet. **lowland**, *n.* Low-lying or level country. *a.* Pertaining to a

lowland or the Lowlands of Scotland. **lower** (2), *v.t.* To bring down in height, force, intensity, amount, price, estimation, etc.; to reduce the condition of. *v.i.* To become lower or less; to sink, to fall. **lowermost**, *a.* **lowly**, *a.* Humble, modest; low in size, rank, or condition; mean, inferior. *adv.* Humbly, modestly. **lowness**, *n.*

**low** (2) [A.-S. *hlōwan*], *v.i.* To utter the moo of a cow. *v.t.* To utter with such a sound. *n.* The moo of a cow. **lowing**, *n.*

**loyal** (loi'al) [F., from L. *lēgālis*, legal], *a.* Faithful, constant, in a trust or obligation (to); faithful to one's sovereign, country, etc. **loyalism**, *n.* **loyalist**, *n.* **loyally**, *adv.* **loyalty**, *n.*

**lozenge** (loz'enj) [O.F. *losenge*, Prov. *lauza*, tombstone], *n.* An oblique-angled parallelogram; (*Her.*) a diamond-shaped bearing; a sweetmeat, etc., in a rhomb-shaped tablet. **lozengy**, *a.*

**lubber** (lūb'ēr) [?], *n.* A lazy clumsy fellow; a bad seaman. **lubberly**, *a.*

**lubricate** (lū'bri-kāt) [L. *lābricus*, slipper], *v.t.* To make slippery with grease, oil, etc., in order to reduce friction.

**lubricant**, *a.* and *n.* **lubrica'tion**, *n.*

**lucent** (lū'sēnt) [L. *lūcens*, shining], *a.* Shining, bright, luminous, resplendent.

**lucerne** (lū-sēr'n) [F. *luzerne*], *n.* A fodder-plant.

**lucid** (lū'sid) [L. *lūcidus*], *a.* Bright, radiant; easily understood. **lucidity**, *n.*

**Lucifer** (lū'si-fēr) [L., light-bringing], *n.* The morning-star; Satan; a match ignited by friction.

**luck** (lūk) [Dut. *luk*], *n.* Chance as bringer of fortune, whether good or bad; what happens to one, hap. **luckless**, *a.* Unfortunate. **lucklessly**, *adv.* **lucky**, *a.* **lucrative** (lū'krā-tiv) [L. *lucrāri*, to gain], *a.* Producing gain, profitable.

**lucre** (lū'kēr) [L. *lucrum*], *n.* Pecuniary gain, usu. as an object of greed.

**lucubrate** (lū'kū-brāt) [L. *lūcubrāre*, from *lux* *lūcis*, light], *v.t.* To study by lamp-light. *v.t.* To compose or elaborate, as by night study. **lucubra'tion**, *n.* Night study; that which is composed at night; composition of a too elaborate and pedantic character.

**ludicrous** (lū'di-krūs) [L. *lūdicrus*, as *lūdus*, play], *a.* Adapted to excite laughter or derision; comical.

**luff** (lūf) [?], *n.* The weather-edge of a fore-and-aft sail. *v.* To bring a ship's head nearer the wind.

**lug** (1) (lūg) [?], *n.* A projecting part; the lobe of the ear; a large marine worm.

**lug** (2) [lūg] [prob. Scand.], *v.t.* To drag, esp. roughly or with exertion; to tug, haul; to insert unnecessarily. *v.i.* To move heavily or slowly.

**luggage** (lūg'aj) [LUG (2), -AGE], *n.* Anything heavy and cumbersome to be carried; the baggage of a traveller, etc.

**lugger** (lūg'ēr) [?], *n.* A vessel with two or three masts, and lug-sails.

**lug-sail** (lŭgsɪ) [?], *n.* A four-cornered sail bent to a yard hoisted to the mast.

**lugubrious** (lŭ-gŭ'bri-ŭs) [L. *lŭgĕre*, to mourn], *a.* Mournful, dismal, funereal.

**lukewarm** (look'wŏrm) [M.E. *luke*, tepid], *a.* Moderately warm; (*fig.*) indifferent.

**lull** (lŭl) [imit.], *v.t.* To soothe to sleep, to calm. *v.i.* To subside, to become quiet. *n.* A temporary calm. **lul'laby**, *n.* A refrain for lulling a child to sleep.

**lumbago** (lŭm-bă'gŏ) [L. from *lumbus*, LOIN], *n.* Rheumatism round the loins.

**lum'bar**, *a.* Pertaining to the loins.

**lumber** (1) (lŭm'bĕr) [?], *v.i.* To move heavily or clumsily; to make a heavy rumbling noise. **lumbering**, *a.*

**lumber** (2) (lŭm'bĕr) [perh. the room where the Lombard bankers stored their pledges], *n.* Discarded articles of furniture, etc., taking up room; useless things; rubbish, refuse; (*Am.*) sawn timber.

**luminary** (lŭ'mi-năr-i) [L. *lumen* -inis, light], *n.* A body yielding light, esp. a heavenly body; (*fig.*) one who enlightens mankind. **luminant**, *a.* and *n.* **luminescence**, *n.* Light otherwise than from the heat producing incandescence. **luminous** (lŭ'mi-nŭs), *a.* **luminos'ity**, *n.*

**lump** (lŭmp) [prob. Scand.], *n.* A small mass of matter of no definite shape; a heap, a lot; a swelling. *v.t.* To put together in a lump, to form into a mass; to treat as all alike. **lumping**, *a.* Large, heavy; bulky. **lumpish**, *a.* **lumpy**, *a.* Full of lumps; (*Naut.*) running in short waves that do not break.

**lunacy** (loo'nă-si) [as LUNATIC], *n.* Insanity, formerly supposed to be caused by the moon; senseless conduct.

**lunar** (loo'năr) [L. *luna*, the moon], *a.* Pertaining to the moon; resembling the moon.

**lunatic** (loo'nă-tik) [F. *lunatique*, as prec.], *a.* Insane; mad, crazy, extremely foolish. *n.* An insane person.

**lunch** (lŭnch) [?], *n.* A light repast between breakfast and dinner. *v.i.* To take this. **luncheon** (lŭn'chŏn), *n.*

**lung** (lŭng) [A.-S. *lungen*], *n.* One of the two organs of respiration in air-breathing animals.

**lunge** (lŭnj) [earlier *allonge*], *n.* A sudden thrust with a sword, etc.; a plunge. *v.i.* To make a lunge; to strike out from the shoulder.

**lupine** (1) (loo'pin) [L. *lupinus*], *n.* A leguminous plant with spikes of white or coloured flowers, and for fodder.

**lupine** (2) (lŭ-pin) [L. *lupus*, wolf], *a.* Pertaining to wolves; like a wolf.

**lupus** (loo'pŭs) [L., wolf], *n.* A spreading tuberculous or ulcerous inflammation of the skin, esp. of the face.

**lurch** (1) (lĕrch) [F. *lourche*, a 16th-cent. game like backgammon], *n.* A helpless or difficult position.

**lurch** (2) [?], *v.i.* To roll suddenly to one side (of a ship); to stagger. *n.* A sudden roll sideways.

**lurcher**, *n.* A dog supposed to be a cross between a collie and a greyhound.

**lure** (lŭr) [O.F. *leurre*], *n.* An object resembling a fowl, used to recall a hawk; an enticement, an allurement. *v.t.* To attract by a lure; to entice.

**lurid** (lŭ'rid) [L. *lŭridus*], *a.* Of a pale colour, wan; ghastly, unearthly; (*fig.*) sensational (of a story, etc.).

**lurk** (lĕrk) [?], *v.i.* To lie hid; to lie in wait; to exist unperceived.

**luscious** (lŭsh'ŭs) [?], *a.* Very sweet, delicious; cloying, over-rich in imagery.

**lush** (lŭsh) [O.F. *lasche*, as LAX], *a.* Luxuriant in growth; succulent, juicy.

**lust** (lŭst) [A.-S.], *n.* Animal desire or indulgence, lasciviousness; sensual appetite. *v.i.* To have powerful desire (for or after). **lustful**, *a.*

**lustre** (lŭs'tĕr) [L. *lŭstrare*, to lighten], *n.* Brightness, luminousness, gloss, sheen; a chandelier with pendants of cut glass; a fabric with a glossy surface; a glossy enamel on pottery, etc. **lustrous**, *a.*

**lusty** (lŭs'ti) [LUST, -Y], *a.* Full of health and vigour. **lustily**, *adv.*

**lute** (lŭt) [Arab. *al-'ūd*], *n.* A stringed instrument somewhat resembling the guitar. *v.t.* To play on or as on the lute.

**luxuriant** (lŭg-zŭr'i-ănt) [L. *luxuria*, sumptuousness], *a.* Abundant in growth; plentiful, exuberant; fertile, prolific, rank; (*fig.*) ornate, florid, extravagant.

**luxuriance**, *n.* **luxurious**, *a.* **luxuriously**, *adv.* **luxury** (lŭk'sŭ-ri), *n.* Habitual indulgence in expensive pleasures; luxurious living; that which is delightful, esp. to the appetite.

**-ly** [A.-S. *\*-lic*, *a.*, like], *suf.* Forming adjectives, as *ghastly*, *manly*, or adverbs, as *badly*, *heavily*.

**lyceum** (li-sĕ'ŭm) [Gr. *Lykeion*, nom. -os, pertaining to Apollo], *n.* The garden at Athens in which Aristotle taught; the Aristotelean philosophy or philosophic school; an institution for literary instruction.

**lyddite** (lid'it) [*Lydd*, in Kent], *n.* A powerful explosive composed mainly of picric acid.

**Lydian** (lid'i-ăn), *a.* Pertaining to Lydia, in Asia Minor, whose inhabitants were noted for voluptuousness; hence, effeminate, soft.

**lye** (li) [A.-S. *lēag*], *n.* An alkaline solution strained from vegetable ashes; a cleansing material.

**lying** (1) (li'ing) [LIE (1), -ING], *n.* Act or habit of telling lies. *a.* False, deceitful. **lyingly**, *adv.*

**lying** (2) [LIE (2), -ING], *n.* Act or state of being recumbent. **lying-in**, *n.* Child-bed; lying in child-birth.

**lymph** (limf) [L. *lymphā*], *n.* (*poet.*) Water or any clear fluid; (*Physiol.*) a colourless, alkaline fluid in the body resembling blood without the red corpuscles; matter containing the virus of a disease used in vaccination. **lymphat'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to lymph; phlegmatic,



**lynch** (linch) [Charles *Lynch* (1736-96) a Virginian farmer], *v.t.* To judge and punish, esp. by death, by lynch law. **lynch law**: Summary punishment without regular trial.

**lynx** (links) [Gr. *lynx*], *n.* An animal of the cat tribe, with tufted ear-tips, short tail, and extremely sharp sight. **lynx-eyed**, *n.* Having sharp sight.

**lyre** (lir) [Gr. *lura*], *n.* A stringed musical instrument of the harp kind; the constellation Lyra. **lyre-bird**, *n.* An Australian bird having the tail in the form of a lyre.

**lyric** (lir'ik) [as prec.], *a.* Intended to be sung to the lyre; (of a poem) expressing the individual emotions of the poet. *n.* A lyric poem; (*pl.*) verses used in lyric poetry. **lyrical**, *a.* **lyricism**, *n.*

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**ma** (ma) [childish shortening of **MAMMA**], *n.* Mother.

**ma'am** (mām, mam, m'm) [**MADAM**].

**macadam** (mā-kād'am) [J. L. *Macadam* (d. 1836), road-engineer], *n.* Broken stone for macadamizing. **macadamize**, *v.t.* To make (a road) with macadam.

**macaroni** (māk-a-ro'ni) [It.], *n.* A paste of fine wheaten flour formed into long slender tubes, a fop, a dandy. **macaronic** (ron'ik), *a.* Consisting of a jumble of words of different languages in burlesque poetry. *n.* (*pl.*) Macaronic verse.

**macaroon** (māk-ā-roon') [It.], *n.* A small sweet cake flavoured with almonds.

**macaw** (mā-kaw') [Port.], *n.* A large S. American parrot with beautiful plumage.

**mace** (1) (mās) [O.F.], *n.* A club with a heavy metal head, usu. spiked; a staff of office; a flat-headed stick used in bagatelle.

**mace** (2) [F. *macis*], *n.* A spice made from the dried covering of the nutmeg.

**macerate** (mās'er-āt) [L. *mācerātus*], *v.t.* To soften by steeping; to separate by a digestive process; to cause to waste away. **macera'tion**, *n.*

**Machiavel'lian** (mak'i-ā-vel-i-ān) [*Machiavelli* (d. 1527), Florentine statesman], *a.* and *n.* Intriguing and unscrupulous.

**machinate** (māk'i-nāt) [L. *māchinātus*, contrived], *v.i.* To contrive, plot, intrigue. **machina'tion**, *n.*

**machine** (mā-shēn') [Gr. *mēchanē*, from *mēchos*, means, contrivance], *n.* An apparatus by which motive power is applied; any mechanism for applying or directing force; (*fig.*) a person who acts without intelligence; a bicycle or tricycle; (*Gr. Ant.*) a contrivance for effecting change of scenery or introducing a supernatural being; hence, supernatural agency in a poem, etc. *v.t.* To effect by means of machinery. **machine-gun**, *n.* A light piece of ordnance loaded and fired automatically. **machine-shop**, *n.* A large workshop where machines are made or repaired. **machinery**, *n.* **machinist**,

*n.* One who constructs, works, or tends a machine.

**mackerel** (māk'er-él) [O.F. *mukerel* (F. *maquereau*), etym. unknown], *n.* A well-known, edible sea-fish. **mackerel-sky**, *n.* A sky with small roundish masses of cirro-cumulus.

**mackintosh** (māk'in-tosh) [Charles *Mackintosh* (d. 1843) inventor], *n.* A waterproof material of rubber and cloth; a coat made of this.

**macro-** [Gr. *makros*, long], *comb. form.* Great, large (as opp. to small). **macrocephalic** (māk-rō-sē-fāl'ik), *a.* Large-headed. **macrocosm** (māk'rō-kozm) [**COSMOS**], *n.* The great world, the universe, opp. to microcosm.

**mad** (mād) [A.-S. *gemædd*], *a.* Disordered in mind, insane, crazy; furious, wildly excited; infatuated, wild; exceedingly foolish. *v.t.* To make mad. **madcap**, *a.* Eccentric. *n.* A person of wild and eccentric habits. **madhouse**, *n.* A lunatic-asylum. **madly**, *adv.* **madman**, *n.* **madness**, *n.* **madden**, *v.* To make or become mad.

**madam** (mād'am) [O.F. *ma dame*, my lady], *n.* A title usu. given to married or elderly ladies.

**madder** (mād'er) [A.-S. *mædere*], *n.* A shrubby climbing-plant the root of which is used in dyeing; the dye obtained thence.

**made** (mād) [p.p. of **MAKE**], *a.* **made up**: Artificial (of complexion, etc.); invented, coined (as a story).

**Madeira** (ma-dēr'ā), *n.* A white wine made in Madeira.

**mademoiselle** (mād-ē-mō-zel') [F.], *n.* (*pl.* *mesdemoiselles*, mā-) A title given to a young unmarried lady, Miss.

**Madonna** (mā-don'ā) [It.], *n.* The Virgin Mary; a picture or statue of the Virgin Mary.

**madrigal** (mād'ri-gál) [It. *madrigale*], *n.* An unaccompanied vocal composition in parts; a glee.

**maelstrom** (māl'strom) [Dut. *malen*, to whirl, *stroom*, stream], *n.* A dangerous whirlpool off Norway; (*fig.*) a turmoil, an overwhelming situation.

**mænad** (mē'nād) [Gr. *Mainas -ados*, from *mainesthai*, to rave], *n.* A woman who took part in the orgies of Bacchus.

**maestro** (ma-es'trō) [It., **MASTER**], *n.* (*pl.* *-tri*, *-trē*) A master in any art, esp. in music.

**magazine** (māg-ā-zēn') [Arab. *makhāzin*, storehouses], *n.* A depot, warehouse, esp. for military stores and ammunition; a storeroom for gunpowder, etc., aboard ship; the cartridge-chamber in a magazine-gun; a periodical publication containing articles by different writers. **magazine-gun**, *n.* A rifle or other gun fed with cartridges from a magazine.

**magenta** (mā-jen'tā) [Ital. city where battle was fought just before this was discovered (1859)], *n.* A brilliant crimson aniline dye.

**maggot** (māg'ót) [?], *n.* A grub, the larva

of a fly; (*fig.*) a whim, a crotchet. **mag-goty**, *a.*

**magic** (māj'ik) [Gr. *magikos*, as *MAGUS*], *n.* The pretended art of employing supernatural power; sorcery, witchcraft; (*fig.*) any agency that has astonishing results. *a.* Pertaining to, used in, or using magic; exercising supernatural powers. **magical**, *a.* **magician** (mā-jish'ān), *n.* An enchanter, a wizard.

**magisterial** (māj-is-tēr'i-āl) [L. *magister*, master], *a.* Pertaining to or befitting a magistrate; authoritative, commanding; domineering; oracular.

**magistrate** (māj'is-trāt) [L. *magistrātus*, as *MASTER*], *n.* A public officer, commissioned to administer the law, a Justice of the Peace. **magistracy**, *n.*

**magnanimous** (māg-nān'i-mūs) [L. *magnus*, great, *animus*, soul], *a.* Great minded, elevated in sentiment; brave, generous. **magnanimity**, *n.*

**magnate** (māg'nāt) [L. *magnus*, great], *n.* A person of rank or distinction.

**magnesia** (māg-nē'shā) [pertaining to Magnesia, Thessaly], *n.* Oxide of magnesium, a white alkaline antacid earth; hydrated carbonate of magnesia, used as a laxative. **magnesium**, *n.* A diatomic metallic element, the base of magnesia.

**magnet** (māg'nēt) [Gr. *Magnēs -nētos*, (stone) of Magnesia, see *prec.*], *n.* The loadstone; a body to which the properties of attracting iron and pointing to the poles have been imparted; (*fig.*) a thing or person exercising powerful attraction.

**magnetic**, *a.* Pertaining to or having the properties of a magnet; (*fig.*) attractive; mesmeric; (*pl.*) the science or principles of magnetism. **magnetic needle**: A slender poised bar of magnetized steel, as in the mariner's compass, pointing north and south. **mag'netism**, *n.* The property whereby certain bodies, esp. iron and its compounds, attract or repel each other according to certain laws; the science treating of this property, its conditions or laws; the attractive power itself; (*fig.*) personal attractiveness, charm. **magnetize**, *v.t.* To communicate magnetic properties to; to attract as with a magnet; to mesmerize. *v.i.* To become magnetic. **magnetiza'tion**, *n.* **mag'netizer**, *n.* **magneto** (māg-nē'tō), *n.* A magneto-electric machine used for igniting the explosive mixture in the cylinder of an internal-combustion engine.

**magnificent** (māg-nif'i-sent) [L. *magnificentior*, compar. of *magnificus* (*magnus*, great, -FIO)], *a.* Grand in appearance, majestic; characterized by sumptuousness, splendour, or generous profusion; excellent. **magnificence**, *n.*

**magnify** (māg-ni-fi) [L. *magnus*, great, -FY], *v.t.* To increase the apparent size of (an object); to make greater, to increase; to extol, glorify; to exaggerate. **mag-nifica'tion**, *n.* **mag'nifier**, *n.*

**magniloquent** (māg-nil'ō-kwēt) [L. *magnus*, great, *loqui*, to speak], *a.* Using

high-flown, pompous language. **mag-niloquence**, *n.*

**magnitude** (māg'ni-tūd) [L. *magnus*, great, -TUDE], *n.* Size, extent, amount.

**magnolia** (māg-nō'li-ā) [P. *Magnol* (d. 1715), F. botanist], *n.* A beautiful flowering tree.

**magnum** (māg'nūm) [L. *great*], *n.* A bottle containing two quarts; two quarts.

**magpie** (māg'pī) [*Mag*, short for *Margaret*, PIE (1)], *n.* A chattering bird with black and white plumage; (*fig.*) a chatterer; (*shooting*) a hit on the outermost division but one of the target.

**Magus** (mā'gūs) [L., from Gr. *magos*], *n.* (*pl.* -gi, -ji) A priest among the Medes and Persians; a magician. **the Magi**: The three Wise Men of the East who brought presents to the infant Saviour.

**Magyar** (māg'yar) [native], *n.* One of the Mongoloid race dominant in Hungary; their language.

**Maharajah** (ma-ha-ra'jā) [Sansk. *mahā*, great, *RAJAH*], *n.* The title of some Indian princes.

**Mahatma** (mā-hāt'mā) [Sansk. *mahā*, great, *ātman*, soul], *n.* (*Esoteric Buddhism*) An adept of the highest order.

**Mahdi** (ma'dī) [Arab. *mahdīy*, he who is divinely guided], *n.* The Mohammedan messiah, a title often assumed by rebel leaders in the Sudan.

**mahogany** (mā-hog'ā-ni) [prob. native Amer.], *n.* The hard, fine-grained wood of a tree of tropical America; the tree itself; the colour yellowish-brown.

**mahout** (mā-hout') [Hind.], *n.* An elephant-driver or keeper.

**maid** (mād) [from *MAIDEN*], *n.* A girl, a young unmarried woman, a virgin; a female servant.

**maiden** (mādn) [A.-S. *mægdēn*, dim. of *mægth*], *n.* A girl; a spinster; an early form of guillotine; (*Cricket*) an over in which no runs are made. *a.* Pertaining to a maid, unmarried; new, unused, untried; never captured (of a fortress); never having won a prize (of a horse); open to such horses (of a race). **maiden-hair**, *n.* A fern with delicate fronds.

**mail** (1) (māl) [O.F. *maille* L. *macula*], *n.* Defensive armour for the body, formed of rings, chains, or scales; (*fig.*) any defensive covering.

**mail** (2) (māl) [O.F. *male* (F. *malle*)], *n.* A bag for the conveyance of letters, etc.; the letters, etc., conveyed by the post; the system of conveying these; the post, esp. for abroad; a mail-train or ship. *v.t.* To send by mail, to post.

**maim** (mām) [M.E. *mahaym*, O.F. *ma-haignier*], *n.* A disabling mutilation or injury. *v.t.* To deprive of the use of a limb; to cripple, mutilate.

**main** (1) (mān) [Icel. *megn*, strong, or foll.], *a.* Concentrated or fully exerted (of force); principal, most important. **main-brace**, *n.* (*Naut.*) A brace attached to the mainyard. **mainland**, *n.* The principal body of land, as opposed to islands,



etc. **mainmast**, *n.* The principal mast of a ship. **mainsail** (mān'sāl, māns'l), *n.* A sail bent to the main-yard of a square-rigged ship; the sail set on the after part of the mainmast of a fore-and-aft rigged vessel. **mainspring**, *n.* The chief spring of a watch, etc. **mainstay**, *n.* (*Naut.*) The stay from the main-top to the foot of the foremast; (*fig.*) the chief support. **main-top**, *n.* (*Naut.*) A platform above the head of the lower mainmast. **main-yard**, *n.* (*Naut.*) The yard on which the mainsail is extended. **mainly**, *adv.* Principally, chiefly; in the main; greatly, strongly.

**main** (2) [A.-S. *mægen*], *n.* Strength, force, violent effort; the main or high sea, the ocean; a chief sewer, conduit, conductor, etc.

**maintain** (mān-tān') [F. *maintenir*, L. *manū*, with the hand, *tenēre*, to hold], *v.t.* To hold, preserve, or carry on in any state; to keep up; to provide with the means of living; to keep in proper repair; to affirm, to support by reasoning, argument, etc. **maintainable**, *a.* **main'tenance**, *n.* Act of maintaining; sustenance; (*Law*) officious intermeddling in a suit in which the person has no interest. **maize** (māz) [Cuban, *mahiz*], *n.* Indian corn.

**majesty** (māj'ē-sti) [L. *majestas*, cogn. with MAJOR], *n.* The quality of inspiring awe; impressive dignity, stateliness; sovereign power; a title of kings, queens, and emperors. **majestic**, *a.*

**majolica** (mā-jol', -yol'i-kā) [It.], *n.* A fine enamelled Italian pottery.

**major** (mā'jör) [L., comp. of *magnus*, great], *a.* Greater in number, quantity, or extent; more important; (*Mus.*) standard, applied to a third consisting of four semitones. *n.* A person of full age; (*Mil.*) an officer next above captain and below lieutenant-colonel. **major-domo**, *n.* The chief officer of a household, a steward. **major-general**, *n.* An officer ranking next below lieutenant-general. **majority** (mā-jör'i-ti), *n.* The greater number; more than half; amount of difference between the greater and the less number; full age; rank or office of a major.

**make** (māk) [A.-S. *macian*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. made*) To frame, produce, give rise to, effect, bring about; to execute, accomplish (with nouns expressing action); to compose (as verses, etc.); to prepare for use; to enact; to raise to a rank; to constitute, form, turn out to be; to gain, acquire; to move (towards, etc.); to compel (to do); to represent to be; to calculate or decide to be; to reach the end of; to serve for; to fetch, as a price; (*Naut.*) to come near or in sight of; to arrive at. *v.i.* To move, tend, or lie (in a specified direction); to contribute, to have effect (for or to); to flow (of the tide); to act in a specified way (as *make bold*). *n.* Form, shape; style; disposi-

tion, mental or moral constitution. **make-believe**, *n.* A pretence, a sham. *a.* Unreal; counterfeit. **makeshift**, *n.* A temporary expedient. *a.* Used as a makeshift. **make-up**, *n.* The arrangement of type into columns or pages; the manner in which an actor is dressed, etc., for a character; the materials used for this. **make-weight**, *n.* That which is thrown into a scale to make weight; a stop-gap. **maker**, *n.* **making**, *n.* **making-up**, *n.* Balancing of accounts.

**mal** [L. *male*, badly], *pref.* Bad, badly, as in *malodorous*, *maltrait*.

**malachite** (māl'ā-kit) [Gr. *malache*, mallow], *n.* A bright green carbonate of copper.

**maladministration** [MAL-ADMINISTER], *n.* Defective or vicious management, esp. of public affairs.

**maladroit** [F.], *a.* Awkward, clumsy.

**malady** (māl'ā-di) [F. *maladie*], *n.* A disease, ailment; a moral defect or disorder.

**malapropism** (māl'ā-prop-izm) [Mrs. *Malaprop* in Sheridan's "Rivals," see foll.], *n.* Grotesque misapplication of words; a word misapplied.

**malapropos** (māl-a-prō-pō') [F. *mal à propos*], *adv.* Unseasonably, unsuitably, out of place. *a.* Unseasonable, etc. *n.* An inopportune thing, remark, event, etc.

**malaria** (mā-lār'i-ā) [It. *mal'aria* (MAL-AIR)], *n.* Noxious exhalations of marshy districts, formerly believed to produce fevers, etc.; various intermittent and remittent fevers due to germs introduced by mosquitoes. **malarial**, **-ian**, **-ious**, *a.* **malcontent** (māl'kōn-tent) [O.F.], *a.* Discontented.

**male** (māl) [O.F., from L. *masculus*], *a.* Pertaining to the sex that begets young; having stamens but no pistil (of flowers); (*fig.*) masculine, virile. *n.* One of the male sex; a plant or part that bears the fecundating organs.

**male-** [L. *male*, ill, badly], *pref.* Ill, as in *malefactor*, *malevolent*.

**malediction** (māl'ē-dik'shūn) [L. *maledictio* (MALE-, *dicere*, to speak)], *n.* A curse, imprecation. **maledictory**, *a.*

**malefactor** (māl'ē-fāk-tör) [L. (MALE-, FACTOR)], *n.* An evil-doer, a criminal.

**maleficent** (mā-lef'i-sént), *a.* Hurtful, mischievous.

**malevolent** (mā-lev'ō-lént) [MALE-, L. *volens*, wishing], *a.* Wishing evil or injury to others; ill-disposed, malicious. **malevolence**, *n.*

**malformation** (māl-för-mā'shūn) [MAL-, FORMATION], *n.* Faulty formation; a faulty structure.

**malice** (māl'is) [L. *malus*, bad], *n.* A disposition to injure others; a premeditated design to do evil. **malicious** (mā-lish'ūs), *a.*

**malign** (mā-lin') [MALE-, L. *genus*], *a.* Pernicious, hurtful. *v.t.* To speak evil of, to slander. **malignant** (mā-lig'nānt), *a.* **maligancy**, *n.* **malignity**, *n.*

**maling'er** (mā-ling'gér) [F. *malingre*, sickly], *v.i.* To pretend illness in order to shirk duty. **maling'er'er**, *n.*

**mall** (mawl) [MAUL], *n.* A public walk, orig. a place where pall-mall was played.

**mallard** (māl'árd) [O.F. *malarl*], *n.* A wild duck.

**malleable** (māl'é-ábl) [O.F.], *a.* Capable of being shaped by hammering; pliant.

**mallet** (māl'èt) [F. *maillet*], *n.* A light hammer, usu. of wood.

**mallow** (māl'ō) [A.-S. *mealwe*], *n.* A plant with pink or mauve flowers and hairy stems and foliage.

**malmsey** (mam'zī) [Napoli di Monemvasia, town in Morea], *n.* A strong sweet white wine from the Canaries and Spain.

**malt** (mawlt) [A.-S. *mealt*], *n.* Grain, usu. barley, steeped in water and fermented, dried on a kiln, and used for brewing and distilling; malt-liquor. *v.t.* To convert into or treat with malt. *v.i.* To be converted into malt. **malt-liquor**, *n.* Liquor made from malt by fermentation, beer, stout, etc. **maltster**, *n.* A malt-maker.

**Maltese** (mawl-tēz') [Malta, Mediterranean isl.], *a.* Pertaining to Malta or its inhabitants. *n.* A native or natives of Malta; the Maltese language; a small spaniel with long silky hair.

**maltreat** (māl-trēt') [MAL-, TREAT], *v.t.* To ill-treat; to abuse. **maltreatment**, *n.*

**malversation** (māl-vēr-sā'shūn) [MAL-, L. *versāri*, to behave], *n.* Fraudulent conduct, esp. corrupt administration of public funds.

**mamma** (ma-ma') [Instinctive sound by infants], *n.* Mother.

**mammal** (mām'al) [as prec.], *n.* One of the Mammalia. **Mamma'lia**, *n.pl.* Animals having milk-secreting organs for suckling their young, the highest division of vertebrates. **mammalian**, *a.*

**mammon** (mām'ōn) [Aram. *māmōnā*, riches], *n.* Riches personified as an evil.

**mammoth** (mām'ōth) [Russ. *mammat*], *n.* An extinct species of elephant. *a.* Gigantic, huge.

**man** (mān) [A.-S. *mann*], *n.* (*pl. men*) A human being, esp. an adult male; (*collect.*) mankind, the human race; an individual; manhood; a manservant, a workman; (*pl.*) soldiers, esp. privates; pieces used in playing chess, etc. *v.t.* To furnish with men, esp. for military service; (*fig.*) to fortify the courage of (esp. oneself). **man-hole**, *n.* A hole in a floor, parts of machinery, etc., to allow entrance for cleansing and repairs. **man-of-war**, *n.* A warship belonging to a navy.

**manservant**, *n.* **manslaughter**, *n.* The killing of a human being, without malice.

**man-slayer**, *n.* One who commits manslaughter. **manful**, *a.* Brave, courageous; resolute, manly. **manhood**, *n.* State of being a man; manliness, courage, resolution. **mankind**, *n.* The human species; (mān'kind) men as dist. from humanity.

**manly**, *a.* Having the finer qualities

characteristic of a man, courageous, magnanimous; befitting a man; mannish

**mannish**, *a.* Masculine, characteristic of a man, unwomanly.

**manacle** (mān'ákl) [L. *manicula*, dim. of *manus*, hand], *n.* A handcuff, fetter. *v.t.* To put manacles on; to fetter.

**manage** (mān'áj) [It. *maneggiare*, as prec.], *v.t.* To conduct, carry on, control; to conduct the affairs of; to handle; to lead or guide by flattery, etc., to train (as a horse); to deal with, make use of. *v.i.* To direct affairs; to get on (with or without); to succeed (with). **manage-able**, *a.* **management**, *n.* Act of managing; administration; board of directors, etc.; skillful employment of means. **manager**, *n.* One who manages a business, institution, etc.; one skilled in management (*usu. with good, bad, etc.*). **manageress**, *n.* **managerial** (-jēr'ál), *a.* **managing**, *a.* Having the management of a business, department, etc.; careful, economical.

**manatee** (mān-ā-tē') [Carib. *manattou'*], *n.* The sea-cow, a large herbivorous mammal.

**mancy** [Gr. *manteia*, divination], *sub.* Divination by, as in *necromancy*, *pyromancy*.

**mandamus** (mān-dā'mūs) [L., we com-mand], *n.* A writ requiring a person, corporation, or inferior court to do some particular thing.

**mandarin** (mān'dā-rin) [Port. *mandarin*, Hindi *mantri*], *n.* A Chinese official.

**mandate** (mān'dát) [L. *mandātum*, com-manded], *n.* An authoritative charge or order; a judicial command to an officer or subordinate court; an agreement by a mandatary to perform gratuitously a duty regarding property committed to him; a rescript of the Pope; a direction to a representative to undertake certain legisla-tion, etc. **mandatary** (mān'dā-tár-i), *n.* **mandatory**, *a.* and *n.*

**mandible** (mān'dibl) [L. *mandibula*], *n.* The jaw.

**mandolin** (mān'dó-lin) [It. *mandolino*], *n.* A stringed, guitar-like musical instrument.

**mandragora** (mān-drág'ōr-à) [Gr. *mandragoras*], *n.* A thick, fleshy-rooted plant yielding a narcotic poison.

**mandrake** (mān'drāk) [as prec.], *n.* Mandragora.

**mandrill** (mān'dril) [MAN, native *drill*], *n.* A ferocious W. African baboon.

**mane** (mān) [A.-S. *manu*], *n.* The long hair on the neck of the horse, lion, etc.

**manes** (mā'nēz) [L.], *n.pl.* The spirits of the dead, esp. of one's ancestors.

**manganese** (māng'gā-nēz) [as MAGNESIA], *n.* A greyish-white metallic element.

**mange** (mānj) [O.F. *manjue*], *n.* A skin disease of cattle, dogs, etc. **mangy**, *a.* **mangel-wurzel** (māngl-wēr'zəl) [G. *man-gold*, beet, *wurzel*, root], *n.* A large-rooted variety of beet.

**manger** (mān'jēr) [O.F. *mangeure*], *n.* A trough for horses or cattle to eat out of.



**mangle** (1) (mäŋgl) [O.F. *mahaigner*, to maim], *v.t.* To mutilate; to disfigure by hacking; (*fig.*) to mar, destroy the symmetry or completeness of.

**mangle** (2) [Dut. *mangel*], *n.* A rolling-machine for pressing and smoothing damp linen. *v.t.* To press and smooth with a mangle; to calender.

**mango** (mäŋ'gō) [Tamil *māṅkūy*], *n.* (*pl.* -goes) An East Indian tree.

**mangosteen** (mäŋ'gō-stēn) [Malay *mangustan*], *n.* An East Indian tree with a sweet, orange-like fruit.

**mangrove** (mäŋ'grōv) [?], *n.* A tropical tree growing in muddy places by the coast.

**mania** (mä'ni-ä) [Gr. cogn. with *mainesthai*, to be mad], *n.* A form of mental derangement characterized by hallucination, emotional excitement, and violence; (*fig.*) a craze. **maniac**, *n.* **maniacal**, *a.*

**-mania** [as prec.], *suf.* Denoting special kinds of derangement, excessive enthusiasm, etc., as *kleptomania*, *megalo-mania*, *monomania*. **-maniac**, *pers. suf.*

**manicure** (mä'n-i-kūr) [L. *manus*, hand, *cura*, care], *v.t.* To trim the finger-nails, etc.

**manifest** (mä'n-i-fest) [through F. *manifeste* or directly from L. *manifestus* (prob. *mani-*, *manu*, *manus*, hand, *festus*, struck, cogn. with DEFEND)], *a.* Not concealed; plainly apparent, clear, obvious; \*detected. *v.t.* To make manifest, to show clearly; to display, to exhibit, to evince; to be evidence of; to reveal or exhibit (itself); to record in a ship's manifest. *v.i.* To make a public demonstration of opinion; (*Spiritualism*) to reveal its presence (of a spirit). *n.* A list of a ship's cargo for the use of the custom-house officers; \*a manifest.

**manifestation** (-tä'shūn), *n.*

**manifesto** (mä'n-i-fes'tō) [It., as prec.], *n.* (*pl.* -tos) A public declaration, esp. by a government, sovereign, or other authoritative body, of opinions, motives, or intentions. \**v.i.* To issue a manifesto.

**manifold** (mä'n-i-föld) [A.-S. *manigfeald* (MANY, -FOLD)], *a.* Of various forms or kinds; many and various, abundant; shown, applied, or acting in various ways.

**manikin** (mä'n-i-kin) [Dut. *manneken*, dim. of *man*, MAN, see -KIN (cp. F. *mannequin*)], *n.* A little man, a dwarf.

**Manila** (mä-ni'l'ä) [capital of Philippine Is.], *n.* A kind of cheroot made at Manila; applied to a tough hemp and a strong brown paper made from this.

**manipulate** (mä-nip'ü-lät) [L. *manipulus*], *v.t.* To handle, to treat with the hands, esp. skilfully; to manage, influence, or tamper with. **manipulation**, *n.* **manipulative**, *a.* **manipulator**, *n.*

**manna** (mä'n'ä) [Heb.], *n.* The food miraculously supplied to the Israelites in the wilderness.

**manner** (mä'n'ér) [L. *manuārius*, pertaining to the hand], *n.* The mode in which anything is done: method, style; use, custom; bearing, address; sort, kind;

(*pl.*) behaviour, deportment, habits showing good breeding; social conditions. **mannered**, *a.* Having manners (as *ill-mannered*); affected. **mannerism**, *n.* Excessive adherence to the same manner; peculiarity of style. **mannerless**, *a.*

**manœuvre** (mä-noo'ver) [F., from L. *manū operārī*, to work with the hand], *n.* A tactical movement by troops or warships; (*pl.*) tactical exercises in imitation of war; (*fig.*) artful management, a stratagem. *v.t.* To perform manœuvres; to manage with skill. *v.t.* To cause (troops) to perform manœuvres; to effect by means of strategy; to manipulate.

**manor** (mä'n'ör) [O.F. *manoir*, L. *manēre*, to dwell], *n.* A landed estate consisting of a demesne and certain rights over lands held by freehold tenants. **manor-house**, *n.* **manorial**, *a.*

**manse** (mäns) [med. L. *mansa*, a house, as prec.], *n.* The residence of a Presbyterian minister.

**mansion** (mä'n'shūn) [O.F., from L. *mansio*, as prec.], *n.* A superior residence of considerable size; (*pl.*) a large building divided into residential flats; an abode. **mansion-house**, *n.* A manor-house; the official residence of a Lord Mayor.

**mantel** (mäntl) [as MANTLE], *n.* The ornamental facing around a fire-place with the shelf above it. **mantelpiece**, *n.* A mantel, esp. the shelf.

**mantilla** (man-ti'l'ä) [Sp., MANTLE], *n.* A woman's light cloak, a hood or veil.

**mantle** (mäntl) [O.F. *mantel*, L. *mantellum*], *n.* A loose outer garment; (*fig.*) a covering; coated network placed round a gas-jet to give an incandescent light. *v.t.* To clothe in a mantle; to cover, envelop; to suffuse. *v.i.* To be overspread (as with a blush); to suffuse the cheeks (of a blush); to become coated (of liquids).

**manual** (mä'n'ü-äl) [L. *manus*, hand], *a.* Pertaining to or performed with the hands. *n.* A handbook; a service book; an organ keyboard.

**manufacture** (mä'n-ü-fäk'chūr) [L. *manū*, by hand, *factūra*, from *facere*, to make], *n.* The making of articles by means of labour or machinery; (*pl.*) the products of industry or any particular industry. *v.t.* To make or work up for use; to produce or fashion by labour or machinery, esp. on a large scale; to fabricate, invent (a story, evidence, etc.). **manufactory**, *n.* **manufacturer**, *n.*

**manumit** (mä'n-ü-mit') [L. *manū*, by hand, *mittere*, to send], *v.t.* To release from slavery. **manumission**, *n.*

**manure** (mä-nūr') [corr. of MANŒUVRE], *v.t.* To enrich (soil) with fertilizers. *n.* Any substance, as dung, or chemical preparations, used to fertilize land.

**manuscript** (mä'n'ü-skript) [L. *manū*, by hand, *scriptus*, written], *a.* Written by hand. *n.* A written (as opp. to printed) document.

**Manx** (mäŋks) [Icel. *mansk*], *a.* Pertaining to the Isle of Man or its inhabitants.

**n.** The people of the Isle of Man; the Celtic language spoken by these.

**many** (men'i) [A.-S. *manig*], *a.* Numerous; comprising a great number.

**Maori** (mour.i) [native], *n.* One of the aborigines of New Zealand; their language.

**map** (măp) [L. *mappa*, napkin], *n.* A representation of a portion of the earth's surface, or the heavens, upon a plane. *v.t.* To represent in a map; to plan (out) in exact detail.

**maple** (măpl) [A.-S.], *n.* A tree allied to the sycamore; the wood of this.

**mar** (mar) [A.-S. *merran*], *v.t.* To spoil, ruin; to disfigure.

**maraschino** (măr-ă-skē'nō) [It.], *n.* A liqueur distilled from bitter black cherries.

**maraud** (mă-rawd') [F. *maraud*, rogue], *v.i.* To rove in quest of plunder; to make a raid (on). *v.t.* To plunder.

**marauder**, *n.*

**marble** (marbl) [O.F. *marbre*, L. *marmor*], *n.* A crystalline limestone taking a fine polish; a piece of sculpture in this (*usu. in pl.*); a small hard ball used as a toy.

**march** (1) (march) [F. *marche*, MARK (1)], *n.* The boundary of a territory; a borderland between two countries. *v.i.* To border (upon) or have a common frontier (with).

**march** (2) [F. *marcher*], *v.i.* To move with regular steps; to walk in a grave deliberate manner. *v.t.* To cause to move in military order. *n.* Act of marching; a deliberate or measured movement, esp. of soldiers; the distance marched in a day; (*Mus.*) a composition for accompanying a march.

**March** (3) [A.-F. *marche*, L. *Martius*, pertaining to Mars], *n.* The third month of the year.

**marchioness** (mar'shō-nēs) [low L. *mar-chionissa*], *n.* The wife or widow of a marquess, or a woman holding this rank in her own right.

**marconigram** (mar-kō'ni-grām) [Guglielmo Marconi (b. 1874), inventor, -GRAM], *n.* A message sent by the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy.

**mare** (măr) [A.-S. *mere*], *n.* The female of the horse. **mare's-nest**, *n.* A discovery that turns out a delusion.

**margarine** (mar'gă-rin, -rên) [F. *margarin*, Gr. *margaritēs*, pearl], *n.* An artificial butter.

**margin** (mar'jin) [L. *margo-ginis*], *n.* An edge, a border, a brink; the space round the printed matter on a page; the space within which a thing is just possible; an allowance for contingencies, growth, etc.; the difference between cost and selling price. **marginal**, *a.* **marginalia**, *n.pl.* Marginal notes.

**margrave** (mar'grāv) [Dut. *markgraaf* (MARK (1), *graaf*, a count)], *n.* A German title of nobility. **mar'gravine**, *n.* The wife of a margrave.

**marguerite** (mar'gér-ēt) [F., as MAR-GARINE], *n.* The ox-eye daisy and other varieties of *chrysanthemum*.

**marigold** (măr'i-göld) [the Virgin *Mary*, GOLD], *n.* A plant bearing a bright yellow flower.

**marine** (mă-rên') [L. *mare*, the sea], *a.* Pertaining to the sea; used in navigation, nautical, naval. *n.* The shipping or navy of a country; (*pl.*) troops for service on warships. **mar'iner**, *n.* A seaman, a sailor.

**marionette** (măr-i-ō-net') [dim. of *Marion*, dim. of *Mary*], *n.* A puppet moved by strings on a mimic stage.

**marital** (măr'i-tăl) [L. *maritus*, husband], *a.* Pertaining to a husband or to wedded life.

**maritime** (măr'i-tim) [L. *maritimus*, as MARINE], *a.* Pertaining to or bordering on the sea; having a navy or commerce by sea (of countries, cities, etc.).

**marjoram** (mar'jō-rām) [O.F. *marjorane*], *n.* A herb of the mint family.

**mark** (1) (mark) [A.-S. *mearc*], *n.* A visible sign, a stroke, cut, dot, etc.; a symbol, character, token; an object to aim at; a limit, a standard; a distinguishing feature, a symptom; a boundary, frontier, or limit. *v.t.* To make a mark on; to distinguish by a mark or marks; to single out; to pay heed to; to be a feature of; to express or produce by marks; to record (points in games); to award (merit in examination). *v.i.* To observe critically, to take note. **markedly**, *adv.* **markedness**, *n.* **marker**, *n.* One who marks; a counter used in card-playing; one who notes the score at billiards, etc.

**mark** (2) (mark) [A.-S. *marc*], *n.* A German silver coin, nominally worth rather less than 1s.

**market** (mar'két) [late A.-S. and O. North. F.], *n.* A meeting for buying and selling; the place for this; a locality regarded as a place for buying and selling commodities in general or a particular form of merchandise; demand for a commodity, value as determined by this. *v.i.* To deal in a market. *v.t.* To sell in a market. **market-garden**, *n.* A garden in which vegetables and fruit are raised for market. **market town**, *n.* A town holding a public market. **marketable**, *a.*

**marking** (mar'king) [MARK (1), -ING], *a.* Producing a mark. *n.* Marks or colouring, esp. on natural objects.

**marksman** (marks'măn) [MARK (1), MAN], *n.* One skilled in aiming at a mark; one who shoots well. **marksmanship**, *n.*

**marl** (marl) [O.F. *marle*], *n.* Clay containing calcareous matter, used as a fertilizer. *v.t.* To manure with marl.

**marine** (mar'lin) [Dut. *marlijn*], *n.* (*Naut.*) A small two-stranded line, used for lashing, etc. **marine-spike**, *n.* A pin for opening the strands of rope.

**marmalade** (mar'mă-lăd) [Port. *marmelada* (marmelo, quince)], *n.* A preserve prepared from oranges or lemons.

**marmoreal** (mar-môr-é-ăl) [L. *marmor*, marble], *a.* Like marble, cold, smooth.

**marmoset** (mar'mô-zet) [O.F., a grotesque image], *n.* A small monkey.



**marmot** (mar'mót) [F. *marmotte*], *n.* A squirrel-like rodent about the size of a rabbit.

**maroon** (1) (má-roon') [F. *marron*, chestnut], *a.* and *n.* A brownish-crimson colour.

**maroon** (2) (má-roon') [Sp. *cimarron*, savage], *n.* Fugitive slaves in the West Indies and their descendants; one who has been marooned. *v.t.* To put ashore and abandon on a desolate island.

**marquee** (mar-ké') [F. *Marquise*], *n.* A large field-tent.

**marquess, marquis** (mar'kwés) [O.F. *marquis*, warden of the marches], *n.* A title of nobility next below a duke and above an earl. **marquisate**, *n.*

**marquetry** (mar'két-ri) [F. *marqueter*, to inlay], *n.* Work inlaid with fine wood, ivory, metal, plates, etc.

**marriage** (már'aj) [F. *mariage*, as **MARITAL**], *n.* The legal union of a man and woman, wedlock; a wedding. **marriageable**, *a.* Fit or of age for marriage.

**married** (már'id) [*p.p.* of **MARRY**], *a.* United in marriage; pertaining to married persons, conjugal.

**marrow** (már'ō) [A.-S. *mearg*], *n.* A fatty substance in the cavities of bones; (*fig.*) the essence, the pith; a vegetable marrow. **marrowbone**, *n.* A bone containing marrow. **marrowfat**, *n.* A large variety of pea.

**marry** (már'i) [L. *marītāre*, see **MARITAL**], *v.t.* To unite as man and wife; to give in marriage; to take for one's husband or wife. *v.i.* To enter into wedlock.

**marsh** (marsh) [A.-S. *mersc*], *n.* Land covered wholly or partially with water; a swamp. **marshy**, *a.*

**marshal** (mar'shál) [O.H.G. *marah*, horse, *scalh*, servant], *n.* An officer regulating ceremonies and directing processions; an officer of state; a military and Air-Force officer of high rank; a field-marshal. *v.t.* To arrange in order; to conduct in a ceremonious manner. *v.i.* To assemble, to take up a position (of armies, processions, etc.). **marshaller**, *n.*

**marsupial** (mar-sū'pi-ál) [Gr. *maršipos*, bag], *a.* Belonging to the *Marsupialia*, carrying the young in a pouch, as the kangaroos and opossums. *n.* Any individual of the *Marsupialia*.

**mart** (mart) [**MARKET**], *n.* A market or market-place; an auction-room.

**marten** (mar'tén) [O.Teut., *marthuz*], *n.* A small carnivorous mammal allied to the weasel, with a valuable fur.

**martial** (mar'shál) [L. *Martiālis*, from **MARS**], *a.* Pertaining to war; courageous.

**martin** (mar'tin) [St. *Martin* of Tours (4th cent.)], *n.* A bird allied to the swallow.

**martinet** (mar-ti-net') [Gen. *Martinet*, officer under Louis XIV], *n.* A strict disciplinarian.

**martingale** (mar'ting-gál) [F.], *n.* A strap fastened to a horse's girth to keep the head down.

**Martinmas** (mar'tin-más) [**MARTIN**, **MASS**

(1)], *n.* The feast of St. Martin, 11th Nov.

**martyr** (mar'tér) [Gr. *martur*, a witness], *n.* One who suffers death or persecution in defence of his faith or principles. *v.t.* To put to death for adherence to one's belief, etc.; to persecute. **martyrdom**, *n.* **martyrol'ogy**, *n.* A list or history of martyrs.

**marvel** (mar'vél) [O.F. *merveille*], *n.* A wonderful or astonishing thing; a prodigy. *v.i.* To be astonished (at or that); to wonder. **marvellous**, *a.* and *adv.*

**mascot** (mäs'kót) [F.], *n.* An object or person that brings luck.

**masculine** (mäs'kü-lin) [L. *masculinus*, see **MALE**], *a.* Belonging to or having the qualities of the male sex; robust, vigorous; manly; denoting the male gender. **masculin'ity**, *n.*

**mash** (māsh) [A.-S.], *n.* Ingredients crushed and mixed into a pulp. *v.t.* To crush into a pulpy mass.

**mask** (mask) [F. *masque*, or as **MASQUERADE**], *n.* A covering for the face, for protection or disguise; an impression of a face in plastic material; a pretence, a subterfuge; a masque. *v.t.* To cover or disguise with a mask; (*Mil.*) to hide (a battery, etc.) behind cover. *v.i.* To go in disguise. **masker** [**MASQUER**].

**mason** (mā'són) [O.F. *maçon*], *n.* A mechanic who works in stone; a free-mason. **mason'ic**, *a.* **ma'sonry**, *n.*

**masque** (mask) [F.], *n.* A play formerly presented in noblemen's houses, the performers wearing masks, orig. in dumb show. **masquer**, *n.*

**masquerade** (mäs-kér-äd') [Sp. *mascarada*, Arab. *maskhara*, a buffoon], *n.* A ball at which people wear masks; disguise, pretence. *v.i.* To pass oneself off in a false guise. **masquerader**, *n.*

**mass** (1) (mäs) [A.-S. *mæsse*], *n.* The R.C. celebration of the eucharist; the office for this; a setting of certain portions of this to music.

**mass** (2) (mäs) [F. *masse*], *n.* A body of matter collected into a whole of indefinite shape; a compact aggregation of things; a great quantity; the principal part, the majority (of); volume, bulk. *v.t.* To form into a mass; to concentrate (as troops). *v.i.* To gather into a mass. **massive**, *a.* Heavy, ponderous; bulky. **massy**, *a.*

**massacre** (mäs'ä-kér) [F.], *n.* Indiscriminate slaughter; carnage. *v.t.* To kill indiscriminately.

**massage** (ma-sazh') [F.], *n.* Treatment by kneading the muscles and body with the hands. *v.t.* To subject to this treatment. **masseur** (ma-sér') (*fem.* **masseuse**, -sérz'), *n.* One who gives massage.

**mast** (1) (mast) [A.-S. *mæst*], *n.* A long pole placed upright in a ship to support the yards, sails, etc. **masted**, *a.*

**mast** (2) [A.-S. *mæst*], *n.* The fruit of the beech or other forest trees.

**master** (mas'tér) [A.-S. *mægester*, L.

**magister**, *n.* A man who has authority over others; an employer; the head of a household; the owner of a slave, dog, etc.; one skilled in an art, craft, etc.; a great artist; a schoolmaster; the highest degree in arts and surgery; a title of certain judicial officers; a title prefixed to the names of young gentlemen; (*Sc.*) the courtesy title of a viscount or baron's eldest son; the captain of a merchant vessel. *a.* Having control or authority. *v.t.* To become the master of; to subdue, bring under control. **Old Masters**: The great painters of the 13th-17th centuries; their pictures. **master-hand**, *n.* An expert. **master-key**, *n.* A key which opens all the locks of a set. **master-mind**, *n.* The ruling mind or intellect. **masterpiece** *n.* A performance superior to anything of the same kind. **masterful**, *a.* Expressing mastery; domineering. **masterless**, *a.* **masterly**, *a.* With the skill of a master.

**mastic** (mäs'tik) [*Gr. mastichē*], *n.* A resin from a Mediterranean evergreen tree, used for varnish.

**masticate** (mäs'ti-kät) [*L. masticātus*], *v.t.* To grind and crush with the teeth.

**mastication**, *n.* **mas'ticatory**, *a.*

**mastiff** (mäs'tif) [*A.-F. and O.F. mastin*], *n.* A large dog of great strength and courage.

**mastodon** (mäs'tó-dón) [*Gr. mastos, breast, odous odontos, tooth*], *n.* An extinct mammal allied to the elephant.

**mat** (1) (mät) [*A.-S. meatte*], *n.* A coarse fabric of rushes, hemp, etc., used to wipe shoes on, for packing, etc.; a tangled mass of anything. *v.i.* To become twisted into a mat (of hair, etc.).

**mat** (2) [*F.*], *a.* Dull, lustreless, not glossy.

**matador** (mät'a-dör) [*Sp.*], *n.* The man who has to kill the bull in bull-fights.

**match** (1) (mäch) [*A.-S. mæcca*], *n.* A person or thing like or corresponding to another; one able to cope with another; a contest of skill, strength, etc.; an alliance by marriage; one eligible for marrying. *v.t.* To compare as equal; to oppose as equal; to correspond. *v.i.* To agree, to be equal, to tally. **match-board**, *n.* A board having a tongue along one edge and a corresponding groove on the other for fitting into similar boards.

**match** (2) [*O.F. mesche, wick*], *n.* A small strip of wood or taper tipped with combustible material; a fuse for firing charges.

**mate** (1) (mät) [*from CHECKMATE*], *v.t.* To checkmate; to confound, paralyze. *n.* A checkmate.

**mate** (2) (mät) [*Teut.*], *n.* A comrade, a fellow-worker; an equal; a suitable partner, esp. in marriage; an officer in a merchant ship ranking below the captain; an assistant to a ship's surgeon, cook, etc. *v.t.* To match, to join together in marriage; to pair (birds).

**maté** (mät'a) [*Sp.*], *n.* Paraguay-tea, an infusion of the leaves of the Brazilian holly; this shrub.

**material** (mä-tēr'i-äl) [*O.F. materiel, as MATTER*], *a.* Pertaining to or consisting of matter; substantial; unspiritual, pertaining to the essence of a thing, not to the form; important, momentous. *n.* The substance from which anything is made; stuff, fabric; component parts (of). **materialism**, *n.* The theory that there is nothing in the universe but matter; regard for secular to the neglect of spiritual interests. **materialist**, *n.* **materialis'tic**, *a.* **mater'ialize**, *v.t.* To make material, to invest with matter. *v.i.* To appear (of a spirit); to become actual fact. **materializa'tion**, *n.*

**maternal** (mä-tēr'näl) [*F. materiel, L. mäter, mother*], *a.* Motherly; pertaining to maternity; related on the mother's side. **maternity**, *n.* Motherhood.

**mathematical** (mät'h-ë-mät'i-käl) [*Gr. mathēmatikos, from manthanein, to learn*], *a.* Pertaining to mathematics; rigidly accurate. **mathematician** (-mä-tish'än), *n.* **mathematics** (-mät'iks), *n.* The science of quantity as expressed by numbers.

**matin** (mät'in) [*L. matutinus, of the morning*], *n.* (*in pl.*) One of the canonical hours of the R.-C. breviary; the daily office of morning prayer. **matinee** (mät'i-nä), *n.* An afternoon performance.

**matricide** (mä'tri-sid) [*L. mätricida*], *n.* One who murders his mother; the murder of a mother.

**matriculate** (mä-trik'ü-lät) [*L. mätricula, register*], *v.t.* To admit to membership of a college or University. *v.i.* To be so admitted. **matricula'tion**, *n.*

**matrimony** (mät'ri-mö-ni) [*L. mätrimonium, from mäter, mother*], *n.* The state of being married, marriage, wedlock. **matrimo'nial**, *a.*

**matrix** (mä'triks) [*L. mäter, mother*], *n.* The womb; a place where anything is developed; a mould in which type, a die, etc., is cast; that in which a mineral or fossil is embedded.

**matron** (mä'trón) [*as prec.*], *n.* A married woman; the female superintendent of an institution. **matronly**, *a.* and *adv.*

**matter** (mät'ér) [*M.E. and O.F. matere, F. matière, L. mätēria, stuff, esp. for building*], *n.* Substance as dist. from thought, mind, spirit, etc.; that which has weight, occupies space, and is perceptible by the senses; meaning, sense (of a book, discourse, etc.); (*Log.*) content as opposed to form; an affair, a business; cause or occasion for difficulty, regret, etc.; importance. *v.i.* To be of moment, to signify. **matter-of-fact**, *a.* Treating of facts or realities; not fanciful or imaginary; commonplace, prosaic.

**matting** (mät'ing) [*MAT* (1), -ING], *n.* Mat-work; mats; material for mats; coarse fabric for packing and covering.

**mattock** (mät'ók) [*A.-S. mattuc*], *n.* A pick with one broad end.

**mattress** (mät'rès) [*O.F. materas*], *n.* A case stuffed with hair, wool, etc., used as



a bed; a similar appliance of woven wire or springs.

**mature** (mā-tūr') [L. *mātūrus*, ripe], *a.* Ripe, completely developed; fully considered, etc.; become payable (as a bill).

*v.t.* To bring to a state of ripeness.

*v.i.* To become fully developed; to become payable (of a bill). **maturity**, *n.*

**matutinal** (māt-ū-tī'nāl) [L. (as *MATIN*)], *a.* Pertaining to the morning; early.

**maudlin** (mawd'lin) [MAGDALEN], *a.* Muddled with drink; sentimental.

**maugre** (maw'gēr) [O.F. *maugrē*], *prep.* In spite of.

**maul** (mawl) [L. *malleus*, hammer], *n.* A heavy wooden hammer. *v.t.* To beat, bruise; to handle roughly.

**maulstick** (mawl'stik) [Dut. *maalsrok*], *n.* A light stick with a round pad at the end used as a rest for the right hand by painters.

**maunder** (mawn'dēr) [?], *v.t.* To grumble, mutter; to talk incoherently.

**maundy** (mawn'di) [O.F. *mandē*, L. *mandatum*, MANDATE], *n.* The ceremony of washing the feet of the poor on Holy Thursday; a distribution of alms following this.

**mausoleum** (maw-só-lē'ūm) [L., from Gr.], *n.* The stately tomb of Mausolus, king of Caria, one of the seven wonders of the world; an elaborate sepulchral monument.

**mauve** (mōv) [L. *malva*, mallow], *n.* A lilac-coloured aniline dye; the colour.

**mavis** (mā'vis) [F. *mauvīs*], *n.* The song-thrush.

**maw** (maw) [A.-S. *maga*], *n.* The fourth stomach of ruminants; the crop of birds.

**mawkish** (maw'kish) [Icel. *maþkr*, -ISH], *a.* Apt to cause satiety; sickly, insipid.

**maxilla** (māk-sil'ā) [L.], *n.* (*pl.* -læ, -læ) One of the jaw-bones, esp. the upper.

**maxim** (1) (māk'sim) [L. *maximus*, greatest], *n.* A general principle of a practical kind.

**Maxim** (2) [Sir Hiram S. Maxim (1840-1916), inventor], *n.* An automatic single-barrelled quick-firing machine-gun.

**maximum** (māk'si-mūm) [as MAXIM (1)], *n.* (*pl.* -ma) The greatest quantity or degree attainable. *a.* Greatest; at the greatest or highest degree.

**may** (1) (mā) [A.-S. *mæg*, 1st sing. of *mugan*, to be able], *aux.v.* (2nd sing. **mayest**, *past* might) Expressing possibility, permission, desire, obligation, or uncertainty.

**maybe**, *adv.* Perhaps, possibly. **mayhap**, *conj.* Peradventure.

**May** (2) [F. *mai*, L. *Māius*], *n.* The fifth month of the year; the springtime of life, youth; hawthorn-blossom.

**mayonnaise** [māz'ō-nāz] [F.], *n.* A sauce made of egg-yolk, oil, vinegar, etc.

**mayor** (mā'ōr, mār) [F. *maire*, L. MAJOR], *n.* The chief officer of a city. **mayoral**, *a.* **mayoralty**, *n.* **mayoress**, *n.*

**maze** (māz) [?], *n.* A labyrinth, a confusing network of passages; a state of uncertainty, perplexity. *v.t.* To be-

wilder, to confuse. **mazy**, *a.* Involved, perplexing, intricate; giddy.

**mazurka** (mā-zēr'kā) [Pol., woman of the prov. Mazovia], *n.* A lively Polish dance.

**me** (mē, mé) [A.-S.], *pers. pron.* The dative and objective of the first personal pronoun.

**mead** (1) (mēd) [A.-S. *medu*], *n.* A fermented liquor made from honey.

**mead** (2) [A.-S. *mēd*], *n.* (*poet.*) A meadow.

**meadow** (mēd'ō) [A.-S. *mædwe*], *n.* A tract of land under grass; rich, moist ground, esp. near a river. **meadow-sweet**, *n.* A plant with white flowers.

**meagre** (mē'gēr) [O.F. *meigre*, *maigre*], *a.* Lean, wanting flesh; destitute of richness; (*fig.*) scanty. **meagreness**, *n.*

**meal** (1) (mēl) [A.-S. *mal*], *n.* Food taken at a customary time, a repast.

**meal** (2) [A.-S. *melu*], *n.* The edible portion of grain ground into flour. **meal**, *a.*

**mealie** (mē'li) [S. Afric. Dut. *milje*, Port. *milho*, MILLET], *n.* (*usu. pl.*) Maize.

**mean** (1) (mēn) [A.-S. *mēnan*], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* meant, ment) To have in the mind; to intend; to denote, signify. *v.i.* To have a specified intention or disposition. **meaning**, *n.* That which is meant, significance, import. *a.* Significant. **meaningless**, *a.*

**mean** (2) [O.F. *meien* (F. *moyen*)], *a.* Occupying a middle position; moderate, not excessive; average. *n.* The middle point, course, quality, etc., between two extremes; an average; (*pl.*) that by which a result is attained; income, wealth. **meantime**, *-while*, *adv.* In the intervening time. *n.* The interval between two given times.

**mean** (3) [A.-S. *mēne*], *a.* Low in quality, value, rank, etc.; inferior, poor; petty, stingy; ignoble, despicable. **meanly**, *adv.* **meanness**, *n.*

**meander** (mē-ān'dēr) [L. *Mæander*, winding river in Phrygia], *v.i.* To wander, wind, or flow in a tortuous course.

**measles** (mēzls) [M.E. *maseles*], *n.pl.* An infectious disease usu. attacking children. **measly**, *a.*

**measure** (mez'hūr) [O.F. *mesure*], *n.* The extent or dimensions of a thing; measurements; standard of measurement; a definite unit of capacity or extent; an instrument for measuring, a system of measuring, act of measuring; prescribed extent, quantity, etc.; limit, just degree or amount; metre, poetical rhythm; means to an end; a law, a statute; (*Geol.*) (*pl.*) a series of beds, strata; (*Mus.*) pace, the contents of a bar; dance. *v.t.* To determine the extent or quantity of; to take the dimensions of; to weigh, value, or estimate by comparison with a standard; to serve as the measure of; to allot or apportion by measure; (*fig.*) to travel over, to survey. **measurable**, *a.* **measured**, *a.* Of definite measure; deliberate and uniform; rhythmical;

well-considered. **measureless**, *a.*  
**measurement**, *n.*

**meat** (mēt) [A.-S. *mete*], *n.* The flesh of animals, usu. excluding fish and fowl, used as food. **meaty**, *a.* **meatiness**, *n.*

**mechanic** (mē-kān'ik) [Gr. *mēchanikos*, as **MACHINE**], *n.* A handicraftsman, an artisan; one employed or skilled in any craft or mechanical occupation; (*pl.*) the branch of physics treating of the motion and equilibrium of material bodies; *a.* Mechanical; industrial. **mechanical**, *a.* Pertaining to mechanics, mechanism, or machinery; in accordance with physical laws; produced by or working with machinery; machine-like, done from force of habit; unoriginal. **mechanical powers**: The simple machines, the wedge, the inclined plane, the screw, the lever, the wheel and axle, and the pulley. **mechanician** (-nish'ān), *n.* One skilled in mechanics or in machine-making. **mechanism**, *n.* The structure or correlation of parts of a machine; machinery; a system of correlated parts working together; (*Art*) mechanical execution as dist. from style.

**medal** (med'äl) [F. *médaille*, as **METAL**], *n.* A piece of metal, usu. coin-shaped, stamped with a figure and inscription to commemorate some event or person.

**meddle** (medl) [A.-F. *medler*], *v.i.* To interfere (in) officiously; to concern or busy oneself (with) unnecessarily. **meddler**, *n.* **meddlesome**, *a.*

**mediaeval** (med-i-ē'vāl) [L. *medius*, middle, ævum, age], *a.* Pertaining to or characteristic of the Middle Ages. **mediaevalism**, *n.* **mediaevalist**, *n.*

**medial** (mē'di-äl) [L. *mediālis*, as *prec.*], *a.* Pertaining to or situated in the middle; mean, average.

**mediate** (mē'di-ät) [L. *mediāre*, as *prec.*], *a.* Situated between two extremes; intervening, indirect; acting as or effected by indirect means. *v.i.* (ät') To interpose (between) in order to reconcile parties, etc.; to serve as connecting link (between). **media'tion**, *n.* **me'diator**, *n.* **medical** (med'i-käl) [F. *médical*, L. *medicus*, a physician], *a.* Pertaining to or employed in medicine; healing, medicinal. **medic'ament**, *n.* A healing substance.

**medicine** (med'i-sin) [O.F. *medecine*, as *prec.*], *n.* A substance for alleviating or removing disease; the science of preserving health and curing disease, esp. as dist. from surgery; applied by the N. Am. Indians to anything supposed to possess supernatural powers, a charm, fetish. **medic'inal**, *a.*

**mediocre** (mē'di-ō-kēr) [F. *médiocre*, L. *medius*, middle], *a.* Of middling quality; average, commonplace. **medioc'urity**, *n.*

**meditate** (med'i-tāt) [L. *meditātus*, mused over], *v.i.* To ponder, to engage in thought (upon); to cogitate. *v.t.* To dwell upon mentally; to design, intend. **medita'tion**, *n.* **med'itative**, *a.*

**medium** (mē'di-ūm) [L., neut. of *medius*, middle], *n.* Anything serving as an intermediary; instrumentality, agency; an instrument of exchange, as money; a middle or intermediate object, quality, degree, etc.; a person claiming to receive and transmit communications from the spirit world. *a.* Intermediate in quality, etc.; average, middling, mediocre.

**medlar** (med'lär) [A.-F. *medler*, L. *mespila*], *n.* A rosaceous tree, the fruit of which is eaten when beginning to decay.

**medley** (med'li) [A.-F. *medlee*, as **MEDDLE**], *n.* A confused mass of incongruous objects, persons, etc.

**medulla** (mē-dül'ä) [L.], *n.* Marrow, esp. of the spine; the spinal cord.

**medusa** (mē-dū'sä) [Gr. *Medousa*, one of the Gorgons of myth], *n.* (*pl.* -sæ) A jelly-fish.

**meed** (mēd) [A.-S. *mēd*], *n.* Reward, recompense.

**meek** (mēk) [M.G. *meoc*], *a.* Mild, submissive, gentle, forbearing. **meekness**, *n.*

**meerschau** (mēr'shawm, -shum) [G., sea-foam], *n.* A white clay used for tobacco-pipes; a pipe made of this.

**meet** (1) (mēt) [A.-S. *gemæte*, fitting well], *a.* Fit, proper, suitable. **meetly**, *adv.*

**meet** (2) [A.-S. *mētan*], *v.t.* To come face to face with; to reach and unite with (of a road, railway, etc.); to encounter, confront, oppose; to answer, satisfy, discharge. *v.i.* To come together, to assemble; to be united. *n.* A meeting for hunting, or of cyclists, etc.; the persons assembled or the place of assembly. **meeting**, *n.* A coming together, an assembly; the persons assembled. **meeting-house**, *n.* A dissenters' place of worship.

**mega-**, **megalo-** [Gr., *megas*, fem. *megalē*, great], *comb. form.* Great, large. **meg'a-phon**, *n.* An apparatus for enabling the voice to travel a long distance.

**megrin** (mē'grim) [F. *migraine*, Gr. *hēmikrania* (HEMI-, *kranion*, skull)], *n.* A severe headache; (*pl.*) low spirits.

**melancholia** (mel-än-kō'li-ä) [as *fol.*], *n.* A mental disorder characterized by lowness of spirits.

**melancholy** (mel-än-kōl-i) [Gr. *melancholia* (*melas*, black, *cholos*, bile)], *n.* A gloomy, dejected state of mind; depression, despondency; melancholia. *a.* Sad, gloomy, mournful; pensive. **melancho'lic**, *a.*

**mêlée** (mel'ä) [F., *medley*], *n.* A confused hand-to-hand fight, an affray.

**meliorate** (mē'li-ō-rät) [L. *melior*, better], *v.t.* To make or grow better. **melio'ra'tion**, *n.*

**mellicifluous** (mē-lif'lu-ūs) [L. *mel*, honey, *fluere*, to flow], *a.* Flowing smoothly and sweetly. **mellicfluence**, *n.*

**mellow** (mel'ō) [?], *a.* Fully ripe; soft and rich (of tones and colours); kindly; half tipsy. *v.t.* To ripen, mature, soften. *v.i.* To become ripe, etc.

**melodeon** (mē-lō'dē-ōn) [MELODY], *n.* A



wind-instrument with a row of reeds and a keyboard, an early type of American organ.

**melodrama** (mel'ô-dra-mâ) [Gr. *melos*, song, *DRAMA*], *n.* A sensational play with startling situations; a novel of a similar kind. **melodramatic**, *a.*

**melody** (mel'ô-di) [Gr. *melos*, song, *ôdê*, see ODE], *n.* An agreeable succession of sounds, an air or tune; the chief part in harmonic music. **melodic** (mé-lod'ik), **melodious** (mé-lô'di-ûs), *a.*

**melon** (mel'ôn) [Gr. *mélon*, apple, fruit], *n.* A gourd, esp. the musk-melon and the water-melon.

**melt** (melt) [A.-S. *meltan*], *v.i.* (*p.p.* melted, molten). To pass from solid to liquid by heat; to dissolve; (*fig.*) to disappear; to give way; to dissolve in tears. *v.t.* To make liquid by heat; to dissolve; to soften to tenderness; to dissipate.

**member** (mem'bér) [L. *membrum*], *n.* A limb or organ of the body; a component part of a complex whole; one belonging to a society or body. **membership**, *n.*

**membrane** (mem'brân) [L. *membrâna*], *n.* A thin lining or covering to parts of an organism. **membranous**, *a.*

**memento** (mé-men'tô) [L., remember], *n.* (*pl.* -oes) A memorial, a reminder.

**memoir** (mem'war) [as MEMORY], *n.* (*usu. pl.*) An account of events, etc., in which the narrator took part; a biography.

**memorable** (mem'ôr-âbl) [L. *memorâbilis*, as MEMORY], *a.* Worthy to be remembered; notable, remarkable.

**memorandum** (mem-ô-rân-dûm) [L.], *n.* (*pl.* -da) A note to help the memory; a short informal letter; a summary or draft of an agreement, etc.

**memorial** (mé-môr'î-âl) [MEMORY, -AL], *a.* Preservative of memory; commemorative; preserved in memory. *n.* That which preserves the memory of something; a monument; a written petition, remonstrance, etc.; a chronicle. **memorialist**, *n.* One who signs a memorial.

**memorize** (mem'ô-riz) [foll., -IZE], *v.t.* To commemorate; to learn by heart.

**memory** (mem'ô-ri) [O.F. *memoire*, L. *memoria*, from *memor*, mindful], *n.* The mental faculty that retains and recalls impressions, etc.; remembrance, recollection; the state of being remembered.

**menace** (men'âs) [L. *minax-âcis*, threatening], *n.* A threat. *v.t.* To threaten.

**menage** (mê-nazh') [F.], *n.* A household; housekeeping, household management.

**menagerie** (mê-nâj'ê-r-i) [F. *ménagerie*], *n.* A collection of wild animals; a place where wild animals are kept.

**mend** (mend) [from AMEN: ], *v.t.* To repair, restore, make good; *t.* correct, to amend. *v.i.* To grow better, to improve; to recover health.

**mendacious** (men-dâ'shûs) [L. *mendax-âcis*, lying], *a.* Given to lying, untruthful. **mendacity** (-dâs'î-ti), *n.*

**mendicant** (men'di-kânt) [L. *mendicans*, begging], *a.* Begging. *n.* A beggar; a member of a monastic order subsisting on alms. **men'dicancy**, *n.* **mendic'ity**, *n.*

**menhir** (men'hër) [Bret., long stone], *n.* A prehistoric monument consisting of a tall upright stone.

**menial** (mê'ni-âl) [O.F. *meyné*, a household], *a.* Pertaining to servants; servile, mean. *n.* A domestic servant; one doing servile work.

**mensurable** (men'shoor-âbl) [L. *mensûra*, measure], *a.* Measurable.

**mensuration** (men-sû-râ'shûn) [as prec.], *n.* Act or practice of measuring.

**-ment**, *suf.* Forming nouns denoting result, state, action, etc., as in *agreement*, *impediment*, *ornament*.

**mental** (men'tâl) [L. *mens mentis*, mind], *a.* Pertaining to the mind, intellectual; due to or done by the mind. **mental'ity**, *n.*

**menthol** (men'thól) [L. *mentha*, mint], *n.* A waxy crystalline substance from oil of peppermint.

**mention** (men'shûn) [L. *mentio*, as MENTAL], *n.* A concise notice, allusion to (or of); a naming. *v.t.* To refer or allude to; to indicate by naming. **mentionable**, *a.*

**mentor** (men'tór) [Gr. *Mentôr*, counsellor to Telemachus], *n.* A wise counsellor.

**menu** (men'oo) [F.], *n.* A bill of fare.

**mercantile** (mêr'kân-tîl) [as MERCHANT], *a.* Pertaining to buying and selling.

**mercenary** (mêr'sê-nâr-i) [L. *mercênarius*, as foll.], *a.* Serving for money; done from motives of gain; venal. *n.* One who is hired, esp. a soldier in foreign service.

**mercier** (mêr'sér) [F. *mercier*, L. *merx mercis*, merchandise], *n.* One who deals in silk, cotton, woollen, and linen goods. **mercery**, *n.*

**merchandise** (mêr'chân-dîz) [as foll.], *n.* Articles of commerce; commodities for purchase.

**merchant** (mêr'chânt) [O.F. *marchand*, L. *mercans*, trading, from *merx mercis*, merchandise], *n.* One who trades on a large scale, esp. with foreign countries. *a.* Mercantile, commercial. **merchantman**, *n.* A merchant ship. **merchant service**: The mercantile marine.

**Mercury** (mêr'kû-ri) [L. *Mercurius*], *n.* The messenger of the gods (*Rom. Myth.*); the planet nearest the sun; quicksilver. **mercurial** (-kûr'î-âl), *a.* Flighty, volatile, fickle; pertaining to or caused by mercury.

**mercy** (mêr'si) [F. *merci*, L. *merces*, reward], *n.* Forbearance, compassion; an act of clemency or pity; forgiveness; something to be thankful for. **merciful**, *a.* **merciless**, *a.*

**mere** (1) (mêr) [A.-S.], *n.* A lake, a pool. **mere** (2) [L. *merus*, pure], *a.* Such and no more; absolute, unqualified. **merely**, *adv.* Only, solely.

**meretricious** (mêr-ê-trish'ûs) [L. *meretrix*, harlot], *a.* Alluring by empty show; unreal, tawdry.

**merge** (mĕrj) [L. *mergere*, to dip], *v.t.* To cause to be absorbed, to sink (in a larger estate, title, etc.). *v.i.* To be absorbed or swallowed up; to lose identity (in).

**meridian** (mĕ-rĭd'ĭ-ān) [L. *meridiēs*, mid-day], *a.* Pertaining to midday, to a geographical or astronomical meridian, or to the period of highest splendour or vigour. *n.* (*Astron.*) A great circle drawn through the poles and the zenith of any given place on the earth's surface; (*Geog.*) the line in which the plane of this circle intersects the earth's surface; the time when the sun crosses this; noon; (*fig.*) zenith, point of highest splendour, etc. **meridional**, *a.* Pertaining to a meridian; culminating; pertaining to the south, esp. of Europe; running north and south (as a mountain range).

**meringue** (mĕ-rāng') [F.], *n.* A cake or confection of white of eggs, sugar, etc.

**merino** (mĕ-rĕ-nō) [Sp.], *n.* A Spanish breed of sheep valuable for their fine wool.

**merit** (mĕr'it) [L. *meritus*, earned], *n.* Desert; excellence deserving reward; worth, worthiness; (*pl.*) the essential rights and wrongs of a case. *v.t.* To deserve; to have a just title to. **meritori'ous**, *a.* Praiseworthy.

**merle** (mĕrl) [L. *merula*], *n.* The blackbird.

**merlin** (mĕr'lin) [A.-F. *merilun*, O.F. *esmerillon*], *n.* The smallest of the European falcons.

**mermaid** (mĕr'mād) [MERE (1), MAID], *n.* A fabulous marine creature, its upper half like a woman and the lower like a fish.

**merry** (mĕr'i) [A.-S. *myrige*], *a.* Joyous, gay, mirthful; causing merriment; (*colloq.*) slightly tipsy. **merry-andrew**, *n.* A buffoon, esp. one assisting a quack. **merry-go-round**, *n.* A revolving frame with seats or wooden horses on which persons ride at fairs, etc. **merry-making**, *a.* Making merry, jovial. *n.* Merriment; a festivity. **merrythought**, *n.* The forked bone in the breast of a bird.

**meseems** (mĕ-sēmz'), *v. impers.* It seems to me.

**mesh** (mesh) [?], *n.* The space between the threads of a net; (*pl.*) network; (*fig.*) a trap, a snare; interlacing structure. *v.t.* To catch in a net, to ensnare. **meshy**, *a.*

**mesmerism** (mez'mĕr-izm) [F. A. *Mesmer* (d. 1815), Ger. physician], *n.* The art or power of inducing an abnormal state of the nervous system, in which the will of the patient is controlled; the hypnotic state so induced. **mesmer'ic**, *a.* **mesmerist**, *n.* **mesmerize**, *v.t.*

**mesne** (mĕn) [F.], *a.* Middle, intermediate.

**mess** (mes) [O.F. *mes*], *n.* A portion of food at table; semi-liquid food, esp. for animals; a number of persons who sit at table together (esp. of soldiers and sailors); a meal taken thus; a state of disorder; a muddle, a difficulty. *v.i.* To take meals

in company, esp. of soldiers, etc.; (*fig.*) to muddle or potter (about). *v.t.* To muddle, to jumble; to soil.

**message** (mes'āj) [F., L. *missaticum*, from *mittere*, to send], *n.* A communication from one person to another.

**Messiah** (mĕ-sī'ā) [Heb. *māshiah*, from *māshah*, to anoint], *n.* The Anointed One, Christ; an expected saviour or deliverer. **messian'ic**, *a.*

**messieurs** (mes'yürz), *n. pl.* Sirs; gentlemen (*pl.* of Mr., usu. abbr. to Messrs.).

**messuage** (mes'wāj) [A.-F.], *n.* (*Law*) A dwelling-house with the adjacent buildings. **meta-**, **met-**, **meth-** [Gr., on, with, among, after (implying change)], *comb. form.*

**metabolism** (mĕ-tāb'ō-lizm) [Gr. *ballein*, to throw], *n.* The continuous chemical change going on in living matter. **metabol'ic**, *a.*

**metal** (mĕt'al) [L. *metallum*, Gr. *metallon*, mine, mineral], *n.* An elementary substance, usu. lustrous, malleable, and ductile, as the six known to the ancients, viz., gold, silver, copper, iron, lead, and tin; an alloy; broken stone for road-making; (*pl.*) rails of a railway. **metall'ic**, *a.* **metalliferous**, *a.* **metalline**, *a.*

**metamorphic** (mĕ-tā-mōr'fik) [META-, Gr. *morphē*, form], *a.* Causing or showing the results of metamorphosis; transforming or transformed.

**metamorphose** (mĕ-tā-mōr'fōz) [Gr. *metamorphōsis*, transformation, as prec.], *v.t.* To change into a different form; to transmute. **metamorpho'sis**, *n.*

**metaphor** (mĕ-tā-fōr) [META-, Gr. *pherein*, to bear], *n.* A figure of speech by which a word is transferred from one object to another, so as to imply comparison. **metaphor'ic**, **-al**, *a.*

**metaphysics** (mĕ-tā-fiz'iks) [Gr. *meta ta phusika* (coming next) after (the study of) natural science], *n.* The philosophy of being and knowing; the theoretical principles forming the basis of any particular science; the philosophy of mind. **metaphysical**, *a.* Pertaining to metaphysics; transcendental, dealing with abstractions; abstruse, over-subtle. **metaphysician** (-zish'ān), *n.*

**metathe'sis** [Gr. *tithenai*, to put], *n.* The transposition of sounds or letters in a word. **metathetic** (-thet'ik), *a.*

**mete** (mĕt) [A.-S. *metan*], *v.t.* To measure; to allot; to appraise.

**metempsychosis** (mĕ-temp-si-kō'sis) [META-, Gr. *en*, in, *psuchē*, soul, -OSIS], *n.* The passage of the soul after death from one animal body to another.

**meteor** (mĕ'tĕ-ōr) [Gr. *meteōron* (META-, *eōra*, to raise)], *n.* A luminous body appearing in the sky and then disappearing, a shooting-star. **meteoric**, *a.* **meteorite**, *n.* A fallen meteor. **meteorolite**, *n.* A meteoric stone. **meteorology** (-ol-ō-jī), *n.* The science of the atmosphere and its phenomena.

**meter** (1) (mĕ'tēr) [METE, -ER], *n.* A measurer, esp. an instrument for register-



ing the quantity of gas, water, electric energy, etc., supplied; metre.

**-meter** (2) [Gr. *metron*, measure], *suf.* A measuring instrument; as *barometer*, *thermometer*.

**methinks** (mè-thinks'), *v. impers.* (*past* -thought) It seems to me; I think.

**method** (meth'òd) [METH-, Gr. *hodos*, way], *n.* Mode of procedure; an orderly, systematic arrangement; orderliness, system. **method'ic**, -*al*, *a.*

**Methodism** (meth'ò-dizm) [prec., -ISM], *n.* The doctrines, etc., of the Methodists.

**Methodist**, *n.* A member of any of the religious bodies proceeding from the evangelical movement begun in the middle of the 18th cent. by the Wesleys and George Whitefield. **methodis'tic**, -*al*, *a.*

**methodize** (meth'ò-diz) [METHOD- -IZE], *v.t.* To reduce to order; to arrange systematically.

**methyl** (meth'ìl) [Gr. *methu*, wine, *hulz*, wood], *n.* The hypothetical radical of wood spirit and other organic compounds.

**methylate**, *v.t.* To mix or saturate with methyl alcohol. **methylated**, *a.*

**meticulous** (mè-tik'ù-lús) [L. *metus*, fear], *a.* Over-scrupulous about trivial details, finical.

**metonic** (mè-ton'ik), *a.* Pertaining to Meton, Athenian astronomer; applied to the cycle of 19 Julian years at the end of which the new and full moons recur on the same dates.

**metonymy** (mè-ton'ì-mì) [META-, Gr. *onoma* name], *n.* A figure in which one word is used for another (as "the bottle" for "drink").

**metre** (1) (mè'tér) [Gr. *metron*, measure], *n.* The rhythmical arrangement of syllables in verse; verse; rhythm. **metric** (1). **metrical**, *a.* Pertaining to metre, or to measurement.

**metre** (2) [F. *mètre*, as prec.], *n.* The French standard measure of length, 39.37 in. **metric** (2), *a.*

**metro-** [Gr. *metron*, measure], *comb. form.* **metronome** (met'rò-nòm) [Gr. *nomos*, law], *n.* An instrument for marking time in music by means of a pendulum.

**metropolis** (mè-trop'ò-lis) [Gr. *mētēr* -*tros*, mother, *polis*, city], *n.* The capital of a country; the see of a metropolitan bishop.

**metropol'itan**, *a.* Pertaining to a capital or an archbishopric. *n.* A bishop or archbishop having authority over other bishops.

**-metry** [Gr., as -METER], *suf.* Science of measuring; as *geometry*, *trigonometry*.

**mettle** (metl) [var. of METAL], *n.* Quality of temperament; spirit, courage. **mettled**, **mettlesome**, *a.* High-spirited, fiery.

**mew** (1) (mū) [A.-S.], *n.* A kind of seagull.

**mew** (2) (mū) [imit.], *v.* and *n.* The cry of the cat.

**mew** (3) (mū) [O.F. *mue*], *n.* A cage for hawks; a place of confinement; (*pl.*) stables for carriage-horses, etc. *v.t.* To shut up, to confine.

**mezzo** (med'zò) [It.], *a.* Half or medium. **mezzotint** (med'zò-tint) [It. MEZZO, *tinto*, tint], *n.* Copper-plate engraving in which lights and half-lights are produced by scraping away the burr.

**miasma** (miáz'má) [Gr.], *n.* Poisonous or infectious exhalation, malaria. **mias'mal**, **miasmat'ic**, *a.*

**mica** (mí'ká) [L.], *n.* A silicate cleaving into thin, tough, and shining plates, formerly used instead of glass. **mica'ceous**, *a.*

**Michaelmas** (mik'el-más), *n.* The feast of St. Michael, 29 Sept.; autumn.

**mickle** (míkl) [A.-S. *micel*], *a.* (*now chiefly Sc.*) Much, great. *n.* A large amount.

**micr-**, **micro-** [Gr. *mikros*, small], *comb. form.* Noting smallness.

**microbe** (mí'kròb) [MICRO-, Gr. *bios*, life], *n.* A minute organism, esp. a bacterium causing disease or fermentation.

**microcosm** (mí'krò-koz'm) [MICRO-, COSMOS], *n.* The universe on a small scale; man as an epitome of the universe.

**microscope** (mí'krò-skòp) [MICRO-, -SCOPE], *n.* An optical instrument for magnifying details invisible to the naked eye. **microscop'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to the microscope; too small to be visible except through a microscope.

**mid** (mid) [A.-S.], *a.* (*superl.* **midmost**)

**Middle** (*usu. in comb.*, as in **midday**, **noon**, **midstream**, **midwinter**, in the middle of the stream, of winter, etc.). *prep.* Amid.

**midden** (midn) [Scand.], *n.* A dunghill.

**middle** (midl) [A.-S. *middel*, as MID], *a.* Equally distant from the extremes; intermediate; (*Gram.*) between active and

passive, reflexive. *n.* The point equally distant from the extremes; the midst, the centre. **middleman**, *n.* An agent, an intermediary, esp. between the producer and the consumer. **midding**, *a.* Of middle size, quality, or condition;

mediocre; second-rate. *adv.* Moderately, tolerably.

**midge** (mij) [A.-S. *mycg*], *n.* A gnat or other minute fly. **midget**, *n.* A very small person.

**midland** (mid'lánd) [MID, LAND], *a.* Situated in the interior of a country. *n.* (*pl.*) The midland counties of England.

**midnight** (mid'nít) [MID, NIGHT], *n.* The middle of the night, twelve o'clock; intense darkness, *a.* Pertaining to midnight; very dark.

**midriff** (mid'ríf) [A.-S.], *n.* The diaphragm.

**midship** (mid'ship) [MID, SHIP], *n.* The middle part of a ship. *a.* Situated in or belonging to this. **midshipman**, *n.* A naval officer ranking between a cadet and a sub-lieutenant. **midships** [AMID-SHIPS].

**midst** (midst) [A.-S. *midde*, gen. of MID], *n.* The middle. *prep.* In the middle of.

**midsummer** (mid'sum-ér) [MID, SUMMER], *n.* The middle of summer, esp. near the summer solstice, about 21 June.

**midsummer day**: 24 June.

**midway** (mid'wā) [MID, WAY], *a.* Situated in the middle of the way. *adv.* Half-way.

**midwife** (mid'wif) [A.-S. *mid*, with WIFE], *n.* A woman who assists at childbirth.

**midwifery** (-wif-ri), *n.*

**mien** (mēn) [F. *mine*], *n.* Air or manner; appearance, demeanour, bearing.

**might** (mit) [A.-S. *miht*], *n.* Strength, force; power to enforce authority. **mighty**, *a.* Strong, powerful; very great.

**mignonette** (min-yō-net') [F.], *n.* An annual plant with fragrant greenish flowers.

**migrate** (mi-grāt') [L. *migrāre*, to wander], *v.i.* To remove from one country, etc., to another; to pass from one region to another according to the season (of birds, fishes, etc.). **mi'grant**, *a.* and *n.* **mi-gra'tion**, *n.* **mi'gratory**, *a.*

**mikado** (mi-ka'dō) [Jap.], *n.* The Emperor of Japan.

**milch** (milch) [A.-S. *meolc*], *a.* Giving milk.

**mild** (mild) [A.-S. *milde*], *a.* Gentle in manners or disposition; tender, bland, pleasant; not harsh, sharp, or strong (of liquor, etc.); moderate, not extreme; operating gently (of medicines). **mildly**, *adv.* **mildness**, *n.*

**mildeg** (mil'dū) [A.-S. *meledēaw*, honey-dew], *n.* A fungoid growth on plants, paper, food, etc., after exposure to damp. *v.* To taint with mildeg. **mildegwy**, *a.*

**mile** (mil) [A.-S. *mil*, L. *milia*, a thousand (paces)], *n.* A measure of length or distance, 1760 yards. **geographical or nautical mile**: One-sixtieth of a degree, 2026½ yards. **milestone**, *n.* A stone marking the miles on a road. **mileage**, *n.* A distance stated in miles.

**milfoil** (mil'foil) [L. *mille*, thousand, *folium*, leaf], *n.* The yarrow.

**militant** (mil'i-tānt) [as MILITATE], *a.* Combative, warlike. **militancy**, *n.*

**military** (mil'i-tār-i) [L. *militāris*, from *miles*, soldier], *a.* Pertaining to soldiers, arms, or warfare; soldierly, martial; engaged in war. *n.* (*collect.*) Soldiers generally. **mil'itarism**, *n.* Warlike policy; domination by the military, the spirit of aggression. **militarist**, *n.*

**militate** (mil'i-tāt) [L. *militātus*, p.p. of *militāre*, from *miles* *militis*, soldier], *v.i.* To stand opposed; to have weight or influence, to tell (against).

**militia** (mi-lish'ā) [as *prec.*], *n.* A military body not permanently enrolled in time of peace.

**milk** (milk) [A.-S. *meolc*], *n.* The whitish fluid secreted by female mammals for the nourishment of their young, esp. that of the cow; the white juice of certain plants. *v.t.* To draw milk from; (*fig.*) to get money out of (a person) in an underhand way. **milkmaid**, *n.* **milkman**, *n.* **milk-sop**, *n.* An effeminate person. **milk-sugar**, *n.* Lactose. **milk-tooth**, *n.* One of the temporary teeth in young mammals. **milky**, *a.* **Milky Way**: The galaxy.

**mill** (mil) [A.-S. *myln*, L. *mola*, a mill], *n.* A machine for grinding corn, etc., to a fine powder; a building with machinery for this purpose, or for any industrial purpose, a factory. *v.t.* To grind (as corn); to produce (flour) by grinding; to serrate the edge of (a coin); to full (cloth). **millboard**, *n.* Thick pasteboard used for book-covers. **mill-race**, *n.* The current of water for driving a mill-wheel. **mill-stone**, *n.* One of a pair of circular stones for grinding corn. **mill-wheel**, *n.* A large wheel moved by water, for driving the machinery in a mill. **milled**, *a.* Passed through a mill; having the edges serrated (of coin); fulled (of cloth). **millers**, *n.*

**millennium** (mi-len'i-ūm) [L. *mille*, thousand, *annus*, year], *n.* A period of 1000 years, esp. that when Satan shall be bound and Christ reign on earth (Rev. xx. 1-5). **millenar'ian**, *a.* Consisting of 1000 years; pertaining to the millennium. *n.* One who believes in this. **mil'lenary**, *a.* and *n.* **millen'rial**, *a.* Pertaining to the millennium. *n.* A thousandth anniversary.

**millesimal** (mi-les'i-mál) [L. *millesimus*, thousandth], *a.* Consisting of thousandths. *n.* A thousandth.

**millet** (mil'ēt) [L. *milium*], *n.* An East Indian plant or its nutritive seeds.

**milliard** (mil'i-árd) [F., from L. *mille*, a thousand], *n.* A thousand millions.

**milligramme** (mil'i-grám) [L. *mille*, thousand, *GRAMME*], *n.* The 1000th part of a gramme, '0154 of an English grain. **millilitre**, *n.* The 1000th part of a litre, '06103 cubic in. **millimetre**, *n.* The 1000th part of a metre, or '03937 in.

**milliner** (mil'i-nér) [a dealer in *Milan* wares], *n.* One who makes and sells hats, etc., for women. **millinery**, *n.*

**milling** (mil'ing), *n.* Act or process of working a mill; the serrated edging of a coin.

**million** (mil'yón) [L. *mille*, thousand], *n.* A thousand thousand; (*fig.*) an indefinitely great number. **millionaire**, *n.* A man having a million pounds, francs, or dollars; one immensely rich.

**milt** (milt) [A.-S. *milte*], *n.* The spleen; the spermatie organ of a male fish; the soft roe of fishes. **milter**, *n.*

**mimic** (mim'ik) [Gr. *mimos*], *a.* Imitative; imitating, counterfeit. *n.* One who mimics. *v.t.* To imitate, esp. in mockery; to resemble closely (of animals, plants, etc.). **mimicker**, *n.* **mimicry**, *n.*

**mimosas** (mi-, mi-mō'sā) [L.], *n.* A leguminous shrub.

**minaret** (min'ār-ét) [Arab. *manārat*], *n.* A lofty slender turret on a mosque.

**minatory** (min'ā-tór-i) [L. *mināri*, to threaten], *a.* Threatening, menacing.

**mince** (mins) [O.F. *mincier*, as MINUTE (1)], *v.t.* To cut into very small pieces; to utter with affected delicacy; to palliate, gloss over. *v.i.* To talk with affected elegance; to walk in a prim



- manner. *n.* Minced meat; mincemeat.  
 mincemeat, *n.* Suet, raisins, currants, candied-peel, etc., chopped fine and mixed.  
 mincing, *a.* Affectedly elegant.
- mind (mind) [A.-S. *gemynd*], *n.* The intellectual powers in man; the understanding; intellectual capacity; memory; one's candid opinion; liking, way of feeling or thinking; purpose; inclination.  
*v.t.* To heed, regard; to apply oneself to; (*colloq.*) to object to; to look after.  
*v.i.* To take care, to be on the watch.  
 minded, *a.* (*usu. in comb., as evil-minded*).  
 mindful, *a.* Attentive, heedful.
- mine (1) (mīn) [A.-S. *mīn*], *poss. pron.* Belonging to me.
- mine (2) [F. *miner*], *v.t.* To dig into or burrow in; to obtain or make by digging; to undermine, to sap; to set with mines.  
*v.i.* To dig a mine; (*fig.*) to burrow. *n.* An excavation for obtaining minerals; a rich deposit of minerals; an excavation under an enemy's works for blowing them up; an explosive machine for this purpose or for use against ships at sea; (*fig.*) a rich source of wealth, information, etc.  
 miner, *n.*
- mineral (min'er-āl) [F. *minéral*, med. L. *mineralis*], *n.* An inorganic, homogeneous body, with a definite chemical composition, found in the earth; (*pl.*) mineral waters.  
*a.* Pertaining to or consisting of minerals; impregnated with mineral matter. mineral waters: Waters impregnated with mineral matter.
- mineralogy (min-ēr-āl'ō-jī) [*prec., -LOGY*], *n.* The science of minerals, their nature and properties. mineralog'ical, *a.*  
 mineralogist, *n.*
- mingle (mingl) [A.-S. *mengan*], *v.t.* To mix up together; to blend (*with*). *v.i.* To be mixed, blended, or united (*with*).  
 minglemont, *n.* mingler, *n.*
- miniature (min'i-ā-tūr) [med. L. *miniatura*, from *minium*, native red lead], *n.* A small-sized painting, esp. a portrait, orig. a small picture in an illuminated manuscript. *a.* Represented on a very small scale. miniaturist, *n.*
- minim (min'im) [L. *minimus*, very small], *n.* (*Mus.*) A note of the value of two crotchets; an apothecaries' fluid-mixture, one drop, the 60th of a drachm. minimize, *v.t.* To depreciate; to reduce to the smallest possible amount. minimum, *n.* (*pl. -ma*) The smallest amount or degree possible or usual. *a.* Least possible.
- minion (min'yón) [F. *mignon*], *n.* A favourite; a servile dependant; (*Prin.*) a small size of type.
- minister (min'is-tēr) [L. *minister*, from *minus*, less], *n.* One who acts under the authority of another, an instrument; a servant; a person entrusted with the direction of a State department, or representing his Government with another State; the pastor of a church, esp. Non-conformist. *v.i.* To render service or attendance; to contribute, be conducive (to); to serve as minister.
- minister'ial, *a.* ministerialist, *n.* ministrant, *a.* and *n.* ministrat'ion, *n.* ministry, *n.* The act of ministering; administration; the ministers of State or of religion collectively.
- miniver (min'iv-ēr) [A.-F. *menu*, small, vair, a kind of fur], *n.* A fur used for ceremonial robes; Siberian squirrel.
- mink (mink) [*cp. L.G. mink, Swed. menk*], *n.* A stoat-like animal esteemed for its fur.
- minnow (min'ō) [A.-S. *myne*], *n.* A small fish common all over Europe.
- minor (mī'nōr) [L.], *a.* Less, smaller; petty, comparatively unimportant; (*Mus.*) less by a semitone. *n.* A person under age. minor'ity, *n.* The smaller number, esp. in an election, on a Bill, etc.; the party getting the fewest votes; the state or period of being under age.
- minster (min'stēr) [A.-S. *mynster*, as MONASTERY], *n.* The church of a monastery; a cathedral or other large and important church.
- minstrel (min'strél) [O.F. *menestral*], *n.* One who in the Middle Ages lived by singing and reciting; a travelling gleeman or entertainer. minstrelsy, *n.*
- mint (1) (mint) [A.-S. *myne*, L. *moneta*, money], *n.* A place where money is coined; (*fig.*) a great supply or amount.  
*v.t.* To coin, to stamp (money); (*fig.*) to invent (a phrase, etc.). mintage, *n.* That which is coined.
- mint (2) [A.-S. *minste*, Gr. *mintha*], *n.* An aromatic plant from which an essential oil is distilled.
- minuend (min'ū-end) [L. *minuendus*, as DIMINISH], *n.* (*Arith.*) The quantity from which another is to be subtracted.
- minuet (min-ū-et') [F. *menuet*], *n.* A stately dance in triple measure.
- minus (mī'nūs) [L.], *prep. or a.* Less by, with the deduction of; (*colloq.*) lacking. *n.* The sign of subtraction (-).
- minute (1) (mī-nūt) [L. *minutus*, diminished], *a.* Very small; particular, precise. minute'ly, *adv.* minuteness, *n.*
- minute (2) (min'it) [F., as *prec.*], *n.* The 60th part of an hour or of a degree; an instant; an exact point of time; a memorandum; (*pl.*) official records of proceedings. *v.t.* To write minutes of; to take a note of. minute-book, *n.* A book in which the minutes of meetings are recorded.
- minutia (mī-nū'ah-ā) [L.], *n.* (*usu. in pl. -iae*) Small and precise or trivial particulars.
- mix (minks) [?], *n.* A pert girl, a jade.
- miracle (mir'ākī) [L. *mirāculum*, as next], *n.* A wonder, a prodigy; a supernatural event or act; an extraordinary occurrence.
- miracle play: A mediæval dramatic representation, usu. with a sacred subject.
- mirac'ulous, *a.*
- mirage (mī-rāzh') [F., from L. *mirāri*, to wonder at, to gaze], *n.* An optical illusion by which images of distant objects are seen as if inverted.

**mire** (mîr) [Icel. *myrr*], *n.* Swampy ground, bog; mud, dirt. *miry*, *a.*

**mirror** (mir'ôr) [O.F. *mirour*], *n.* A polished surface for reflecting images; a looking-glass; (*fig.*) a pattern, a model. *v.t.* To reflect as in a mirror.

**mirth** (mërth) [A.-S. *myrðth*], *n.* Merriment, jollity, gaiety, hilarity. *mirthful*, *a.* Gay, jolly.

**mis-**, *pref.* Wrongly, badly, amiss, unfavourably. **misadven'ture**, *n.* Bad luck; an unlucky chance or accident.

**misall'i'ance**, *n.* An improper alliance. *esp.* by marriage.

**misanthrope** (mis'an-thrôp) [Gr. *misein*, to hate, *anthrôpos*, man], *n.* A hater of mankind; one who has a morbid dislike of his fellow-men. **misanthropic** (-throph'ik), *a.* **misan'thropist**, *n.* **misan'thropy**, *n.*

**misapply** (mis-â-plî') [MIS-, APPLY], *v.t.* To apply wrongly. **misapplica'tion**, *n.* **misapprehend'**, *v.t.* To misunderstand. **misapprehen'sion**, *n.* **misappro'priate**, *v.t.* To apply to a wrong use or purpose (*esp.* funds). **misbecome'**, *v.t.* To be improper or unseemly to, to ill become. **misbehave'**, *v.t.* To behave ill or improperly. **misbehaved**, *a.* Ill-mannered. **miscal'culate**, *v.t.* To calculate wrongly. **miscalcula'tion**, *n.* **mis-car'ry**, *v.t.* To fail, to be unsuccessful; to be delivered of a child prematurely. **miscarriage**, *n.*

**miscellaneous** (mis-ê-lâ'nè-ûs) [L. *miscellaneus*, from *miscere*, to mix], *a.* Consisting of several kinds; mixed, diversified; many-sided. **miscellanea**, *n.pl.* **miscellany** (mi-sel'â-ni), *n.* A mixture, a medley, a number of various compositions in one volume.

**mischance** (mis-chans') [O.F. *meschance* (MIS-, CHANCE)], *n.* Misfortune, ill-luck.

**mischief** (mis'chîf) [O.F. *meschief*], *n.* Injury, damage; vexatious conduct, a vexatious prank. **mischievous** (mis'chî-vûs), *a.*

**misconceive'**, *v.t.* To have a wrong idea of, to misapprehend. **misconcep'tion**, *n.* **miscon'duct**, *n.* Improper conduct; mismanagement. *v.t.* (-kôn-dûkt') To mismanage. *v.t.* To misbehave. **mis-construe'**, *v.t.* To mistake the meaning of; to put a wrong interpretation upon. **misconstruc'tion**, *n.* **miscount'**, *v.t.* To count wrongly, estimate, or regard wrongly. *v.t.* To make a false count.

**miscreant** (mis'krè-ânt) [O.F. *mescreant* (*creant*, L. *credentem*, believing)], *n.* A vile wretch, a scoundrel.

**misdeal'** [DEAL (1)], *v.t.* To deal wrongly (as cards). *v.t.* To make a misdeal. *n.* A wrong or false deal. **misdeed'** [DEED], *n.* An evil deed, a crime. **misdeemean'-our**, *n.* Misbehaviour: an indictable offence of less gravity than a felony. **misdirect'**, *v.t.* To direct wrongly. **misdirec'tion**, *n.*

**miser** (mî'zèr) [L., wretched], *n.* One who denies himself comforts for the sake

of hoarding; an avaricious person.

**miserly**, *a.*

**miserable** (miz'èr-âbl) [L. *miserâri*, to pity, as *prec.*], *a.* Very wretched, distressed; causing misery, distressing; despicable, worthless; very poor or mean.

**misery** (miz'èr-i) [L. *miser*, wretched], *n.* Great unhappiness or wretchedness of mind or body.

**misfeasance** (mis-fê'zâns) [O.F. *mes-faisance*, from *mesfaire* (*faire*, to do)], *n.* A trespass, a wrong, *esp.* negligent or improper performance of a lawful act.

**misfire** (mis-fîr') [MISS, FIRE], *n.* Failure to go off or explode (of a gun, etc.). *v.t.* To fail to go off. **misfit'** [FIT (2)], *n.* A bad fit; a garment that does not fit; *v.t.* and *i.* To fail to fit. **misfor'tune**, *n.* Ill luck, calamity; a mishap, a disaster. **misgiv'ing**, *n.* Doubt, distrust; a failure of confidence. **mis-govern** (mis-gûv'èrn), *v.t.* To govern ill; to administer unfaithfully. **misgovern-ment**, *n.* **misgoverned**, *a.* Badly governed, rude. **misguide'**, *v.t.* To guide wrongly; to lead astray. **mis-guid'ed**, *a.* Foolish. **mishap** (mis-hâp'), *n.* A mischance; ill-luck.

**misinform** (mis-in-fôrm') [MIS-, INFORM], *v.t.* To give erroneous information to. **misinform'er**, *n.* **misinter'pret**, *v.t.* To interpret wrongly; to draw a wrong conclusion from. **misinterpret'a-tion**, *n.* **misjudge'**, *v.t.* To judge erroneously; to form an erroneous opinion of. **mislay'** [LAY (1)], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* -laid) To lay in a wrong place or in a place that cannot be remembered; to lose.

**mislead** (mis-lêd') [MIS-, LEAD (2)], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* -led) To lead astray; to cause to go wrong, *esp.* in conduct; to delude. **misman'age**, *v.t.* and *i.* To manage ill. **mismanagement**, *n.* **mis-nô'mer** [O.F. *mesnommer* (L. *nôminâre*, to name)], *n.* A mistaken or misapplied name; an incorrect term.

**misogyny** (mi-soj'i-ni) [Gr. *gunê*, woman], *n.* Hatred of women. **misogynist** (-soj'i-nist), *n.*

**misplace** (mis-plâs') [MIS-, PLACE], *v.t.* To mislay; to devote to an undeserving object. **misplacement**, *n.* **misprint'**, *v.t.* To print incorrectly. *n.* A mistake in printing.

**mispronounce** (mis-prô-nouns') [MIS-, PRONOUNCE], *v.t.* To pronounce wrongly. **mispronun'ciation**, *n.* **misquote'**, *v.t.* To quote erroneously. **misquota'tion**, *n.* **misread** (mis-rêd'), *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* -read, -red) To read incorrectly; to misinterpret. **misrepresent'**, *v.t.* To represent falsely or incorrectly. **misrepresent'a-tion**, *n.* **misrule'**, *n.* Bad government; disorder, confusion, riot.

**miss** (1) (mis) [MISTRESS], *n.* (*pl.* *misses*) A title of address for an unmarried woman; a girl.

**miss** (2) [A.-S. *missan*], *v.t.* To fail to reach, hit, meet, obtain, etc.; to let slip,



overlook; to fail to understand; to dispense with; to feel the want of. *v.i.* To fail to hit the mark; to be unsuccessful. *n.* A failure to hit, reach, obtain, etc.

**missing**, *a.* Lost, wanting; absent.

**missal** (mis'ál) [late L. *missale*, *missa*, MASS (1)], *n.* The book containing the service of the Mass.

**misshape** (mis-sháp') [MIS-, SHAPE], *v.t.* (*p.p.* *misshapen*) To shape ill; to deform. *n.* Deformity.

**missile** (mis'il, -il) [L. *missilis*, from *mittere*, to send], *a.* That may be thrown or discharged. *n.* A weapon thrown from the hand or an engine.

**mission** (mish'ón) [L. *missio*, from *mittere*, to send], *n.* A sending or being sent; the commission or office of a messenger, agent, etc.; a vocation; a body of persons sent on a diplomatic errand; a body of missionaries, their field of work or their station; portion of a parish; a series of services for rousing spiritual interest.

**missionary**, *a.* Pertaining to religious missions, or to the propagation of religion or other moral or social influence. *n.* One sent to carry on such work.

**missive** (mis'iv) [as MISSILE], *a.* Sent or for sending. *n.* A message, letter.

**misspell** (mis-spel') [MIS-, SPELL (2)], *v.t.* To spell incorrectly. **misspend**, *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* -*spent*) To spend ill; to waste. **misstate**, *v.t.* To state wrongly.

**misstatement**, *n.*

**mist** (mist) [A.-S.], *n.* Visible watery vapour near the ground; a watery condensation; (*fig.*) anything which dims, obscures, or darkens. **misty**, *a.* **mistiness**, *n.*

**mistake** (mis-ták') [MIS-, TAKE], *v.t.* (*past* -took, *p.p.* -taken) To understand wrongly; to take in a wrong sense; to take one person or thing for another. *v.i.* To be in error. *n.* An error of judgment or opinion; a misunderstanding, a blunder. **mistakable**, *a.* **mistakably**, *adv.* **mistakenly**, *adv.*

**Mister** (mis'tér) [var. of *master*], *n.* The common prefix to men's names and to certain official titles (abbrev., MR.).

**misstime** (mis-tím') [MIS-, TIME] *v.t.* To say or do inappropriately to the time or occasion.

**mistle-thrush** (mis'l-thrúsh) [A.-S. *mistel*, basil, mistletoe, THRUSH (1)], *n.* The largest of the European thrushes.

**mistletoe** (mis'l'tō) [A.-S. *mistellān*], *n.* A plant parasitic on the apple and other trees, bearing white glutinous berries.

**mistress** (mis'trés) [M.E. and O.F. *maistresse* (MASTER, -ESS)], *n.* A woman who has authority or control; the female head of a family, school, etc.; a female teacher; a sweetheart; a concubine; a title of address to a married woman (abbrev., MRS., mis'is).

**mistrust**, *v.t.* To regard with doubt or suspicion. *n.* Distrust, suspicion. **mistrustful**, *a.*

**misunderstand** (mis-ün-dér-stand') [MIS-,

UNDERSTAND], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* -stood) To misapprehend, to mistake the meaning or sense of. **misunderstanding**, *n.* **misuse** (-üz'), *v.t.* To use improperly; to apply to a wrong purpose; to ill-treat. *n.* (-üs') Improper use; abuse.

**mite** (mit) [A.-S.], *n.* A very small coin, orig. Flemish; (*fig.*) a small contribution; a minute amount, a tiny child; a minute insect, esp. one infesting cheese.

**mitigate** (mit'i-gät) [L. *mitigātus*, from *mitis*, gentle], *v.t.* To make less harsh; to alleviate (pain, etc.); to soften, diminish, moderate. **mitiga'tion**, *n.*

**mitre** (mi'tér) [Gr. *mitra*], *n.* A tall ornamental cap shaped like a cleft cone worn by bishops; (*fig.*) the dignity of a bishop; (*Carp.*) a joint at an angle of 90°, as the corner of a picture-frame.

**mitten** (mit'en) [O.F. *mitaine*], *n.* A glove with a thumb but no fingers.

**mittimus** (mit'i-müs) [L., we send], *n.* A warrant of commitment to prison.

**mix** (miks) [L. *mixtus*, mixed], *v.t.* To blend into one mass; to mingle (substances, quantities, groups) so that the particles of each are indiscriminately associated; to compound thus. *v.i.* To become united; to be mingled (with or together); to be associated (with). **mixable**, *a.* **mixed**, *a.* Consisting of various kinds; promiscuous, not select (of company). **mixture** (miks'chür) [MIX], *n.* **Mixing**; anything that is mixed.

**mizen** (mizn) [F. *misaine*, L. *medius*, middle], *n.* A fore-and-aft sail set on the mizen-mast. **mizen-mast**, *n.* The aftermost mast of a three-masted ship.

**mizzle** (mizl) [Teut.], *v.t.* To rain in very fine drops, to drizzle. *n.* Very fine rain.

**mnemonic** (né-mon'ik) [Gr. *mnēmonikos*, from *mnēmōn*, mindful], *a.* Pertaining to or aiding the memory. *n.pl.* The art of or a system for aiding memory.

**moan** (mōn) [A.-S. *mōenan*], *n.* A low prolonged sound expressing pain or sorrow; (*fig.*) a complaint. *v.t.* To utter a moan or moans. *v.t.* To deplore; to mourn; to utter moaningly.

**moat** (mōt) [O.F. *mote*, a dike], *n.* A ditch for water round a castle, etc.

**mob** (mob) [contr. from L. *mōbile* (*vulgus*), the fickle (crowd)], *n.* A disorderly crowd, a rabble; the lower orders. *v.t.* To crowd roughly round and annoy. **mob-cap** (mob-kăp) [cp. Dut. *mopmuts*, woman's night-cap], *n.* An indoor cap for women.

**mobile** (mō'bíl) [L. *mōbilis*, from *movēre*, to move], *a.* Movable, free to move; easily changing (as expression). **mob'il-ity**, *n.* **mō'bilize**, *v.t.* To put (troops, a fleet) in a state of readiness for active service. **mobiliza'tion**, *n.*

**moccasin** (mok'á-sin) [Powhatan], *n.* A shoe of soft leather made in one piece.

**mock** (mok) [O.F. *moquer*], *v.t.* To deride, laugh at; to mimic in derision; to defy contemptuously. *v.i.* To express ridicule, derision, etc. *a.* Sham, counter-

feit; imitating reality. **mock**, *n.* **mockery**, *n.*

**modal** (mô'dál) [as **MODE**], *a.* Pertaining to mode as opp. to substance; (*Gram.*) pertaining to mood or denoting manner. **mode** (môd) [*L. modus*], *n.* Manner, method, way of doing, existing, etc.; prevailing custom; (*Mus.*) one of the systems dividing the octave, the form of the scale.

**model** (môd'l) [*It. modello*, dim. of *modo*, as prec.], *n.* A representation of something to be made on a larger scale or in more durable material; one employed to pose to an artist or to wear clothes to display their effect; a standard, an example regarded as a canon of artistic execution. *a.* Serving as a model; worthy of imitation, perfect. *v.t.* To fashion in clay, etc.; to form after a model. *v.i.* To make models. **modeler**, *n.*

**moderate** (mod'ér-át) [*L. moderātus*, *p.p.* of *moderāri*], *a.* Temperate, reasonable; not extreme; medium. *n.* One of moderate views. *v.t.* To reduce to a calmer or less violent condition; to restrain from excess; to temper, mitigate. *v.i.* To become less violent; to quiet or settle down; to preside as a moderator. **moderation**, *n.* Act of moderating; quality or state of being moderate; temperance; self-restraint. **moderator**, *n.* One who presides at a meeting, esp. at a court of the Presbyterian Church.

**modern** (mod'érn) [*F. moderne*, *L. modo*, just now], *a.* Pertaining to the present or recent time; not ancient or old-fashioned. *n.* A person of modern times. **modernism**, *n.* A modern mode of expression, etc.; a modern term or idiom; a tendency towards the acceptance of the results of modern criticism and research in religious matters. **modernist**, *n.* **moder'nity**, *n.* **mod'ernize**, *v.t.* and *i.*

**modest** (mod'ést) [*L. modestus*, as **MODERATE**], *a.* Humble, unassuming, diffident in regard to one's merits, etc.; bashful, retiring; restrained by a sense of propriety; chaste; moderate, not extreme. **modestly**, *adv.* **modesty**, *n.*

**modicum** (mod'i-kûm) [*L., moderate*], *n.* A little; a small amount.

**modify** (mod'i-fī) [**MODE**, -FY], *v.t.* To alter, to change to a moderate extent; (*Gram.*) to qualify the sense of, to alter (a vowel). **modification**, *n.*

**modish** (mô'dish) [**MODE**, -ISH], *a.* Fashionable. **modiste** (mô'dêst') [*F.*], *n.* A milliner or dressmaker.

**modulate** (mod'ü-lät) [*L. modulātus*, measured], *v.t.* To adjust, regulate; to inflect the sound or tone of. **modulation**, *n.* Inflection of the voice, etc.

**mohair** (mô'här) [*Arab. mukhayyar*], *n.* The hair of the Angora goat; a fabric made from it; an imitation of this.

**Mohammedan** (mô-häm'é-dän) [*Arab. Muhammad*, -AN], *a.* Pertaining to

Mohammed or Mohammedanism. *n.* A follower of Mohammed or Mohammedanism. **Mohammedanism**, *n.* The religion founded by Mohammed (c. 570-632). **mohur** (mô'hür) [*Pers. muhr*, a seal], *n.* A gold coin of British India, worth 15 rupees.

**moldore** (moi'dör) [*Port.*], *n.* An obsolete Portuguese gold coin worth about £1 7s.

**moiety** (moi'é-ti) [*O.F. moitié*, as **MEDIUM**], *n.* A half; a part or share.

**moil** (moil) [*O.F. moiller*, to paddle through mud], *v.i.* To toil, to drudge.

**moire** (mwar) [*F.*], *n.* Watered silk.

**moist** (moist) [*O.F. moiste*], *a.* Moderately wet, damp; rainy. **moisten** (moisn), *v.t.* and *i.* **moisture**, *n.*

**molar** (mô'lär) [*L. mola*, mill], *a.* Having power to grind. *n.* One of the back teeth.

**molasses** (mô-läs'éz) [*Port.*], *n.* The viscid, dark-brown syrup drained from sugar during refining; treacle.

**mole** (1) (möl) [*A.-S. māl*], *n.* A permanent raised spot on the human skin.

**mole** (2) [*L. mōles*, mass], *n.* A pile of masonry, such as a break-water before a port.

**mole** (3) [*Teut.*], *n.* A small soft-furred burrowing mammal with very imperfect vision. **mole-hill**, *n.* A hillock thrown up by a mole burrowing underground.

**molecule** (mol'é-, mô'lé-kül) [*dim. from L. mōles*, mass], *n.* One of the structural units of which matter is built up.

**molest** (mô-lest') [*L. molestus*, troublesome], *v.t.* To trouble, disturb, to interfere with. **molestation**, *n.*

**mollify** (mol'i-fi) [*L. mollis*, soft, -FY], *v.t.* To soften, assuage, to appease. **mollification**, *n.* **mollifier**, *n.*

**mollusc** (mol'usk) [*L. molluscus*, softish], *n.* **Mollusca** (mô-lüs'kä), *n.pl.* (*Zool.*)

A division of invertebrates with a soft body, as snails, mussels, cuttlefishes, etc.

**molten** (möl'tén) [*p.p. of melt*], *a.* Made of melted metal.

**moment** (mô'mént) [as **MOMENTUM**], *n.* A minute portion of time; importance, consequence; (*Mech.*) the measure of a force by its power to cause rotation.

**momentary**, *a.* Lasting only for a moment; transient, ephemeral.

**momentarily**, *adv.* **momently**, *adv.* From moment to moment; at any moment.

**momentous**, *a.* Weighty, important.

**momentum** (mô-men'tum) [*L., for movēmentum* (*movēre*, to move)], *n.* (*pl. -ta*) Impetus, power of overcoming resistance to motion.

**monachal** (mon'ä-käl) [*L. monachus*, monk], *a.* Monastic. **monachism**, *n.* Monasticism.

**monad** (mon'äd) [*Gr. monas*, from *monos*, sole], *n.* A simple, indivisible unit; a univalent atom, radical, or element; an elementary, single-celled organism. **monadic**, *a.*

**monarch** (mon'ärk) [**MON-**, *Gr. archein*,



to rule], *n.* An hereditary sovereign, as emperor, empress, king, or queen; the chief of its class; a large red and black butterfly. **monarch'ic, -al, mon-arch'al, a.** mon'archism, *n.* mon'-archist, *n.* mon'archy, *n.*

**monastery** (mon'á-stér-i) [Gr. *monastérion*, from *monazein*, to live alone], *n.* A residence for monks living under vows of seclusion. **monas'tic, a.** Pertaining to a monastery or monks. **monas'tical, a.** **Monday** (mún'di) [A.-S. *Mōnandæg*, moon day], *n.* The second day of the week.

**monetary** (mún'é-tár-i) [as foll.], *a.* Pertaining to money or the coinage. **monetize, v.t.** To give a standard value to (a metal) as currency.

**money** (mún'i) [L. *monēta*, mint, money], *n.* Coin; the medium of exchange; notes, bills, or other documents representing coin; wealth convertible into coin; (with *pl. -eys*) coins of a particular country or denomination; (*pl.*) sums of money. **money-market, n.** The field of operation of dealers in stocks, etc., the financial world. **moneyed, a.** Rich.

**monger** (mūng'ér) [A.-S. *mangere*], *n.* A trader, dealer (in comb., as *ironmonger*, *scandalmonger*).

**Mongol** (mong'gól) [native name], *n.* An Asiatic race inhabiting Mongolia. *a.* Of or pertaining to the Mongols. **Mongo'-lian, a.**

**mongrel** (mūng'grél) [?], *a.* Of mixed breed; of mixed nature or character. *n.* Anything, esp. a dog, of mixed breed.

**monition** (mò-nish'ūn) [L. *monēre*, to warn], *n.* A warning; an intimation; a summons or citation; a formal letter warning a clergyman to abstain from certain practices. **mon'itive, a.** **monitor, n.** One who admonishes; a senior pupil appointed to keep order in a school; a large tropical lizard. **monitor'ial, a.** **monk** (mūnk) [A.-S. *munc*, Gr. *monachos*, from *monos*, alone], *n.* A member of a religious community of men, living apart under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

**monkey** (mūng'ki) [Teut.], *n.* A long-tailed quadrumanous mammal; (*colloq.*) a rogue, an imp; a mimic. **monkey-jacket, n.** A pea-jacket worn by sailors, etc.

**mono-, mon-** [Gr. *monos*], *comb. form.* Alone, single; as in *monograph*, *monosyllable*.

**monochrome, n.** A painting in tints of one colour only. *a.* Executed in one colour. **monocle** (mon'ókli) [L. *oculus*, eye], *n.* An eye-glass for one eye.

**monody** (mon'ò-di) [Gr. *monodia* (see ODE)], *n.* (*Gr. Tragedy*) An ode, usu. of a mournful character, for a single actor; a mournful or plaintive song or poem.

**monogamy** (mò-nog'á-mi) [MONO-, Gr. *gamos*, marriage], *n.* Marriage to one wife or husband only; (*Zool.*) the habit

of pairing with a single mate. **monog'-amous, a.** **monog'amist, n.** **mon'o-gram** [-GRAM], *n.* A character composed of two or more letters interwoven. **mon'o-graph** [-GRAPH], *n.* A treatise on a single thing or class of things.

**monolith** (mon'ò-lith) [MONO-, -LITH], *n.* A monument or other structure formed of a single stone. **monolith'ic, a.** **monologue** (mon'ò-log) [-LOGUE], *n.* A dramatic scene in which a person speaks by himself; a piece for one actor.

**monomania** (mon'ò-má'ni-á) [MONO-, -MANIA], *n.* Mental derangement on one subject only. **monomaniac, n.** and *a.*

**monopoly** (mò-nop'ò-li) [MONO-, Gr. *pōlein*, to sell], *n.* An exclusive trading right in a certain commodity or class of business, usu. conferred by Government; a company, etc., enjoying this; the subject of such a right; exclusive possession, control, or enjoyment (of). **monop'olist, n.** **monop'olize, v.t.** To obtain or possess a monopoly of; to engross the whole of (attention, conversation, etc.).

**monosyllable, n.** A word of one syllable. **monosyllab'ic, a.**

**monotheism** (mon'ò-thē-izm) [MONO-, Gr. *theos*, God], *n.* The doctrine that there is only one God. **monotheist, n.**

**monotone** (mon'ò-tōn) [MONO-, TONE], *n.* Continuance of in the same tone; a succession of sounds of the same pitch; intoning of words on a single note; monotony. **monot'onous, a.** Wearisome through sameness, tedious. **monot'ony, n.** Tediousness, sameness.

**monsoon** (mon-soon') [Arab. *mausim*, time, season], *n.* A wind in the Indian Ocean, blowing from the south-west from April to October, and from the north-east the rest of the year.

**monster** (mon'stér) [L. *monstrum*, a portent, from *monēre*, to warn], *n.* Something out of the ordinary course of nature; a deformed creature; a person, animal, or thing of great size.

**monstrance** (mon'stráns) [L. *monstrāre*, to show], *n.* (*R.-C. Ch.*) A transparent vessel in which the Host is exposed for adoration.

**monstrous** (mon'strús) [as MONSTER], *a.* Unnatural in form; out of the course of nature; enormous; shocking, atrocious; incredible. **monstros'ity, n.**

**montbretia** (mont-brě'shi-á) [de *Montbret* (d. 1801), Fr. botanist], *n.* An iridaceous bulbous-rooted flowering plant.

**month** (mūnth) [A.-S. *mōnath*, cogn. with MOON], *n.* One of the twelve parts into which the year is divided. **monthly, a.** Done in or continuing for a month; happening or payable once a month. *adv.* Once a month. *n.* A periodical published every month.

**monument** (mon'ū-mént) [L. from *monēre*, to remind], *n.* Anything by which the memory of persons or things is preserved, esp. a building or permanent structure; a memorial, a record; a distinctive mark.

**monumen'tal, a. monumentally, adv.**  
**-mony** [L. *-monium, -monia*], *suf.* Forming nouns, as *ceremony, matrimony, parsimony*.

**mood** (1) (mood) [var. of *MODE*], *n.* A verb-form expressing the manner in which the act, event, etc., is conceived, whether as actual, contingent, possible, desirable, etc.; (*Log.*) the form of a syllogism with regard to the quantity and quality of the propositions; (*Mus.*) mode.

**mood** (2) [A.-S. *mōd*], *n.* Temper of mind, disposition, humour. **moody, a.** Indulging in moods or humours; peevish, sullen, out of temper. **moodiness, n.**

**moon** (moon) [A.-S. *mōna*, cogn. with Gr. *mēnē*, L. *mensis*, MONTH], *n.* The earth's satellite revolving round it monthly, the satellite of any planet; a month; anything crescent-shaped. *v.i.* To wander (about) or stare in a listless manner.

**moonlight, n. and a. moon-lighter, n.** A member of gangs of ruffians who committed violent nocturnal outrages, esp. in Ireland. **moonshine, n.** Moonlight; (*fig.*) unreality, nonsense. **moonstone, n.** A variety of feldspar with whitish or opalescent reflections. **moon-struck, -stricken, a.** Affected by the moon; deranged, lunatic; over-sentimental.

**moor** (1) (moor) [Teut.], *v.t.* To secure (a ship, boat, etc.) with chains, or anchor, etc. *v.i.* To anchor; to lie at anchor or secured by cables, etc. **moorage, n.** A place for mooring. **moorings, n.** The place where a ship is moored; anchors, chains, etc.

**moor** (2) [A.-S. *mōr*], *n.* A tract of wild open land. **moor-cock, -fowl, -hen, n.** The red grouse. **moorland, n.**

**Moor** (3) [L. and Gr. *Maurus*], *n.* A member of a Berber and Arab race inhabiting Morocco and the adjoining parts of N.W. Africa. **Moorish, a.**

**moose** (moos) [Algonkin *musu*], *n.* The N American elk.

**moot** (moot) [A.-S. *gemōt*, an assembly], *v.t.* To raise for discussion. *v.i.* To argue or plead on a supposed case. *n.* Anciently, an assembly of freemen in a township, etc.; a law students' debate on a supposed case. *a.* Open to argument.

**mop** (mop) [L. *mappa*, napkin], *n.* A bundle of rags, etc., fastened to a handle, and used for cleaning floors, etc.; a thick mass (as of hair). *v.t.* To clean or dry with a mop.

**mope** (mōp) [?], *v.i.* To be dull or dispirited. *n.* One who mopes; (*pl.*) ennui, the blues.

**moraine** (mō-rān') [F.], *n.* The debris of rocks brought down by glaciers.

**moral** (1) (mō-rāl) [L. *mōrālis*, from *mōs*, custom], *a.* Pertaining to character and conduct as regards the distinction between right and wrong; good, virtuous, distinguishing between right and wrong; based on morality; concerned with conduct or morality; conveying a moral;

probable. *n.* The moral lesson taught by a story, incident, etc.; (*pl.*) moral habits or conduct; ethics, moral science.

**moral** (2), **morale** (mō-rāl'), *n.* Mental or moral condition; courage and endurance in supporting fatigue and danger, esp. of troops in war. **moralist, n.** **moral'ity, n.** The doctrine, principles, or practice of moral duties; moral science, morals, moral conduct; an early kind of drama in which the characters represented virtues, vices, etc. **mor'alize, v.t.** To interpret or apply in a moral sense; to provide with moral lessons. *v.i.* To make moral reflections (on). **morally, adv.** According to morality; practically, virtually.

**morass** (mō-rās') [Dut. *moeras*, O.F. *maresche*, marsh], *n.* A swamp, a bog.

**moratorium** (mō-rā-tōr'i-um) [L., from *morāri*, to delay], *n.* Authorized temporary suspension of the payment of debts; an act authorizing this.

**morbid** (mōr'bid) [L. *morbus*, disease], *a.* Sickly, diseased; pathological. **morbidity, n.** **morbidity, n.**

**mordant** (mōr'dānt) [L. *mordēre*, to bite], *a.* Biting, caustic; causing pain or smarting; serving to fix colours, etc. *n.* A substance for fixing colouring-matter in dyeing; an adhesive substance used in applying gold-leaf; a corrosive used by etchers. **mordacious** (-dā'shūs), *a.* Biting, acrid; sarcastic. **mordacity** (-dās'i-ti), *mordancy* (mōr'dān-si), *n.*

**more** (mōr) [A.-S. *māra*], *a.* (*superl.* **most**) Greater in quantity, extent, degree, etc.; additional, extra. *adv.* In or to a greater degree, etc. (used to form compar. of many adjectives and adverbs); further, besides, again.

**moreover** (mōr-ō'vēr) [MORE, OVER], *adv.* Besides, in addition, further.

**moesque** (mōr-esk') [MOOR (3), -ESQUE], *a.* Moorish in style.

**morganatic** (mōr-gā-nāt'ik) [M.H.G. *morgengābe*, morning-gift], *a.* Applied to a marriage in which the wife does not acquire the husband's rank and neither she nor children of the marriage inherit his title or possessions.

**moribund** (mōr'i-bünd) [L. *moribundus*, from *mōri*, to die], *a.* In a dying state.

**Mormon** (mōr'mōn) [mythic author of the *Book of Mormon*, containing alleged divine revelations], *n.* A member of an American religious body (the "Latter-day Saints," founded 1830) which formerly practised polygamy; a polygamist. **Mormonism, n.**

**morn** (mōrn) [A.-S. *morgen*], *n.* Morning.

**morning** (mōr'ning) [M.E. *morwening*, dawning], *n.* The first part of the day, from 12 at night to 12 noon, or from dawn to midday; (*fig.*) the early part of a period. *a.* Pertaining to the morning.

**morocco** (mō-rok'ō), *n.* A fancy leather tanned in a particular way and dyed (formerly made in Morocco).



**morose** (mô-rôs') [L. *môrôsus*], *a.* Peevish, sullen; given to brooding.

**morphia**, **-phine** (môr'fî-â, -fin) [G. *morphin*, from *Morpheus*, the god of dreams], *n.* The alkaloid constituting the narcotic principle of opium.

**morris** (môr'is) [MOORISH], *n.* A rustic dance in which characters from the Robin Hood legend were represented.

**morrow** (môr'ô) [M.E. *morwen*, MORNING], *n.* The day next after the present; (*fig.*) the succeeding period. **to-morrow**, the morrow; on the morrow.

**morse** (1) (môrs) [Lapp. *morsa*], *n.* The walrus.

**Morse** (2) (môrs) [Am. inventor (d. 1872)], *n.* (*collog.*) A message by the Morse code. **Morse alphabet or code:** A system of sending messages by telegraph in combinations of dots and dashes.

**morsel** (môr'sél) [O.F., from L. *morsus*, bite], *n.* A mouthful; a small piece of food; a small quantity.

**mortal** (môr'tál) [L. *mortâlis*, from *mors* *moris*, death], *a.* Causing death, fatal; inveterate; involving spiritual death; pertaining to death; liable to death, hence, human. *n.* A human being. **mortal'ity**, *n.* The quality of being mortal; human nature; human beings; loss of life, esp. on a large scale; the death-rate.

**mortar** (môr'tár) [A.-S. *mortere*, L. *mortârium*], *n.* A vessel in which substances are pounded with a pestle; a short cannon for throwing shells at a high angle; a cement made of lime, sand, and water, for use in building. *v.t.* To join, plaster, or close up with mortar. **mortar-board**, *n.* A square board for holding mortar; a square-topped college cap.

**mortgage** (môr'gáj) [O.F. (L. *mors mortis*, death, GAGE)], *n.* The grant of an estate, etc., as security for the payment of money. *v.t.* To grant or make over property on mortgage; (*fig.*) to pledge, esp. oneself. **mortgagee**, *n.* One to whom property is mortgaged. **mort-gagor**, *n.* One who mortgages property.

**mortify** (môr'ti-fi) [L. *mortificâre*], *v.t.* To subdue (the passions, etc.) by self-discipline; to humiliate, wound. *v.i.* To lose vitality, to decay, to gangrene.

**mortifica'tion**, *n.* **mortifyingly**, *adv.*

**mortise** (môr'tis) [F. *mortaise*], *n.* A hole cut in timber, etc., to receive a tenon.

**mortmain** (môr'tmân) [med. L. *mortua manus*, dead hand], *n.* Possession of lands or tenements by an ecclesiastical or other corporation who cannot alienate.

**mortuary** (môr'tû-âr-i) [L. *mortuârius*, as MORTAL], *a.* Pertaining to death or burial. *n.* A building for the temporary reception of the dead.

**mosaic** (1) (mô-zá'ik) [F. *mosaique*, Gr. *mousaikos*, pertaining to the Muses], *a.* Applied to inlaid work of small pieces of differently-coloured marble, glass, etc.; tessellated, inlaid. *n.* A pattern, picture, etc.; produced in this style.

**Mosaic** (2) [Moses], *a.* Pertaining to Moses or to the law given through him.

**moselle** (mô-zel') [name of river], *n.* A white wine made in the Moselle district.

**Moslem** (moz'lém) [Arab. *muslim*], *n.* A Mohammedan. *a.* Pertaining to the Mohammedans.

**mosque** (mosk) [Arab. *masgid*], *n.* A Mohammedan place of worship.

**mosquito** (mos-ké'tô) [Sp., L. *musca*, fly], *n.* An insect with a proboscis for piercing the skin and sucking blood.

**moss** (mos) [A.-S. *mos*, bog], *n.* A bog, wet, spongy land; a low, tufted, herbaceous plant usually growing on damp soil or on stones, trees, etc. **moss-rose**, *n.* A rose with moss-like calyx.

**moss-trooper**, *n.* One of the marauders who formerly infested the borders of England and Scotland. **mossy**, *a.*

**most** (môst) [A.-S. *mæst*], *a.* Greatest in amount, extent, quality, degree, etc. *adv.* In the greatest or highest degree (forming the superl. of many adjectives and adverbs). *n.* The greatest number, quantity, etc.; the best, the worst, etc.; the majority. **mostly**, *adv.*

**-most** [A.-S. *-mest*], *suf.* Forming superlatives denoting position, order, etc., as in *hindmost*, *inmost*, *utmost*.

**mote** (môt) [A.-S. *mot*], *n.* A particle of dust, a speck; anything proverbially small.

**moth** (moth) [A.-S. *moththe*], *n.* One of a group of nocturnal or crepuscular winged insects allied to the butterflies, but not having knotted antennæ. **mothy**, *a.* Full of moths; moth-eaten.

**mother** (mûth'ér) [A.-S. *môder*, cogn. with L. *mâter*, Gr. *mêtēr*], *n.* A female parent; the source or origin of anything; a motherly woman; the head of a religious community; a thick slimy substance forming in vinegar during fermentation. *v.t.* To act as mother towards. *a.* Holding the place of a mother; giving origin; native, inborn, vernacular. **mother country**: One's native country; a country in relation to its colonies. **mother-in-law**, *n.* (*pl.* **mothers-in-law**), the mother of one's wife or husband.

**mother of pearl**, *n.* The iridescent pearly substance forming the internal layer of many shells. **mother tongue**: One's native language. **mother wit**: Natural sagacity, common sense.

**motherhood**, *n.* **motherless**, *a.* **motherly**, *a. and adv.*

**motion** (mô'shûn) [L. *môtiônem*, nom. *-tio*, as next], *n.* Act, process, or state of moving; passage from place to place; a proposal, esp. in a deliberative assembly; an application to a court for a rule or order; (*fig.*) impulse, instigation. *v.t.* To direct by a gesture. *v.i.* To make significant gestures.

**motive** (mô'tiv) [O.F. *motif*, med. L. *môltivus*, from *mot-*, stem of *movêre*, to move], *a.* Causing or tending to cause

motion; pertaining to movement. *n.* That which incites to action, or determines the will; cause, incentive; (*Art*) the predominant idea, etc. *v.t.* (*usu. in p.p.*) To furnish with an adequate motive (as a story, play, etc.). **motiveless**, *a.* **motivity**, *n.*

**motley** (mot'li) [?], *a.* Variegated; dressed in parti-coloured clothes; heterogeneous. *n.* The parti-coloured dress of jesters.

**motor** (mō'tōr) [L., from *movēre*, to move], *n.* That which imparts motive power, esp. a machine; a motor-car; a muscle for moving some part; a nerve exciting muscular action. *a.* Causing or imparting motion. *v.i.* To drive or ride in a motor-car.

**mottle** (motl) [prob. from **MOTLEY**], *v.t.* To variegate with spots or different colours.

**motto** (mot'ō) [It., a word], *n.* (*pl. -oes*) A short pithy sentence expressing a sentiment; a maxim adopted as a rule of conduct; (*Her.*) a word or sentence used with a crest or coat of arms.

**mouch** (mooch) [?], *v.i.* To play truant; to skulk, sneak about.

**mould** (1) (mōld) [A.-S. *molde*], *n.* Fine soft earth, the ground; (*fig.*) the grave.

**mould** (2) [O.North.F. *molde*, L. *modulus*], *n.* A hollow shape into which molten metal, etc., cools into a permanent shape; a templet for shaping cornices, etc., and analogous appliances; a tin vessel for shaping puddings, etc.; (*fig.*) physical form; character, nature. *v.t.* To form into a particular shape; to fashion.

**mould** (3) [M.E. *mould*, become mouldy], *n.* A fungoid growth forming a furry coating on matter left in the damp. **mouldy**, *a.* **mouldiness**, *n.*

**moulder** (mōl'dēr) [prob. from **MOULD** (1)], *v.i.* To turn to dust by natural decay; to crumble.

**moulding** (mōl'ding) [**MOULD** (2), -ING], *n.* Act or process of shaping anything in a mould; anything formed in a mould; part of a cornice, capital, etc.

**moult** (mōlt) [L. *mūtāre*, to change], *v.* To cast the feathers, skin, horns, etc. (of certain birds and animals).

**mound** (mound) [?], *n.* An elevation of earth, stones, etc., esp. artificial; a tumulus.

**mount** (mount) [A.-S. *munt*, L. *mons montis*], *n.* A high hill; a mountain; that upon which anything is mounted; the margin round a picture; a setting, a strengthening part; a horse; a means of mounting on horseback. *v.i.* To ascend; to soar; to get on horseback; to rise in amount. *v.t.* To climb; to ascend upon, to get on; to put (a picture) on a mount; to stage (a play); to put (a person) on a horse; to furnish with a horse.

**mountain** (moun'tān) [O.F. *montaigne*, L. *mons montis*], *n.* A natural elevation of the earth's surface rising high above the surrounding land; a large heap or

pile; something of great bulk. **mountain ash**: The rowan, a tree with bright scarlet berries. **mountain-chain**, *n.* A range or series of mountains. **mountaineer'**, *n.* One who dwells among mountains; one who climbs mountains for amusement or scientific purposes.

**mountaineering**, *n.* **mountainous**, *a.*

**mountebank** (moun'tē-bānk) [It. *montambanco* (*monta in banco*, to mount on a bench)], *n.* A quack doctor, a charlatan.

**mourn** (mōrn) [A.-S. *murnan*], *v.i.* To express or feel sorrow or grief; to wear mourning. *v.t.* To grieve or sorrow for; to deplore; to utter mournfully. **mourner**, *n.* **mournful**, *a.* **mournfully**, *adv.* **mourning**, *a.* Grieving; expressive of grief or sorrow. *n.* Grief, sorrow, lamentation; dress worn by mourners.

**mouse** (mous) [A.-S. *mūs*, L. and Gr. *mūs*], *n.* (*pl. mice*, *mīs*) A small rodent quadruped, esp. the common house mouse; applied to shrews, voles, etc. *v.i.* (mouz) To hunt for or catch mice. **mouser** (mou'zēr), *n.* A cat good at catching mice.

**moustache** (mūs-tash') [F.], *n.* The hair on the upper lip of men.

**mouth** (mouth) [A.-S. *mūth*], *n.* The opening at which food is taken into the body with the cavity containing the organs of speech, etc.; (*fig.*) anything analogous to a mouth; the opening of a vessel, cave, or the like; the outfall of a river. *v.t.* (mouth) To utter in an elaborate or constrained manner; to declaim; to seize with the mouth; to chew. *v.i.* To talk pompously; to make grimaces. **mouthpiece**, *n.* A tube by which a cigar, etc., is held in the mouth; (*fig.*) a spokesman for others. **mouthy** (mou'thi), *a.* Talkative; ranting.

**move** (moov) [O.F. *movoir*, L. *movēre*], *v.t.* To cause to change position or posture; to put in motion, to stir; to incite, prompt, rouse (to action); to excite (laughter, etc.); to prevail upon; to propose, to submit for discussion. *v.i.* To change place or posture; to go from one place to another; to progress; to change one's place of residence; to make an application, appeal, etc.; to take action. *n.* Act of moving; the right to move (in chess, etc.); proceeding, line of conduct; a device to obtain an object; a change of abode. **movable**, *a.* Capable of being moved; occurring at varying times (as a festival). *n.* Anything that can be moved or removed; (*pl.*) goods, furniture, chattels, etc., personal as opp. to real property. **movability**, *n.* **movement**, *n.* Act or process of changing position, place, or posture. **moving**, *a.* Causing motion; in motion; impelling; pathetic, affecting.

**mow** (1) (mou) [A.-S. *mūga*], *n.* A heap of hay, corn, or other field produce.

**mow** (2) (mō) [A.-S. *māwan*], *v.t.* To cut (grass, corn, etc.) with a scythe, mowing-machine, etc.; (*fig.*) to destroy indis-



criminally; to cut (down) in great numbers. **mower**, *n.*

**much** (müch) [A.-S. *micel*, MICKLE], *a.* Great in quantity or amount; long in duration. *adv.* In or to a great degree or extent; almost, about. *n.* A great quantity, a great deal; something uncommon.

**mucilage** (mü'si-láj) [F., from L. *mucilāgo*, from *mucēre*, to be mouldy], *n.* A gummy substance from the various plants; gum prepared for use. **mucilaginous** (-láj'i-nūs), *a.*

**muck** (mük) [Scand.], *n.* Dung or manure; refuse, anything filthy, disgusting or nasty. *v.t.* To make dirty; (*slang*) to make a mess of.

**mucus** (mü'kūs) [L.], *n.* The viscid secretion of the mucous membrane; slimy secretions in animals and fishes; gummy matter found in plants, soluble in water but not in alcohol. **mucous** (mü'kūs), *a.*

**mud** (müd) [Teut.], *n.* Moist, soft earth, mire; (*fig.*) anything that is worthless or defiling. **mudguard**, *n.* A guard over a wheel of a vehicle or cycle to catch the mud. **muddy**, *a.*

**muddle** (müdl) [freq., from prec.], *v.t.* To confuse, bewilder, stupefy; to make half drunk; to mix (up); to make a mess of, to bungle. *v.i.* To act or proceed in a confused or bungling way. *n.* A mess; a state of confusion or bewilderment. **muddle-headed**, *a.* **muddler**, *n.*

**muff** (1) (müf) [MUFFLE], *n.* A covering carried by women in which the hands are placed to keep them warm.

**muff** (2) [?], *n.* An awkward or stupid fellow; a bungling action.

**muffin** (mü'fin) [? O.F. *moufflet*, soft bread], *n.* A plain, spongy, round cake.

**muffineer** (-nēr'), *n.* A castor for sprinkling salt or sugar.

**muffle** (müfl) [O.F. *moufle*, med. L. *muffula*, a mitten], *v.t.* To wrap or cover (up) closely and warmly; to wrap up (oars, bells, etc.) so as to deaden the sound; to dull. *n.* A large mitten; anything employed to deaden sound; a receptacle placed in a furnace to keep pottery from direct contact with flames and smoke. **muffler**, *n.* A scarf for the throat.

**mufti** (müf'ti) [Arab.], *n.* An official interpreter of the Koran and Mohammedan law; civilian dress worn by officers off duty; ordinary dress.

**muğ** (müg) [Scand.], *n.* A drinking-cup, usu. cylindrical without a lip.

**mugg** (müg'ēr) [Hind. *magar*], *n.* An East Indian crocodile with a broad snout.

**muggy** (müg'i) [Scand.], *a.* Damp and close, sultry; moist, mouldy.

**mugwump** (müg'wümp) [Algonkin, a chief], *n.* An independent member of the American Republican party; one who declines to be led by party politics; a consequential person.

**mulatto** (mü-lăt'ō) [Sp. *mulato*, as MULE],

*n.* The offspring of a white and a negro.

**mulberry** (mül'bér-i) [?], *n.* A tree bearing a fruit like a large blackberry.

**mulch** (mülich) [?], *n.* A surface layer of manure, etc., to keep the roots of plants moist.

**muilt** (mülkt) [L. *multa*, a fine], *n.* A fine, esp. for an offence or misdemeanour. *v.t.* To punish with a fine or forfeiture.

**mule** (mül) [A.-S. *māl*, L. *mālus*], *n.* The offspring of a male ass and a mare; also a hinny; a hybrid between different animals or plants; (*fig.*) a stupidly obstinate person; an instrument for cotton-spinning. **muleteer**, *n.* A mule-driver. **mulish**, *a.* Like a mule; obstinate, sullen.

**mull** (1) (mül) [?], *v.t.* To warm (wine, beer, etc.), sweeten, and flavour with spices.

**mull** (2) (mül) [Sc., MILL], *n.* A horn snuff-box.

**mullein** (mül'in) [A.-F. *moleynē*], *n.* An herbaceous plant with woolly leaves and tall spikes of yellow flowers, Aaron's rod.

**mullet** (1) (mül'ēt) [O.F. *mulet*, L. *multus*], *n.* Two fishes, the red and grey mullet, living near coasts and ascending rivers.

**mullet** (2) [O.F. *molette*, rowel], *n.* (*Her.*) The figure of a five-pointed star.

**mulligatawny** (mül-i-gá-taw'ni) [Tamil *milagutannir*, pepper-water], *n.* An East Indian highly-flavoured curry-soup.

**mullion** (mül'i-ön) [?], *n.* A vertical bar dividing up a window.

**multi-, mult-** [L. *multus*, many, much], *pref.*

**multifarious** (mül-ti-fär'i-üs) [L. *multifarius*], *a.* Having great multiplicity, variety, or diversity. **multifariously**, *adv.* **mül'tifold**, *a.* Manifold; many times doubled. **mül'tiform**, *a.* Having many forms. **multilat'eral**, *a.* Many-sided. **multilin'eal**, -ear, *a.* Having many lines. **multimillionaire**, *n.* One who possesses several millions. **multi-partite** (-par'tit), *a.*

**multiple** (mül'tipl) [late L. *multiplus*], *a.* Manifold; having many parts, components, or relations. *n.* A quantity that contains another a number of times without remainder. **multiple mark**: The sign × indicating multiplication. **mül'tiplex**, *a.* Manifold; multiple. **multiplicity** (-plis'i-ti), *n.* The quality of being many or manifold; many of the same kind.

**multiply** (mül'ti-pli) [L. *multiplicāre* (MULT-, *plīcāre*, to fold)], *v.t.* To add (a multiplicand) to itself a certain number of times, producing a quantity called the product. *v.i.* To increase in number or extent; to increase by propagation. **multiplicand**, *n.* The quantity to be multiplied. **multiplication**, *n.* Act or process of multiplying; increase by multiplying. **mül'tiplicative**, *a.* **multiplier**, *n.* One who or that which multiplies or increases; the number by which the

multiplicand is multiplied; an instrument for intensifying an electric current.

**multitude** (mŭl'ti-tūd) [L. *multitudo* (MULTI-, -TUDE)], *n.* The state of being numerous; a great number; a very large crowd or throng; the common people.

**multitudinous**, *a.* Very numerous.

**mum** (1) (mŭm) [onomat., *a.* Silent. *int.* Silence, hush! *v.i.* To act in dumb-show; to play as a mummer.

**mum** (2) [G. *mumme*], *n.* Strong, sweet beer.

**mumble** (mŭmbl) [M.E. *momelen*, from MUM (1)], *v.i.* To speak indistinctly; to eat with the lips closed. *v.t.* To mutter indistinctly or inarticulately; to chew gently. *n.* Indistinct utterance.

**mumbler**, *n.* mumbingly, *adv.*

**mummer** (mŭm'ér) [O.F. *momeur* (cp. MUM (1))], *n.* An actor in dumb-show, an itinerant masquer; (*contemp.*) an actor. **mummery**, *n.* The performance of mumming; (*contemp.*) tomfoolery.

**mummy** (mŭm'i) [Arab. *mūmiyā*, from mŭm, wax used in embalming], *n.* A body preserved from decay by embalming, esp. after the manner of the ancient Egyptians; (*fig.*) a dried-up person or body. *v.t.* To mummify. **mummify**, *v.t.* To make into a mummy, to embalm.

**mump** (1) (mŭmp) [?], *v.i.* To beg in a whining tone. *v.t.* To obtain by begging.

**mumper**, *n.*

**mump** (2) [?], *v.i.* To sulk; to mumble, to munch. *n.pl.* A contagious disease characterized by swelling and inflammation of the salivary glands.

**munch** (mŭnch) [?], *v.* To chew audibly with much movement of the jaws.

**mundane** (mŭn'dān) [L. *mundānus*, from *mundus*, the world], *a.* Belonging to this world, earthly, worldly.

**mongoose** (mŭng'goos) [Marathi *mangūs*], *n.* (*pl.* -gooses) An E. Indian ichneumon preying on snakes.

**municipal** (mŭ-nis'i-pāl) [L. *municipes*, a citizen], *a.* Pertaining to the government of a town or city, or to local government.

**municipal'ity**, *n.* A town, city, or district having a charter of incorporation or enjoying local self-government.

**munificent** (mŭ-nif'i-sént) [L. *munificus*], *a.* Liberal, bountiful; characterized by splendid liberality. **munificence**, *n.*

**munition** (mŭ-ni'mént) [O.F., L. *mūnīre*, to fortify], *n.* A title-deed, charter, or record kept as evidence of title.

**munition** (mŭ-nish'ŭn) [L. *mūnitio*, as *prec.*], *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) Military stores of all kinds, esp. ammunition; anything required for an undertaking. *v.t.* To furnish with munitions.

**mural** (mŭr'al) [F., from L. *mŭrus*, a wall], *a.* Pertaining to, on, or like a wall.

**murder** (mĕr'dér) [A.-S. *morthor*], *n.* Homicide with malice aforethought. *v.t.* To kill (a human being) with malice aforethought; to slay barbarously; (*fig.*) to spoil by blundering or clumsiness; to

mangle. **murderer**, *n.* **murderess**, *n.* **murderous**, *a.*

**murk** (mĕrk) [A.-S. *mirce*], *n.* Darkness.

**murky**, *a.* Thick, obscure. **murkily**, *adv.*

**murmur** (mĕr'mŭr) [L.], *n.* A low, continuous sound, as of running water; a half-suppressed complaint, a grumble.

*v.t.* To make a low continued noise; to mutter in discontent; to find fault. *v.t.* To utter in a low voice. **murmurer**, *n.*

**murrain** (mŭr'an) [O.F. *morine*], *n.* An infectious disease among cattle.

**muscadell** (mŭs-kā-del') [It. *moscadello*], *n.* A rich wine made from muscadine grapes; the grapes; a sweet fragrant pear. **muscadine**, *n.* A grape with a musky flavour.

**muscle** (mŭsl) [L. *musculus*, dim. of *mus*, mouse], *n.* A band or bundle of contractile fibrous tissue serving to effect movement of some part of the body; muscular strength.

**Muscovite** (mŭs'kó-vit) [F. *Muscovie*, Moscow], *n.* A native of Russia; common mica.

**muscular** (mŭs'kŭ-lár) [MUSCLE, -AR], *a.* Pertaining to the muscles; having well-developed muscles; strong, brawny. **muscular'ity**, *n.*

**Muse** (1) (mŭz) [Gr. *Mousa*], *n.* (*Gr. Myth.*) One of nine goddesses, daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne, who presided over the liberal arts; the inspiring power of poetry, poetical genius.

**muse** (2) [F. *muser*] *v.i.* To ponder, meditate (upon); to reflect (upon) in silence; to engage in reverie. *v.t.* To meditate on. *n.* Abstraction of mind; reverie. **musingly**, *adv.*

**museum** (mŭ-zĕ-ŭm) [Gr. *mouseion*, a temple of the Muses], *n.* A place for the preservation and exhibition of objects illustrating antiquities, art, natural science, etc.

**mush** (mŭsh) [? MASH], *n.* A soft pulp, pulpy mass.

**mushroom** (mŭsh'rum) [F. *mousseron*], *n.* A quick-growing edible fungus; (*fig.*) an upstart. *a.* Ephemeral, upstart.

**music** (mŭ'zik) [Gr. *mousikē technē*, the art of the Muses], *n.* The art of combining vocal and instrumental tones in a rhythmic form; such a combination of tones; melody, harmony; a musical score. **music-hall**, *n.* A public building for variety entertainments. **musical**, *a.* **musician** (-zish'an), *n.*

**musk** (mŭsk) [Pers.], *n.* An odoriferous resin obtained from the male musk-deer; the odour of this; a plant with a similar scent. **musk-deer**, *n.* A small hornless deer of Central Asia. **musk-ox**, *n.* An Arctic-American bovine ruminant.

**musket** (mŭs'két) [F. *mousquet*, orig. a sparrowhawk], *n.* The old fire-arm of the infantry; any old-fashioned smooth-bore gun; \*the male sparrowhawk.

**musketeer**, *n.* A soldier armed with a musket. **musketry**, *n.* The art of using the musket.



**muslin** (müz'lin) [F. *mousseline* (Mosul in Mesopotamia, where formerly made)], *n.* A fine cotton fabric used for dresses, curtains, etc.

**musquash** (müs'kwosh) [Algonkin], *n.* A N. American aquatic rodent yielding a valuable fur and secreting a musky substance.

**muscel** (müs'él) [A.-S. *müscelle*, as **MUSCLE**], *n.* An edible bivalve mollusc.

**Mussulman** (müs'ül-mán) [Arab. *muslim*, **MOSLEM**], *n.* (*pl.* -mans) A Mohammedan, a Moslem.

**must** (1) (müst) [A.-S. from L. *mustus*, fresh], *n.* New wine, grape juice before fermentation; mustiness. *v.* To make or grow mouldy.

**must** (2) (müst) [A.-S. *möste*], *aux. v.* To be obliged to, to be under a necessity to; to be requisite; to be certain to.

**mustang** (müs'táng) [Sp. *mestengo*], *n.* The wild horse of the American prairies.

**mustard** (müs'tárd) [O.F. *mostarde*, conn. with **MUST** (1)], *n.* A plant of the genus *Sinapis*; the seeds of this ground and used as a condiment.

**muster** (müs'tér) [It. *mostra*, a show, as **MONSTER**], *n.* The assembling of troops; a register of forces mustered; a gathering. *v.t.* To collect or assemble for review, checking of rolls, etc.; to bring together; to summon (up strength, courage, etc.). *v.i.* To meet in one place. **muster-roll**, *n.* A register of troops, a ship's company, etc.

**musty** (müs'ti) [**MUST** (1)], *a.* Mouldy; sour, stale. **mustiness**, *n.*

**mutable** (mü'tábl) [L. *mutāre*, to change], *a.* Liable to change; fickle, unstable. **mutability**, *n.* **mutate**, *v.i.* To change, to be transmuted. *v.t.* (*Gram.*) To modify. **muta'tion**, *n.* Act or process of changing.

**mute** (müt) [O.F. *muet*], *a.* Silent, speechless; dumb; not spoken; unpronounced; produced by complete closure of the organs of the mouth or interruption of the breath (as *h*, *p*, *d*, *k*, etc.). *n.* One who is silent; a dumb person; a hired attendant at a funeral; a contrivance for deadening sound (as in a piano); a letter which is not pronounced; a consonant that stops the sound entirely.

**mutilate** (mü'ti-lät) [L. *mutilātus*, maimed], *v.t.* To cut off a limb or an essential part of; to maim, disfigure; to injure (literary work, etc.) by excision. **mutila'tion**, *n.* **mu'tilator**, *n.*

**mutineer** (mü-ti-nēr') [F. *mutinier*, from *mutin*, *mutinous*], *n.* One who mutinies. *v.t.* To mutiny. **mutinous**, *a.* **mutinously**, *adv.* **mutiny**, *n.* Open resistance to or revolt against constituted authority, esp. by sailors or soldiers. *v.t.* To rise or rebel against authority.

**mutter** (müt'ér) [imit.], *v.i.* To speak in a low voice; to grumble, to murmur (at or against). *v.t.* To utter in a low or indistinct voice; to say in secret. *n.* A low or indistinct utterance; a murmur, a grumble. **mutteringly**, *adv.*

**mutton** (müt'ón) [O.F. *moton* (F. *mouton*)], *n.* The flesh of sheep used as food.

**mutual** (müt'ü-ál) [L. *mūtūus*, reciprocal], *a.* Reciprocal; possessed, done, felt, etc., by each of two persons, parties, etc., to or towards the other. **mutual'ity**, *n.*

**muzzle** (müzl) [O.F. *musel*], *n.* The projecting mouth and nose of a horse, dog, etc.; the mouth of a cannon; a guard to prevent an animal biting. *v.t.* To put a muzzle on; (*fig.*) to silence.

**my** (mi, mi) [M.E. *mī*], *poss. a.* (*absol.* **mine**) Belonging to me; used in forms of address (as *my boy*, *my dear*).

**myope** (mī'öp) [Gr. *muein*, to shut, *ōps*, eye], *n.* A short-sighted person. **myo'pia**, *n.* **myopic** (-op'ik), *a.*

**myosotis** (mī-ō-sō'tis) [Gr. *mūs muos*, mouse, *ōtos*, ear], *n.* A genus of hardy plants comprising the forget-me-not.

**myriad** (mir'i-ád) [Gr. *mūrios*, countless], *a.* Innumerable, countless. *n.* A very great number.

**Myrmidon** (mēr'mi-dón) [Gr. *Murmidones*], *n.* One of a warlike people of Thessaly, ruled over by Achilles; a faithful follower, an unscrupulous underling.

**myrrh** (mēr) [A.-S. *myrre*, Gr. *murra*, from Semitic], *n.* A gum resin from Arabian and Abyssinian trees used in incense, perfumes, etc.

**myrtle** (mértl) [Gr. *murtos*], *n.* A tall shrub with glossy evergreen leaves and sweet-scented flowers.

**myself** (mi-, mi-self') [ME, **SELF**], *pron.* Used in the nominative after *I*, to express emphasis; in the objective reflexively.

**mystery** (1) (mis'tér-1) [Gr. *musterion*, from *muein*, to close the eyes], *n.* Something beyond human comprehension; a secret; secrecy, obscurity; a form of mediæval drama drawn from sacred history, a miracle-play; a divine truth partially revealed; esoteric rites. **mysterious**, *a.* Not plain to the understanding; obscure, occult.

\***mystery** (2) [M.E. *mistere*, as **MINISTRY**], *n.* A handicraft, trade, or occupation.

**mystic** (mis'tik) [Gr. *mustikos*, as **MYSTERY** (1)], *a.* Pertaining to or involving mystery or mysticism; occult, esoteric; emblematical. *n.* One addicted to mysticism. **mystical**, *a.* **mysticism** (-sizm), *n.* The doctrine that man may by self-surrender and spiritual apprehension attain to direct communion with God.

**mystify** (mis'ti-fi) [as prec., -FY], *v.t.* To bewilder, puzzle, hoax. **mystifica'tion**, *n.* **myth** (mith) [Gr. *muthos*, fable], *n.* A legend or tradition, accepted as historical, embodying the beliefs of a people on the creation, the gods, the universe, etc.; an allegorical story; a fictitious event, person, etc. **mythic**, -al, *a.* **mythology**, *n.* A system of myths in which are embodied the beliefs of a people concerning their origin, deities, heroes, etc.; the science of myths, a treatise on myths. **mytholog'ic**, -al (-loj'ik, -ál), *a.*

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**nab** (năb) [Scand.], *v.t.* To catch, seize.  
**nabob** (nă'bob) [Hind. *navvāb*], *n.* A deputy-governor under the Mogul empire in India; (*fig.*) a man who has amassed great wealth in India.

**nacre** (nă'kér) [Sp. and Port. *nacar*], *n.* A fish yielding mother-of-pearl; mother-of-pearl. **nacreous**, **nacrous**, *a.*

**nadir** (nă'dir) [Arab.], *n.* The point of the heavens directly opposite to the zenith or directly under our feet; (*fig.*) the lowest point (of decline, degradation, etc.).

**nag** (1) (năg) [?], *n.* A small horse for riding; a horse.

**nag** (2) [Scand.], *v.i.* To be continually finding fault; to scold (at). *v.t.* To find fault with, complain, or scold continually. **nagger**, *n.*

**naiad** (nă'ăd) [Gr. *naiad-*, nom. *naias*], *n.* A water-nymph.

**nail** (năl) [A.-S. *nægel*], *n.* The horny substance at the tip of the fingers and toes; a claw, a talon; a measure of 2½ inches; a headed metal spike, for hammering into wood, etc., to fasten things together, or for use as a peg. *v.t.* To secure with nails; to stud with nails; to fix; to clinch (a bargain). **nailer**, *n.*

**nainsook** (năn'suk) [Hind. *nainsukh*], *n.* A thick muslin or cotton cloth.

**naïve** (nă-êv') [F.], *a.* Artless, ingenuous, unaffected. **naïvely**, *adv.* **naïveté** (-tă), *n.*

**naked** (nă'kêd) [A.-S. *nacod*], *a.* Destitute of clothing, nude; without natural covering; not sheathed; exposed, defenceless. **nakedness**, *n.*

**namby-pamby** (nămb'i-pămb'bi) [from *Ambrose Philips* (d. 1749), a sentimental poet], *a.* Insipidly sentimental; affectedly pretty.

**name** (năm) [A.-S. *nama*], *n.* A word by which a person, animal, place, or thing is known, spoken of, or addressed; a term as dist. from substance; sound as opp. to reality; (*fig.*) reputation, honourable character; authority. *v.t.* To give a name to, to style; to call by name; to nominate; to mention, to cite. **name-sake**, *n.* A person or thing having the same name as or named after another. **nameable**, *a.* **nameless**, *a.* Having no name; anonymous; unknown, inglorious; inexpressible, indefinable; unfit to be named. **namely**, *adv.* That is to say.

**nankeen** (năn-kên') [Nankin, China], *n.* A buff or yellow cotton fabric exported from Nankin.

**nap** (1) (năp) [A.-S. *hæppian*], *v.i.* To sleep lightly, to doze; (*fig.*) to be unprepared. *n.* A short sleep, a doze in the day-time.

**nap** (2) [?], *n.* The surface produced on cloth by cutting and smoothing the pile; a smooth, downy growth on a surface.

**nap** (3) [Napoleon I], *n.* A game in which five cards are dealt to each player.

**nape** (năp) [?], *n.* The back of the neck.  
**napery** (nă'pér-i) [O.F. *naperie*, L. *mappa*, napkin], *n.* Linen, esp. table-linen.

**naphtha** (năf'thá) [Gr.], *n.* An inflammable oil produced by dry distillation of bituminous shale or coal.

**napkin** (năp'kin) [M.E. *nappekin*, as *NAPERY*, -KIN], *n.* A small cloth, esp. one used at table; a small towel.

**nappy** (năp'i) [?], *a.* Covered with nap (of cloth, etc.); foaming, heady (of beer).

**narcissus** (nar-sis'ús) [Gr.], *n.* A genus of plants containing the daffodils and jonquils.

**narcotic** (nar-kot'ik) [F. *narcotique*, Gr. *narkoun*, to benumb], *a.* Producing torpor; soporific; (*fig.*) causing sleep or dullness. *n.* A substance that allays pain by inducing torpor.

**nard** (nard) [Gr. *nardos*, of Oriental orig.], *n.* A balsam prepared from spikenard.

**narrate** (nă-răt') [L. *narrātus*, p.p. of *narrāre*], *v.t.* To relate, to give an account of in speech or writing. **narration**, *n.*

**nar'rative**, *a.* In the form of narration; relating to an event or story. *n.* A tale, a story; an account. **narrā'tor**, *n.*

**narrow** (năr'ō) [A.-S. *nearu*], *a.* Of small extent from side to side; limited, restricted, of limited scope; illiberal in views; prejudiced; niggardly; impoverished; close, near, with little margin; precise, accurate. *v.t.* To make narrow or narrower; to contract in views or sentiments; to confine, limit, restrict. *v.i.* To become narrow or narrower. *n.* (*usu. pl.*) A strait; a narrow mountain-pass. **narrowly**, *adv.* **narrowness**, *n.*

**narwhal** (nar'wāl) [Scand.], *n.* An Arctic cetacean with a long tusk.

**nasal** (nă'zăl) [L. *nāsus*, nosed], *a.* Pertaining to the nose; sounded with the nasal passage open; pronounced as if through the nose. *n.* A letter or sound produced with the nasal passage open.

**nascent** (năs'ént) [L. *nascens* -ntis, being born], *a.* Coming into being; beginning to develop.

**nasturtium** (nă-stěr'shùm) [L.], *n.* A trailing plant with vivid orange flowers.

**nasty** (nas'ti) [?], *a.* Dirty, foul, repulsive; indecent; nauseous; annoying, vexatious. **nastiness**, *n.*

**natal** (nă'tăl) [L. *nātus*, born], *a.* Of, from, or pertaining to one's birth.

**natant** (nă'tánt) [L. *natans*, swimming], *a.* Swimming; floating. **natā'tion**, *n.*

**nation** (nă'shùn) [L. *natio*, -ōnis, as *NATAL*], *n.* A people under the same government and inhabiting the same country, or belonging to the same ethnological family and speaking the same language. **national** (năsh'ō-năl), *a.* Pertaining to a nation; general, as opp. to local; attached to one's country. *n.* A member or subject of a particular nation; one's fellow-countryman. **nationalism**, *n.* Devotion to the nation; nationalization of industry; the policy of national independence; patriotic effort, sentiment, etc. **nation-**



**al'ity, n.** **nationalize, v.t.** To make the nation the owner of. **nationaliza'tion, n.** **nationally, adv.**

**native (nā'tiv)** [L. *nātivus*, as prec.], *a.* Pertaining to a place or country by birth, indigenous; belonging to a person, animal, etc., by nature; inborn, natural, not acquired; pertaining to the place of one's birth. *n.* One born in a place; an indigenous plant or animal; an oyster raised in home waters. **nativ'ity, n.** Birth, esp. that of Christ, the Virgin, or St. John the Baptist; a festival in commemoration of this; a horoscope.

**natty (nāt'i)** [?], *a.* Neat, spruce.

**natural (nāch'ūr-āl)** [NATURE, -AL], *a.* Pertaining to, produced, or constituted by nature; innate, not artificial; instinctive; in conformity with nature, normal, not irregular or supernatural; animal, not spiritual; true to life; unaffected; undisguised; ordinary; easy (to); related by nature only, illegitimate; concerned with nature or animal life. *n.* An idiot; (*Mus.*) a sign cancelling the effect of a preceding sharp or flat. **naturalist, n.** One versed in natural history. **naturalis'tic, a.** Realistic; pertaining to natural history. **naturalize, v.t.** To make natural; to acclimatize; to confer the rights and privileges of a natural-born subject on. **naturaliza'tion, n.** **naturally, adv.** According to nature; as might be expected, of course.

**nature (nā'chūr)** [L. *nātūra*, as NATAL], *n.* The essential qualities of anything; natural character or disposition; kind, sort, class; vital or animal force; the whole sum of things, forces, activities, and laws constituting the physical universe; the physical power governing these; the material universe regarded as dist. from the supernatural or from a creator; the condition of man preceding social organization; the undomesticated condition of animals or plants.

**naught (nawt)** [A.-S. *nāwht* (*nā*, no, *whit*, whit)], *n.* Nothing; a cipher. *a.* Worthless. **adv.** In no degree. **to set at naught:** To disregard.

**naughty (naw'ti)** [prec., -Y], *a.* Perverse, mischievous; disobedient, ill-behaved. **naughtily, adv.** **naughtiness, n.**

**nausea (naw'si-ā)** [Gr. *naus*, ship], *n.* A feeling of sickness; loathing; sea-sickness. **nauseate, v.i.** **nauseating, a.** **nauseous, a.**

**nautilus (naw'ti-kāl)** [Gr. *nautikos*, as NAUSEA], *a.* Pertaining to ships, navigation, or sailors.

**nautilus (naw'ti-lūs)** [Gr. *nautilus*, a sea-man, as prec.], *n.* A shell-fish furnished with a sail-like membrane.

**naval (nā'vāl)** [L. *nāvālis*, from *nāvis*, a ship], *a.* Consisting of or pertaining to ships or a navy.

**nave (1) (nāv)** [A.-S. *nafu*], *n.* The hub of a wheel, in which the axle and spokes are inserted.

**nave (2)** [L. *navis*, ship], *n.* The body of

a church, excluding the choir or chancel and the aisles.

**navel (nā'vél)** [A.-S. *nafela*], *n.* The cicatrix of the umbilical cord, forming a depression on the surface of the abdomen.

**navigate (nāv'i-gāt)** [L. *nāvigātus*, p.p. of *nāvigāre*], *v.i.* To pass from place to place by water; to manage a ship. *v.t.* To pass over or up or down, in a ship, etc.; to manage, to conduct (a ship, flying-machine, etc.). **navigable, a.** **navigabil'ity, n.** **naviga'tion, n.** The act, art, or science of navigating. **nav'i-gator, n.** One skilled in navigation.

**navy (nāv'i)** [short for NAVIGATOR], *n.* Orig. a labourer employed on canals; now one employed in any kind of excavating, as the construction of railways.

**navy (nāv'i)** [L. *nāvis*, ship], *n.* The warships of a nation: their officers, men, dockyards, etc.

**nay (nā)** [Scand.], *adv.* Expressing negation or refusal; not only so, more than that, and even. *n.* A denial, a refusal.

**neap (nēp)** [A.-S. *nēp*], *a.* Low or lowest (applied to tides). *n.* A neap tide.

**Neapolitan (nē-ā-pol'i-tān)** [L. and Gr. *Neāpolis*, Naples], *a.* Pertaining to or distinctive of Naples or its inhabitants. *n.* An inhabitant of Naples.

**near (nēr)** [A.-S. *nēar* (compar. of *nēah*, NIGH)], *adv.* At or to a short distance, at hand, nigh, in place, time, or degree; almost; closely; carefully, sparingly. *prep.* Close to in place, time, condition, etc. *a.* Nigh, close at hand; closely related; intimate; literal, not loose (of a likeness, translation, etc.); close, narrow; direct (of roads, etc.); on the left (of horses or vehicles); parsimonious, niggardly. *v.t.* To approach, to draw nigh to. **nearly, adv.** Almost; intimately; in a parsimonious manner. **nearness, n.**

**neat (1) (nēt)** [A.-S. *nēat*], *n.* Cattle of the bovine kind; an animal of this kind.

**neat-herd, n.** A cowherd.

**neat (2) (nēt)** [A.-F. *neit*, L. *nitēre*, to shine], *a.* Tidy, trim; simply ordered; nicely proportioned, well made; dexterous, clever; undiluted. **neatness, n.**

**nebula (neb'ū-lā)** [L., mist], *n.* (pl. -læ) A cloudy patch of light in the heavens produced by groups of stars or by a mass of gaseous matter. **nebular, a.** Pertaining to nebulae. **neb'ulous, a.** Cloudy, hazy, obscure, uncertain.

**necessary (nes'ē-sār-i)** [L. *necessārius*, from *nesse*, unavoidable], *a.* Needful, indispensable, requiring to be done; inevitable; existing by necessity; determined by natural laws; not voluntary, compulsory; intuitive, conclusive. *n.* That which is indispensably requisite; (pl.) things essentially requisite, esp. to life. **necessarily, adv.** Of necessity; inevitably.

**necessitate (né-ses'i-tāt)** [as foll.], *v.t.* To make necessary or unavoidable; to entail as an unavoidable condition, etc.

**necessity** (nè-ses'i-ti) [L. *necessitas*, as NECESSARY], *n.* The quality of being necessary; inevitableness; indispensability; constraint, compulsion; compelling force of circumstances, external conditions that make one act in a certain way; that which is necessary (*often in pl.*); want, poverty. **necessitous**, *a.* Needy, in poverty.

**neck** (nek) [A.-S. *hnecca*], *n.* The portion of the body connecting the trunk with the head; anything resembling this, as an isthmus, a narrow passage, the slender part of a bottle. **neck-band**, *n.* A part of a garment fitting round the neck. **neckcloth**, *n.* A cravat or neck-tie. **neckchief**, *n.* A kerchief for the neck. **necklace**, *n.* A string of gems, etc., worn round the neck. **necklet**, *n.* A small fur for the neck; an ornament for the neck. **neck-tie**, *n.* A strip of material encircling or worn as if encircling the collar and tied in front.

**necromancy** (nek'rô-mân-si) [M.E. and O.F. *nigromancie*, L. *necromantia*, Gr. *nekros*, a dead body, -MANCY], *n.* The art of revealing future events by communication with the dead; magic. **necromancer**, *n.* **necromantic**, *a.*

**necropolis** (nè-krop'ô-lis) [Gr. *nekros*, -POLIS], *n.* A cemetery, esp. a large one. **nectar** (nèk'târ) [Gr. *nektar*], *n.* The drink of the gods; (*fig.*) any delicious drink; the honey of plants. **nectarine**, *n.* A smooth-skinned variety of peach.

**need** (nèd). [A.-S. *nied*], *n.* Lack of something; a state requiring relief, urgent want; indigence; emergency; that which is wanted. *v.i.* To be wanting or necessary, to be bound, to be under necessity to; to be in want. *v.t.* To be in want of, to require. **needful**, *a.* **needless**, *a.* Unnecessary, not required; superfluous. **needs**, *adv.* Of necessity, necessarily, indispensably (*usu. with must*). **needy**, *a.* In need; necessitous.

**needle** (nèd'l) [A.-S. *nædl*], *n.* A small, rod-shaped steel instrument with an eye for carrying a thread, used in sewing; analogous instruments for knitting, crocheting, etc.; the indicator in a mariner's compass, telegraphic receiver, etc. **needlewoman**, *n.* A seamstress. **needlework**, *n.* **needleful**, *n.*

**ne'er** (nâr) [contr.], *adv.* Never. **ne'er-do-well**, *a.* Good for nothing. *n.* A good-for-nothing.

**nefarious** (nè-fâr'i-tûs) [L. *nefarius* (*ne*, not, *fas*, right)], *a.* Wicked, abominable. **negation** (nè-gâ'shûn) [L. *negare*, to deny], *n.* Denial; refusal, contradiction.

**negative** (neg'â-tiv) [as *prec.*], *a.* Containing or implying negation; denying, prohibiting, refusing; the opposite to positive; (*Phot.*) showing the lights dark and the shadows light. *n.* A proposition, reply, etc., expressing negation; a veto; the side of a question that denies; lack or absence of something; (*Phot.*) a plate bearing an image in which lights

and shades are reversed; negative electricity, or the negative plates in a voltaic cell; (*Alg.*) a negative or minus sign (—) or quantity. *v.t.* To veto, to refuse to accept, sanction, or enact; to contradict.

**neglect** (nèg-lekt') [L. *neglectus*, p.p. of *negligere*], *v.t.* To treat carelessly; slight, disregard; to leave undone. *n.* Disregard (of); omission to do anything that should be done; negligence; state of being neglected. **neglectful**, *a.* **négligé** (neg-li-zhâ) [F.], *n.* A state of undress or free and easy attire. **negligent**, *a.* **negligence**, *n.* Neglect, carelessness; disregard of conventions, etc.

**negotiate** (nè-gō'shi-ât) [L. *negōtiātus* (*negōtium*, business)], *v.i.* To treat (with another) in order to make a bargain, compromise, etc.; to traffic. *v.t.* To arrange by negotiating; to transfer (a bill, note, etc.) for value received; to obtain or give value for; (*colloq.*) to accomplish. **negotiable**, *a.* **negotiability**, *n.*

**negro** (nè-grō) [L. *niger*, black], *n.* (*fem. negress*) One of the woolly-haired black or dark-brown, flat-nosed and thick-lipped African race. A. Pertaining to this race; dark-skinned. **ne'groid**, *a.*

**negus** (1) (nè'gûs) [name of inventor], *n.* A beverage of wine, hot water, sugar, and spices.

**negus** (2) [native], *n.* The sovereign of Abyssinia.

**neigh** (nâ) [A.-S. *hnægan*], *v.i.* To utter the cry of a horse; to whinny. *n.* The cry of a horse.

**neighbour** (nâ'bôr) [A.-S. *nēahgebūr* (NIGH, BOOR)], *n.* One who lives near; a person or thing happening to be near another; one having the claims of a fellow-man, etc. *a.* Near, adjoining. *v.t.* To adjoin; to lie near to. **neighbourhood**, *n.* The state of being neighbours; the vicinity; nearness; those who live near, neighbours. **neighbouring**, *a.* Situated or living near. **neighbourly**, *a.* and *adv.* **neither** (ni'-, nè'thèr) [A.-S. *nanther* (nâ, not, WHETHER)], *a.* Not either. *pron.* Not the one nor the other. *conj.* Not either, not on the one hand (of two alternatives); nor, nor yet.

**Nemesis** (nem'è-sis), *n.* The Greek goddess of retribution; retributive justice.

**neo-** [Gr. *neos*], *comb. form.* New, recent, fresh.

**neolithic** (nè-ô-lith'ik) [NEO-, Gr. *lithos*, stone, -IC], *a.* Pertaining to the later stone age characterized by ground and polished implements.

**neophyte** (nè-ô-fit) [Gr. *neophutos* (NEO-, *phutos*, grown)], *n.* One newly converted or newly baptized; one newly admitted to the priesthood, etc.

**nepenthe**, -thes (nè-pen'thi, -thèz) [Gr. *nēpenthes* (nè-, not, *penthos*, grief)], *n.* A potion that drives away sorrow.

**nephew** (nev'û) [O.F. *neveu*], *n.* The son of a brother or sister.

**nephritis** (nè-frî'tis) [Gr. *nephros*, kidney,



**-ITIS**, *n.* Inflammation of the kidneys. **nephrit'ic**, *a.*

**nepotism** (nē'pō-tizm) [It. *nepotismo*, L. *nepos*, grandson], *n.* Favouritism, as in bestowing patronage, towards one's relations.

**Neptune** (nep'tūn), *n.* The Roman god of the sea; (*fig.*) the sea; the planet most remote from the sun.

**neroid** (nēr'ē-id) [Gr. *Nēreis*, daughter of Nereus, a sea-god], *n.* (*pl.* -ids) A sea-nymph.

**nerve** (nĕrv) [L. *nervus*], *n.* One of the fibres conveying sensations and impulses to and from the brain; (*fig.*) strength, coolness, pluck; one of the ribs in a leaf; (*pl.*) the nervous system; an excited or disordered condition of the nerves, nervousness; (*slang*) impudence. *v.t.* To give strength or firmness to. **nerveless**, *a.* Destitute of strength or vigour; feeble, flabby. **nervous**, *a.* Pertaining to nerves; abounding in nervous energy; having weak nerves, excitable, timid; sinewy, muscular; vigorous in sentiment or style. **nervously**, *adv.* **nervousness**, *n.* The state of being nervous.

**nescient** (nesh'i-ĕnt) [L. *nesciens* (*ne-*, not, *sciens*, knowing)], *a.* Ignorant, having no knowledge (of). **nescience**, *n.*

**ness** (nes) [A.-S. *næs*], *n.* A promontory, cape.

**-ness** [A.-S.], *suf.* Forming abstract nouns, as *goodness*, *holiness*.

**nest** (nest) [A.-S.], *n.* The shelter constructed by a bird in which to lay its eggs and rear its young; any place used similarly by animals or insects; a snug abode or retreat; a haunt (as of robbers); a series or set, as of drawers or boxes. *v.i.* To build and occupy a nest; to hunt for birds' nests. **nest-egg**, *n.* A real or artificial egg left in a nest to prevent a hen from forsaking it; (*fig.*) something laid by as a nucleus for saving. **nestling**, *n.* A bird too young to fly.

**nestle** (nesl) [A.-S. *nestlian*, from *prec.*], *v.t.* To be close or snug; to press closely (up to).

**net** (1) (net) [A.-S.], *n.* A fabric of cord, etc., knotted into meshes, for catching fish, birds, etc., or for covering, protecting, carrying, etc. *v.t.* To make into a net or netting; to cover or confine with a net; to catch in a net; to fish with or set nets; to ensnare. *v.i.* To make netting, network, or nets.

**net** (2) [F., *NEAT* (2)], *a.* Free from all deductions; not subject to discount.

**nether** (neth'ēr) [A.-S. *neothera*], *a.* Lower; belonging to the region below the heavens or the earth. **nethermost**, *a.*

**nettle** (netl) [A.-S. *netel*], *n.* A common weed with inconspicuous flowers and minute stinging hairs. *v.t.* To irritate, to provoke. **nettle-rash**, *n.* An eruption on the skin.

**neural** (nūr'āl) [Gr. *neuron*, NERVE, -AL], *a.* Pertaining to the nerves or the nervous system. **neural'gia** [Gr. *algos*, pain], *n.*

An acute pain in a nerve or nerves, esp. in the head. **neural'gic**, *a.* **neurasthenia** [Gr. *asthenes*, weak], *n.* Weakness of the nervous system, nervous debility. **neurasthenic** (-then'ik), *a.*

**neuritis** (nū-rī'tis) [as *prec.*, -ITIS], *n.* Inflammation of a nerve.

**neurosis** (nū-rō'sis) [as NEURAL, OSIS], *n.* Functional disease of the nerves. **neur-ot'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to the nerves; suffering from neurosis. *n.* A person of abnormal nervous excitability.

**neuter** (nū'tēr) [L. *neither*], *a.* (*Gram.*) Neither masculine nor feminine; (of verbs) intransitive; neutral, taking neither side. *n.* The neuter gender.

**neutral** (nū'trāl) [L. *neutrālis*, as *prec.*], *a.* Taking no part with either side; indifferent, impartial; having no distinct character, colour, etc. *n.* A State or person that stands aloof from a contest; a subject of a neutral State. **neutral'ity**, *n.* **neutralize**, *v.t.* To render neutral.

**never** (nev'ēr) [A.-S. *nāfre*]. Not ever, at no time; on no occasion; none; surely not. **nevermore**, *adv.* At no future time; never again. **nevertheless**, *conj.* But for all that; notwithstanding; all the same.

**new** (nū) [A.-S. *nīwe*], *a.* Lately made, invented, or introduced; not before known; recently begun; never before used; fresh, unfamiliar, unaccustomed; (*to*). *adv.* Newly, recently (as *new-blown*, *new-born*); anew, fresh. **new-fangled**, *a.* New-fashioned; different from the accepted fashion. **newly**, *adv.* Recently. **newness**, *n.*

**newel** (nū'el) [O.F. *nuel*], *n.* The central column from which the steps of a winding stair radiate; the well of a winding stair; a post supporting a hand-rail.

**Newfoundland** (nū-found'land), *n.* A large breed of dog, orig. from Newfoundland.

**news** (nūz) [NEW (cp. F. *nouvelles*)], *n.pl.* (*usu.* as *sing.*) Recent information, tidings. **news-boy**, -man, *n.* One who delivers or sells newspapers in the street. **newspaper**, *n.* A printed publication, usu. issued daily or weekly, containing news, advertisements, etc.

**newt** (nūt) [M.E. *eute* (a *newt*, from an *ewt*), A.-S. *efeta*, eft], *n.* A small tailed amphibian.

**next** (nekst) [A.-S. *nēahst*], *a.* Nearest in place, time, or degree; immediately following. *adv.* Nearest or immediately after. *prep.* Nearest to. *n.* The next person or thing.

**nib** (nib) [?], *n.* A pen-point for insertion in a penholder.

**nibble** (nibl) [?], *v.t.* To bite little by little; to bite at cautiously (as a fish at bait). *n.* Act of nibbling; a little bite; a bit nibbled off.

**niblick** (nib'lik) [?], *n.* (*Golf*) A club with a small cup-shaped iron head.

**nice** (nis) [O.F., from L., as *NESCIENT*], *a.* Fastidious, dainty, scrupulous; discern-

ing, sensitive to minute differences; delicate, subtle, minute; (*colloq.*) pleasing, toothsome; delightful, attractive, friendly, kind. **nicely**, *adv.* **niceness**, *n.* **nicety** (ni'se-ti), *n.* Exactness; a minute point, a delicate distinction.

**niche** (nich) [It. *nicchia*], *n.* A recess in a wall for a statue, etc.; (*fig.*) one's proper place or natural position.

**nick** (nik) [?], *n.* A small notch, etc., esp. used as a guide, or a score for keeping account. *v.t.* To make a nick or nicks in; to snip, to cut.

**nickel** (nikl) [Swed.], *n.* A lustrous silvery-white ductile metal; a U.S. five-cent piece. *v.t.* To coat with nickel. **nickel-silver**, *n.* An alloy like German silver but containing more nickel.

**nick-name** (nik'nām) [M.F. *nekename*, from an *ekename* (EKE. NAME)], *n.* A name given in derision or familiarity. *v.t.* To give a nick-name to.

**nicotine** (nik'ō-tēn) [Jean *Nicot*, d. 1600, who introduced tobacco into France], *n.* A poisonous alkaloid contained in tobacco. **niece** (nēs) [O.F. *nièce*], *n.* The daughter of one's brother or sister.

**niello** (ni-el'ō) [It., from L. *niger*, black], *n.* A black alloy used to fill the lines of incised designs on metal plates; an example of this work.

**niggard** (nig'ārd) [?], *n.* A stingy person, a miser. *a.* Miserly, mean, parsimonious. **nigger** (nig'ēr) [F. *negre*, Sp. *NEGRO*], *n.* A negro (*in contempt*); one of a dark-skinned race.

**niggle** (nigl) [?], *v.i.* To busy oneself with petty details; to trifle. **niggling**, *a.* and *n.*

**nigh** (ni) [A.-S. *nēah*], *adv.* Near; almost. *a.* Near; closely related. *prep.* Near, close to.

**night** (nit) [A.-S. *niht*], *n.* The time of darkness from sunset to sunrise; the darkness of this period; nightfall; a period or state of darkness; (*fig.*) ignorance, intellectual and moral darkness. **night-fall**, *n.* The beginning of night, the coming of darkness; dusk. **night-glass**, *n.* A telescope enabling one to see objects at night. **night-jar**, *n.* The goatsucker.

**night-light**, *n.* A short thick candle for keeping alight at night. **nightmare**, *n.* A terrifying dream accompanied with pressure on the chest and a feeling of powerlessness; (*fig.*) a haunting sense of dread. **nightshade**, *n.* One of several plants, esp. *Atropa belladonna*. **nightly**, *a.*

**nightingale** (ni'ting-gāl) [A.-S. *nihtgale* (NIGHT, *galan*, to sing)], *n.* A small migratory bird, singing at night as well as by day. **negrescent** (ni-, ni-gres'ent) [L. *negrescens*, growing black], *adj.* Growing black.

**nihilism** (ni'hil-izm) [L. *nihil*, nothing, -ISM], *n.* Any doctrine of a negative kind; (*Phil.*) denial of all existence, or of the knowledge of all existence; (*Polit.*) a form of anarchism aiming at subversion of all existing institutions. **ni'hilist**, *n.* **ni'hilis'tic**, *a.*

**nil** (nil) [L., contr. of *nihil*], *n.* Nothing. **nimble** (nimbl) [A.-S. *numol*], *a.* Light and quick in motion; agile; alert, brisk.

**nimbus** (nim'būs) [L., cloud], *n.* (*pl.* -buses) A halo surrounding the heads of divine or sacred personages in paintings. **niminy-piminy** (nim'i-ni-pim'i-ni) [imit.], *a.* Affecting niceness; mincing.

**nincompoop** (nin'kóm-poop) [?], *n.* A blockhead.

**nine** (nīn) [A.-S. *nigon*], *a.* Containing eight and one. *n.* The number composed of eight and one, 9, ix. **the Nine**: The Muses. **ninepins**, *n.* A game with nine skittles set up to be bowled at. **ninefold**, *a.* Nine times repeated. **nineteen**, *a.* and *n.* One more than eighteen; 19, xix. **nineteenth**, *a.* **ninety**, *a.* and *n.* Nine times ten; 90, xc. **ninetieth**, *a.*

**ninny** (nin'i) [?], *n.* A fool, a simpleton.

**ninth** (ninth) [NINE, -TH], *a.* Next after the eighth. *n.* One of nine equal parts.

**nip** (1) (nip) [?], *v.t.* To pinch, to compress sharply; to cut or pinch off the point of; (*fig.*) to check the growth of; to wither; to benumb. *v.i.* To cause pain; (*slang*) to move quickly (in, out, etc.). *n.* A pinch, a sharp squeeze or compression; a bite; (*fig.*) a check, as by frost; a sarcasm. **nipper**, *n.* **nippy**, *a.*

**nip** (2) [?], *n.* A small drink, esp. of spirits. *v.* To take a nip or nips.

**nipple** (nipl) [?], *n.* The small prominence in the breast of female mammals by which milk is drawn, a teat.

**nit** (nit) [A.-S. *hnitu*], *n.* The egg of a louse or other small insect.

**nitrate** (ni'trát) [NITRE, -ATE], *a.* A salt of nitric acid; sodium or potassium nitrate.

**nitre** (ni'tēr) [F., from L. *nitrum*, Gr. *nitron*], *n.* Saltpetre, potassium nitrate. **nitric**, *a.* **nitro-**, *comb. form.* **nitro-compound**, *n.*

A compound obtained by treatment with nitric acid. **nitro-glycerine**, *n.* A highly explosive oil, obtained by adding glycerine to a mixture of nitric and sulphuric acids.

**nitrogen** (ni'tró-jén) [NITRO-, -GEN], *n.* A colourless, tasteless, gaseous element forming four-fifths of the atmosphere, the basis of nitre and nitric acid.

**nix**, **nixie** (niks, nik'si) [G.], *n.* A water-sprite.

**nizam** (ni-zam') [Hind.], *n.* The title of the ruler of Hyderabad.

**no** (nō) [A.-S. *nā*], *adv.* A word of denial or refusal, the categorical negative; not; (*with comp.*) not at all. *n.* (*pl.* *noes*) The word "no"; a negative; (*pl.*) voters against a motion. *a.* Not any; not one; quite opposite or the reverse; absent, lacking. *adv.* Not (*usu.* at end of sentence with *or*).

**nobility** (nó-bil'i-ti) [as foll.], *n.* The quality of being noble; magnanimity, dignity; nobleness of birth; the peerage.

**noble** (nōbl) [L. *nōbilis*, from base of *noscere*, to know], *a.* Lofty in character, worth, or dignity; high-minded, morally elevated; of high rank; belonging to the nobility; stately, splendid; fine, admir-



able. *n.* A nobleman; an obsolete gold coin worth usu. 6s. *8d.* **nobleman**, *n.* A peer. **noblesse** (nô-bles'), *n.* The nobility. **nobly**, *adv.*

**nobody** (nô'bô-di) [NO, BODY], *n.* No one, no person; (*fig.*) a person of no importance.

**noct-**, **nocti-** [L. *nox noctis*, night], *comb. form.* Nocturnal; by night. **noctambulism** (nok-tâm'bù-lizm), [L. *ambulâre*, to walk, -ISM], *a.* Night-walking, somnambulism. **noctambulist**, *n.* **nocturnal**, *a.* Relating to, occurring, or active by night. **nocturnally**, *adv.* **nocturne**, *n.* A painting, piece of music, etc., in some way expressive of night.

**nod** (nod) [ʔ], *v.i.* To incline the head in token of assent, salutation, etc.; to let the head fall forward; to be drowsy. *v.t.* To bend or incline (the head, etc.); to signify thus. *n.* A quick bend of the head.

**noddle** (nodl) [ʔ], *n.* (*contemp.*) The head.

**noddy** (nod'i) [prob. rel. to NOD], *n.* A simpleton, a fool; a tropical sea-bird.

**node** (nôd) [L. *nodus*, a knot], *n.* A knot, knob; the point at which the orbit of a planet intersects the ecliptic, or in which two great circles of the celestial sphere intersect. **nodeule**, *n.* A small node or lump.

**noggin** (nog'in) [ʔ], *n.* A small wooden mug; a measure, usu. a gill; its contents.

**noise** (noiz) [F.], *n.* A sound of any kind, esp. a loud or disagreeable one; clamour, din. *v.t.* To make public. **noiseless**, *a.*

**nomad** (nom'ad) [Gr. *nomas*], *n.* One of a wandering tribe, a wanderer. **nomad'ic**, *a.* **nomadically**, *adv.*

**nomenclature** (nô'mên-klà-chûr) [L. *nômen*, name, *calâre*, to call], *n.* A system of names for the objects of study in any branch of science; a system of terminology.

**nominal** (nom'i-nâl) [L. *nômen -inis*, name], *a.* Existing in name only; pertaining to a name or names, or to a noun; (*fig.*) trivial, inconsiderable. **nominalism**, *n.* The doctrine that general or abstract concepts have no existence but as names or words. **nominalist**, *n.* **nominalis'tic**, *a.* **nominally**, *adv.* In name only.

**nominate** (nom'i-nât) [as prec.], *v.t.* To name, to mention by name; to appoint; to propose as a candidate; to denominate. **nomina'tion**, *n.* **nom'inator**, *n.* **nominee'**, *n.* One who is nominated; one proposed for office, etc.

**nomivative** (nom'i-nâ-tiv) [as prec.], *a.* (*Gram.*) Applied to the case of the subject. *n.* The case of the subject; the subject of the verb.

**non-** [L., not], *pref.* Signifying negation, failure to do or refraining from doing (as *non-attendance*, *non-compliance*); person, etc., that is not the thing mentioned (*non-combatant*, *non-metallic*), something or someone unconnected with (*non-party*, *non-unionist*), etc. **non-combatant**, *a.* Not in the fighting line. *n.* A civilian, esp. a surgeon, chaplain, etc., attached to troops. **non-commissioned**, *a.* Not holding a

commission, applied to all military officers below the rank of lieutenant. **non-committal**, *n.* Refusal to pledge oneself; the state of not being committed to either side. *a.* Impartial. **non-conducting**, *a.* Not conducting heat or electricity. **non-conductor**, *n.* **non-juror**, *n.* One who would not swear allegiance to William and Mary in 1689.

**nonage** (nô'nâj, non'âj) [NON-, AGE], *n.* The state of being under age; minority.

**nonagenarian** (non-â-jê-nâr'i-ân) [L. *nônâgēni*, ninety each], *a.* Ninety years old. *n.* A person between 90 and 100.

**nonagon** (non'â-gôn) [L. *nōnus*, ninth, as DECAGON, etc.], *n.* A figure having 9 sides and 9 angles.

**nonce** (nons) [for then once, read as for the nonce], *n.* The present time, occasion, etc.

**nonchalant** (non'shâ-lânt) [NON-, L. *calere*, to glow], *a.* Careless, unmoved, indifferent. **nonchalance**, *n.*

**nonconformist** (non-kôn-fôr'mist) [NON-, CONFORMIST], *n.* One who does not conform, esp. a member of a Protestant sect dissenting from the Church of England. **nonconformity**, *n.*

**nondescript** (non'dê-skript) [NON-, L. *descriptus*, described], *a.* Not easily classified; odd, abnormal. *n.* A person or thing that is odd or abnormal.

**none** (nûn) [A.-S. *nân*], *pron.* No one, no person; not any. *a.* No, not any. *adv.* In no respect; by no amount.

**nonentity** (non-en'ti-ti) [NON-, ENTITY], *n.* Non-existence; a mere figment, an imaginary or unimportant person or thing. **nonesuch** (nûn'sûch) [NONE, SUCH], *n.* One who or that which is without an equal, a paragon.

**nonpareil** (non-pâ-rel') [NON-, F. *pareil*, L. *par*, equal], *a.* Having no equal; unique. *n.* A thing of unequalled excellence; a variety of apple; (non'pâ-rêl) a small size of type.

**nonplus** (non'plûs) [L. *nôn plus*, no more], *n.* A state of perplexity; a quandary. *v.t.* To puzzle, confound, bewilder.

**nonsense** (non'sêns) [NON-, SENSE], *n.* Unmeaning words, ideas, etc.; foolish talk or conduct; absurdity; rubbish.

**nonsuit** (non'sût) [NON-, SUIT], *n.* Stoppage of a suit during trial through insufficient evidence or non-appearance of plaintiff. *v.t.* To subject to a nonsuit.

**noodle** (noodl) [ʔ], *n.* A simpleton, fool. **nook** (nuk) [ʔ], *n.* A corner; a cozy place, a secluded retreat.

**noon** (noon) [L. *nôna* (*hōra*), ninth (hour)], *n.* The middle of the day, twelve o'clock. *a.* Pertaining to noon. **noontide**, *n.* and **a.** **noontide**, *n.*

**noose** (noos) [ʔ], *n.* A loop with a running knot binding the closer the more it is pulled, a snare.

**nor** (nôr) [short for A.-S. *nâhwæther* (NO, WHETHER)], *conj.* And not (marking a subsequent part of a negative proposition); occasionally used without the correlative.

**norm** (nôrm) [L. *norma*, carpenter's square],

- n.** A standard, pattern, type. **normal**, *a.* According to rule or standard; regular, typical; (*Geom.*) perpendicular. *n.* The usual state, quality, quantity, etc. **normality**, *n.* **normally**, *adv.*
- Norman** (nôr'mán) [*Teut., NORTHMAN*], *n.* A native or inhabitant of Normandy; a member of a mixed race of Northmen and Franks established there. *a.* Pertaining to Normandy or the Normans.
- Norse** (nôrs) [*NORTH*], *a.* Pertaining to Norway or its inhabitants, Norwegian. *n.* The Norwegian language, or the Scandinavian languages, including early Swedish and Danish. **Norseman**, *n.*
- north** (nôth) [*A.-S.*], *n.* The cardinal point to the right of a person facing the setting sun at the equinox; a region north of any given point; the northern part (of any country); the north wind. *a.* Situated in or towards the north; northern. *adv.* Towards or in the north. *v.* To veer or steer to the north. **north-east**, *-west*, *n.* The point midway between the north and east, or north and west, a region lying in this quarter. *a.* Pertaining to or proceeding from the north-east, etc. **north-easter**, *n.* A north-east wind. **north-easterly**, *a.* **north-eastern**, *a.* In or towards this. **north-eastward**, *a.* **north-man**, *n.* An inhabitant of the north of Europe, esp. of Scandinavia. **north-star**, *n.* The pole-star. **north-west**, *-wester*, etc. [*NORTH-EAST*]. **northerly** (nôr'thër-lî), *a.* and *adv.* **northern**, *a.* **northern lights**: The aurora borealis. **northerner**, *n.* A native or inhabitant of the north. **northernmost**, *a.* **nothing** (nô'thing), *n.* The distance or progress in a northward direction. **northward**, *a.*, *adv.*, and *n.* **northwardly**, *a.* and *adv.* **north-wester**, *n.* A wind from the north-west.
- Norwegian** (nôr-wê'jân) [*med. L. Norvegia*], *a.* Pertaining to Norway or its inhabitants. *n.* A native of Norway; the language.
- nose** (nôz) [*A.-S. nosu*], *n.* The projecting part of the face containing the nostrils and the organ of smell; the power of smelling; a part resembling a nose, as a nozzle, beak, prow, etc. *v.t.* To perceive or detect by smelling; (*fig.*) to find out; to push (one's way). *v.i.* To smell; (*fig.*) to search, to pry; to push ahead. **nose-bag**, *n.* A bag containing provender for hanging over a horse's head. **nosegay**, *n.* A bunch of flowers, esp. fragrant ones.
- nostalgia** (nos-tál'jî-â) [*Gr. nostos*, return, *algos*, pain], *n.* Morbid longing for home; home-sickness.
- nostril** (nos'trîl) [*A.-S. nosthyrl* (*NOSE, thryel*, hole)], *n.* One of the apertures of the nose.
- nostrum** (nos'trûm) [*L.*, neut. of *noster*, our], *n.* (*pl.* -ums) A medicine based on a secret formula; a quack remedy.
- not** (not) [*NAUGHT*], *adv.* Expressing negation, denial, prohibition, or refusal.
- notable** (nô'tábl) [*as NOTE*], *a.* Worthy of note; remarkable, distinguished; excellent, capable. *n.* A person or thing of note or distinction. **notability**, *n.*
- notary** (nô'târ-i) [*A.-F. notarie*, as *NOTE*], *n.* A public official appointed to attest deeds, contracts, etc., administer oaths, etc., frequently called a notary public.
- notarial** (nô-târ'i-âl), *a.*
- notation** (nô-tâ'shún) [*L. notatio*, as *prec.*], *n.* Act or process of representing by signs, figures, etc.
- notch** (noch) [*F. oche*, through an *oche*], *n.* A nick, a cut, a V-shaped indentation. *v.t.* To cut a notch in; to score by notches.
- note** (nôt) [*O.F., from L. nota*, a mark (whence *notâre*, to mark)], *n.* A sign, mark, or token; a memorandum, a short letter; a diplomatic communication; a written promise to pay money; an annotation or explanation; a musical sound; (*fig.*) a significant sound or mode of expression; a key in a piano, etc. *v.t.* To observe, take notice of; to make a memorandum of; to annotate. **notebook**, *n.* **note-paper**, *n.* **noted**, *a.* Eminent, remarkable. **noteworthy**, *a.*
- nothing** (nûth'ing) [*NO, THING*], *n.* Not anything, naught. *adv.* In no degree, in no way, not at all.
- notice** (nô'tis) [*L. notitia*, from *notus*, known], *n.* Information, warning; a paper giving information or directions; an account of something in a newspaper, etc., a review; regard, attention; the act of noting. *v.t.* To take notice of, to perceive; to remark upon. **noticeable**, *a.* **notify** (nô'tî-fi) [*L. notus*, known, -FY], *v.t.* To make known, declare, publish; to give notice to, to inform (of or that).
- notifiable**, *a.* To be notified (esp. of disease). **notification**, *n.*
- notion** (nô'shún) [*L. notio*, as *prec.*], *n.* An idea; an opinion; a theory, scheme, device; (*collog.*) an intention or whim. **notional**, *a.* Pertaining to notions or concepts; abstracts speculative, ideal; given to whims, fanciful.
- notorious** (nô-tôr'i-tûs) [*L. notus*, known], *a.* Widely or commonly known (now only in a bad sense). **notoriety**, *n.*
- notwithstanding** (not-with-stân'ding), *prep.* In spite of, despite. *adv.* Nevertheless.
- nougat** (noo'ga) [*Sp. nogado*], *n.* A confection of almonds and sugar.
- noumenon** (nou-mé-non) [*Gr. noumenon*, apprehending], *n.* (*pl.* -mena) The substance underlying a phenomenon; an object or the conception of an object as it is in itself, or as it appears to pure thought.
- noun** (noun) [*A.-F., L. nomen*, name], *n.* A word used as the name of anything, a substantive.
- nourish** (nûr'ish) [*L. nutre*], *v.t.* To feed, support; to cherish, to nurse. **nourishment**, *n.*
- nous** (nous) [*Gr.*], *n.* Mind, intellect; sense.
- novel** (nov'al) [*L. novellus*, dim. of *novus*, new], *a.* New, fresh; strange. *n.* A fictitious prose narrative portraying



characters and actions from real life; this type of literature. **noveau**, *n.* A short novel. **novelist**, *n.* A writer of novels. **novelty**, *n.* Newness, freshness; something new.

**November** (nó-ven'bér) [L., from *novem*, nine], *n.* The eleventh month, the ninth of the Roman year.

**novice** (nov'is) [L. *novicius*, from *novus*, new], *n.* One entering a religious house on probation; one who is new to any business, a beginner. **novitiate** (nó-vish'i-át), *n.* A term of probation or apprenticeship.

**now** (nou) [A.-S. *nu*], *adv.* At the present time; forthwith, immediately; very recently; then (in narrative); in these circumstances; used as an expletive in explaining, threatening, etc. *conj.* Since being the case (that). *n.* The present time. **nowadays**, *adv.* At the present time; in these days. *n.* The present time.

**nowhere** (nó'hwär) *adv.* Not in, at, or to any place or state.

**noxious** (nok'shús) [L. *nox*, harm], *a.* Hurtful, unwholesome; pernicious.

**nozzle** (nozl) [NOSE, -LE], *n.* A spout, projecting mouthpiece, of pipe or hose.

**nuance** (nu-ans) [F., from *nuer*, to shade], *n.* A delicate gradation in colour or tone; a nice distinction.

**nubile** (nú'bil) [L. *nubere*, to marry], *a.* Marriageable (usu. of women).

**nucleus** (nú'klé-ús) [L., from *nucula*, dim. of *nux*], *n.* (*pl.* -clei) A central part about which growth goes on; a kernel; (*fig.*) a centre of activity; the head of a comet. **nuclease** (nú'klé-át), *v.* To form into or form a nucleus. *a.* Having a nucleus.

**nude** (núd) [L. *nūdus*, *a.* Naked, undraped. *n.* An undraped figure in painting or sculpture. **nudity**, *n.*

**nudge** (núj) [?], *v.t.* To push gently, as with the elbow; to hint with or as with this. *n.* Such a push.

**nugatory** (nú'gá-tór-i) [L. *nugae*, trifles], *a.* Trifling, insignificant; futile, ineffective.

**nugget** (núg'et) [?], *n.* A lump of native metal, esp. gold.

**nuisance** (nú'sáns) [O.F., from L. *nocere*, to injure], *n.* Anything that annoys or irritates; an offensive or disagreeable person, action, experience, etc.

**null** (núl) [L. *nullus*, *a.* Void, having no legal force or validity; (*fig.*) without character or individuality.

**nullify** (núl-i-fi) [as prec., -fy], *v.t.* To make void; to cancel, to invalidate. **nullification**, *n.* **nullity**, *n.*

**numb** (núm) [A.-S. *num*], *a.* Deprived of sensation and motion; torpid, stupefied. *v.t.* To benumb, to paralyze.

**number** (núm'bér) [O.F. *nombre*, L. *numerus*], *n.* A measure of discrete quantity; a name or symbol representing such a numeral; a sum or aggregate of persons, things, etc.; one of a numbered series; a single issue of a periodical, etc.; poetical measure, rhythm (*often in pl.*); plurality, multitude (*usu. in pl.*); (*Gram.*)

the distinctive form of a word according as it denotes unity or plurality. *v.t.* To count, to ascertain the number of; to amount to; to assign a number to; to include. **numberless**, *a.* Innumerable. **numeral** (nú'mér-ál) [late L. *numeralis*, as *NUMBER*], *a.* Pertaining to, consisting of, or denoting number. *n.* A word, symbol or group of symbols denoting number. **numerable**, *a.* **numeration**, *n.* Act or art of numbering. **numerator**, *n.* One who numbers; the part of a vulgar fraction above the line indicating how many parts are taken. **numerical**, *a.* Pertaining to number; consisting of numbers. **numerosus**, *a.* Many in number.

**numismatic** (nú-miz-mát'ik) [Gr. *nomizein*, to have in current use], *a.* Pertaining to coins or coinage. **numismatics**, *n.* The science or study of coins and medals.

**numskull** (núm'skúl) [NUMB, SKULL], *n.* A blockhead, a dunce. **numskulled**, *a.*

**nun** (nún) [A.-S. *nunne*], *n.* A woman devoted to a religious life and living in a convent under vows. **nun's veiling**: A soft, thin, woollen dress-stuff. **nunnery**, *n.* A religious home for women.

**nuncio** (nún'shi-ó) [L. *nuncius*, messenger], *n.* A papal ambassador at a foreign court.

**nuncupative** (nún'kū-pā-tiv), [L. *nuncupare* (*nōmen*, name, *capere*, to take)], *a.* Oral, not written, esp. of a will or legacy.

**nuptial** (núp'shál) [L. *nuptia*, wedding, from *nuptus*, married], *a.* Pertaining to a wedding. *n.pl.* A wedding.

**nurse** (nērs) [L. *nūtricia*, as *NOURISH*], *n.* A woman employed to suckle the child of another (*wet-nurse*), or to have the care of young children (*dry-nurse*); one who tends the sick, wounded, or infirm; one who or that which fosters or promotes. *v.t.* To suckle; to hold or clasp, esp. on one's lap; to rear; to foster, tend, promote growth in; to tend in sickness; to manage with care; to cherish; to economise.

**nursery**, *n.* A room for young children; a place for rearing plants; a race for two-year-old horses. **nursery-maid**, *n.* A girl in charge of young children. **nurseryman**, *n.* One who raises plants in a nursery.

**nursling**, *n.* An infant, esp. in relation to the one who nurses it.

**nurture** (nēr'tyūr) [L. *nūtritura*, from *nūtre*, to nourish], *n.* Act of bringing up, training, fostering; nourishment; education, breeding. *v.t.* To nourish, to rear, train.

**nut** (nú) [A.-S. *hnutu*], *n.* A fruit containing a kernel in a hard shell; a metal block for screwing on a bolt, etc.; various parts of machinery, usu. in which a screw works; (*pl.*) small lumps of coal. **nut-brown**, *a.* Brown as a hazel-nut long kept. **nutcracker**, *n.* (*usu. pl.*) An instrument for cracking nuts; a bird. **nut-hatch**, *n.* A small bird allied to the woodpecker. **nutshell**, *n.* The hard shell enclosing the kernel of a nut.

**nutmeg** (nú'tmeg) [med. L. *nux muscata*,

musk-like nut], *n.* The hard aromatic seed of a Malayan tree, used for flavouring and in medicine.

**nutrient** (nū'tri-ént) [L. *nūtriens*, nourishing], *a.* Nourishing; serving as or conveying nourishment. *n.* A nutritious substance. **nutriment**, *n.* **nutrimental**, *a.* **nutrit'ion**, *n.* **nutri'tious**, *a.* Efficient as food.

**nuzzle** (nūzl) [NOSE, -LE], *v.t.* To rub the nose against; to fondle.

**nymph** (nimf) [Gr. *nymphē*, bride], *n.* (*Myth.*) One of a class of youthful female divinities inhabiting groves, springs, the sea, etc.; (*fig.*) a beautiful young woman. **nymph'e'an**, *a.*

## O

**O, oh** (ō), *int.* An exclamation of earnest or solemn address, entreaty, invocation, surprise, etc.

**oaf** (ōf) [Icel. *álfr*, ELF], *n.* (*pl.* **oafs**) A changeling left by fairies; a stupid person, a lout. **oafish**, *a.*

**oak** (ōk) [A.-S. *āc*], *n.* A forest tree much valued for its timber; the wood of this; (*Univ.*) the outer door of a set of rooms. **oak-apple**, -gall, *n.* An excrescence produced on oaks by various gall-flies. **oaken**, *a.*

**oakum** (ō'kūm) [A.-S. *ācumba*, tow], *n.* Old rope, untwisted and pulled into loose fibres, used for caulking seams, etc.

**oar** (ōr) [A.-S. *ār*], *n.* A long pole with a flattened blade, for rowing a boat; an oarsman. *v.t.* To propel by rowing. **oarsman**, *n.* A rower.

**oasis**, (ō-ā'sis) [L. and Gr., prob. from Egyptian (cp. Copt. *ouahe*, from *ouih*, to dwell)], *n.* (*pl.* -ses) A fertile spot in a waste or desert.

**oast** (ōst) [A.-S. *āsf*], *n.* A kiln for drying hops.

**oat** (ōt) [A.-S. *āte*], *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) A cereal plant; (*pl.*) its grain, used for food. **oatcake**, *n.* **oatmeal**, *n.* **oaten**, *a.*

**oath** (ōth) [A.-S. *āth*], *n.* A solemn appeal to God in witness of the truth of a statement, etc.; an attestation made according to prescribed forms; a profane imprecation or expletive, a curse.

**ob-** [L., in the way of, against], *pref.* Toward, to, meeting, in, facing; against, opposing, hindering, resisting, hostile; reversely, obversely, contrary to the normal; as in *object*, *objurgate*, *oblique*.

**obligato**, (ob-li-ga'tō) [It., as OBLIGE], *n.* (*Mus.*) An instrumental part or accompaniment.

**obdurate** (ob'dū-rāt) [OB-, L. *dūrāre*, to harden], *a.* Hardened in heart, esp. against moral influence; impenitent. **obduracy**, *n.* **obdurately**, *adv.*

**obedience** (ō-bē'di-ēns) [L. *obēdientia*, as OBEY], *n.* Act or practice of obeying; submission to authority; act of being obeyed, obedient, *a.*

**obeisance** (ō-bā'sāns) [F. *obéissance*], *n.*

A bow, a gesture signifying deference, submission, or respect; homage.

**obelisk** (ob'é-lisk) [Gr. *obelos*, a spit], *n.* A quadrangular tapering stone shaft, with a pyramidal apex; the dagger (†), a reference mark.

**obese** (ō-bēs') [L. *obesus* (OB-, L. *edere*, to eat)], *a.* Fat, fleshy, corpulent. **obes'ity**, *n.* The state of being fat.

**obey** (ō-bā') [L. *obēdīre* (OB-, *audīre*, to hear)], *v.t.* To perform or carry out (a command, etc.); to be obedient to; to act according to. *v.i.* To do what one is directed or commanded.

**obfuscate** (ob-fūs'kāt) [OB-, L. *fuscāre*, from *fuscus*, dark], *v.t.* To darken, to obscure; to bewilder. **obfusca'tion**, *n.*

**obit** (ob'it, ō'bit) [L. *obitus*], *n.* Death, decease; a service for the soul of a deceased person on the anniversary of his death; a funeral ceremony. **obit'uary**, *a.* Relating to a death. *n.* An account of a person deceased.

**object** (ōb-jekt') [OB-, L. *jacere*, to throw], *v.t.* To oppose; to allege (a fact) in criticism, disapproval, etc. *v.i.* To make objections; to disapprove. *n.* (ob'jekt) Anything presented to the senses or the mind; a material thing; aim, ultimate purpose; (*Gram.*) a noun, or phrase, etc., equivalent to a noun, governed by a transitive verb or preposition; (*Phil.*), the correlative to the subjective, an external as distinct from the ego. **object-lesson**, *n.* A lesson in which the actual object described or a representation of it is used for illustration. **objection**, *n.* Act of objecting; an adverse reason or statement; disapproval, dislike. **objectionable**, *a.* Reprehensible; offensive, unpleasant. **ob-jective**, *a.* Proceeding from the object of knowledge or thought as dist. from the perceiving or thinking subject; external, actual, real; pertaining to outward things as dist. from thoughts or feelings; (*Gram.*) denoting the case of the object of a transitive verb or preposition. *n.* An objective point; a point aimed at; the case governed by a transitive verb or a preposition. **objectiv'ity**, *n.*

**objurgate** (ob'jūr-gat) [OB-, L. *jurgāre*, to chide], *v.t.* To chide, to reprove. **objur-ga'tion**, *n.*

**oblate** (ob-lāt') [OB-, L. *lātus*, carried], *a.* Flattened at the poles, opp. to prolate. **oblation** (ob-lā'shūn) [as prec.], *n.* Act of offering or anything offered in worship or as a sacrifice; a donation to the Church.

**obligation** (ob-li-gā'shūn) [as OBLIGE], *n.* The binding power of a promise, contract, etc.; one's duty towards one's fellow-men; indebtedness for some benefit, etc.; one with a penal condition. **ob'ligate**, *v.t.* **ob'ligatory**, *a.*

**oblige** (ō-blīj') [OB-, L. *ligāre*, to bind], *v.t.* To bind by legal, moral, or physical force; to be binding on; to place under a debt of gratitude; to do a favour to. *v.i.* To be obliging. **obliging**, *a.* Kind, complaisant; imposing obligation.



**oblique** (ob-lēk') [L. *obliquus*], *a.* Slanting; deviating from the direct line, roundabout; (*Geom.*) inclined at an angle other than a right angle. **oblique oration**: Statements put into reported form, with the consequent changes of person, tense, etc. **obliquity**, *n.* State of being oblique; deviation from moral rectitude.

**obliterate** (ób-li'tér-át) [OB-, L. *littera*, letter], *v.t.* To efface, to erase; to wear out. **obliteration**, *n.*

**oblivion** (ób-liv'i-ón) [OB-, L. *liviscē*, to forget], *n.* Forgetfulness, disregard; state of being forgotten. **oblivious**, *a.*

**oblong** (ob'long) [OB-, LONG (1)], *a.* Longer than broad, esp. if rectangular; elliptical (of leaves). *n.* An oblong figure or thing.

**obloquy** (ob'ló-kwi) [OB-, L. *loqui*, to speak], *n.* Abusive or reproachful language; disgrace, infamy.

**obnoxious** (ob-nok'shús) [OB-, L. *noxa*, harm], *a.* Offensive, objectionable.

**oboe** (ó'boi) [It., as HAUTOBOY], *n.* A wind-instrument of wood played through a double reed.

**obolus** (ob'ó-lús) [Gr. *obolos*], *n.* (*pl.* -li) A small coin of ancient Greece.

**obscene** (ób-sēn') [L. *obscenus*], *a.* Vile, loathsome; indecent, unchaste. **obscurity** (ob-sen'i-ti), *n.*

**obscurant** (ob-skūr'ánt) [OBSURE, -ANT], *n.* An opponent of intellectual progress. **obscurantism**, *n.*

**obscure** (ób-skūr') [L. *obscurus*], *a.* Dim; indefinite, indistinct; abstruse; doubtful; secluded, remote from observation; unknown, lowly. *v.t.* To make dark; to make less intelligible, visible, or legible; to outshine. **obscurá'tion**, *n.* **obscurely**, *adv.*

**obsequies** (ob'sé-kwiz) [A.-F. *obsequie*], *n. pl.* Funeral rites.

**obsequious** (ob-sé'kwi-ús) [OB-, L. *sequi*, to follow], *a.* Servile, cringing.

**observe** (ób-zerv') [OB-, L. *servare*, to heed], *v.t.* To regard attentively, to note, perceive; to scrutinize; to follow attentively; to perform duly; to celebrate; to remark. *v.i.* To make a remark (upon). **observable**, *a.* **observer**, *n.* **observance**, *n.* Act of observing, complying with, keeping, following, performing, etc.; a customary rite; a rule of practice, esp. in a religious order. **observant**, *a.* Watchful, attentive; quick in observing rules, etc. **observá'tion**, *n.* **observatory**, *n.* A building for observation of astronomical phenomena.

**obsess** (ob-ses') [L. *obsessus*, besieged], *v.t.* To haunt, to trouble (as an evil spirit); to preoccupy the mind of. **obsession** (-sesh'ún), *n.*

**obsolescent** (ob-só-les'ént) [L. *obsolescens*, beginning to be accustomed], *a.* Becoming obsolete. **obsolescence**, *n.* **obsolete** (ob'só-lēt), *a.* Passed out of use.

**obstacle** (ob'stákl) [L. *obstaculum*], *n.* An impediment, an obstruction.

**obstetric**, -al (ob-stet'rik, -ál) [L. *obstetrix*,

midwife], *a.* Pertaining to midwifery or childbirth; (*pl.*) midwifery.

**obstinate** (ob'sti-nát) [L. *obstinātus*], *a.* Pertinaciously adhering to one's opinion or purpose, stubborn; (*Med.*) not yielding easily to remedies. **obstinacy**, *n.*

**obstreperous** (ob-strep'er-ús) [OB-, L. *strepere*, to make a noise], *a.* Noisy, clamorous; boisterous, unruly.

**obstruct** (ob-strúkt') [OB-, L. *struere*, structus, built], *v.t.* To block up; to hinder, impede; to check, retard, stop. *v.i.* To practise obstruction, esp. in Parliament.

**obstruction**, *n.* **obstructionist**, *n.* **obstructive**, *a.*

**obtain** (ób-tán') [OB-, L. *tenēre*, to hold], *v.t.* To gain, acquire, secure; to get; to reach. *v.i.* To be prevalent or in vogue. **obtainable**, *a.*

**obtrude** (ób-trood') [OB-, L. *trudere*, to thrust], *v.t.* To thrust in or upon. *v.i.* To enter without right. **obtrusion**, *n.* **obtrusive**, *a.* **obtrusively**, *adv.*

**obtuse** (ob-tūs') [OB-, L. *tusus*, beaten], *a.* Blunt, not acute; denoting an angle larger than a right angle; (*fig.*) dull, stupid.

**obverse** (ob'vers) [OB-, L. *versus*, turned], *a.* Turned towards one (of a coin or medal bearing the head). *n.* The front; the side of a coin, etc., bearing the main device.

**obviate** (ob'vi-át) [OB-, L. *via*, way], *v.t.* To clear away, overcome, neutralize (as dangers, difficulties, etc.). **obviation**, *n.*

**obvious** (ob'vi-ús) [L. *ob viam*, in the way], *a.* Plain to the eye, immediately evident.

**oc** [OB-, before *c*], *pref.*

**occasion** (ó-ká'zhún) [L. *occāsio* (*oc-*, *cadere*, to fall)], *n.* An opportunity, reason, or motive for doing something; motive, ground; an incidental cause; a time or occurrence having special interest. *v.t.* To cause; to be the incidental cause of. **occasional**, *a.* Happening, done, etc., as opportunity arises; not at fixed intervals; incidental, casual.

**Occident** (ok'si-dént) [L. *occidens*, pres. p. of *occidere*, as prec.], *n.* The west; the western quarter of the sky as the region of sunset. **Occidental**, *a.* Western.

**occiput** (ok'si-pút) [L. *occiput* (*oc-*, L. *caput*, head)], *n.* The back part of the head. **occip'ital**, *a.*

**occult** (ó-kúlt') [L. *occultus*, p.p. of *occulere* (*oc-*, *-celere*, rel. to *celāre*, to hide)], *a.* Concealed, esoteric; beyond the range of ordinary knowledge or perception. **occultism**, *n.*

**occupy** (ok'ü-pl) [*oc-*, L. *capere*, to take], *v.t.* To take or hold in possession, to be the tenant of; to take up, to fill; to give occupation to; to employ (oneself, or in p.p.). **occupant**, **occupier**, *n.* A tenant as dist. from an owner; one who establishes a claim by taking possession. **occupancy**, *n.* **occupá'tion**, *n.* Act of occupying, or taking possession; occupancy, tenure; the state of being employed or engaged; business, calling.

**occur** (ó-kēr') [*oc-*, L. *currere*, to run], *v.i.* To happen to take place; to be met with;

to present itself to the mind. **occurrence** (ô-kûr'ens), *n.* An event.

**ocean** (ô'shân) [Gr. *ôkeanos*], *n.* The vast body of water covering about two-thirds of the surface of the globe; any one of its five principal divisions; (*fig.*) an immense quantity. *a.* Pertaining to the ocean. **ocean'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to the ocean.

**ocelot** (ô'sé-lot) [Mex. *ocelotl*], *n.* A small American feline animal, the tiger-cat.

**ochre** (ô'kér) [Gr. *ôchros*, yellow], *n.* A native earth used as a pigment (applied to many metallic oxides); a yellow colour.

**oct-**, **octa-**, **octo-** [Gr. *oktô*, eight], *comb. form.* Having or consisting of eight.

**octagon** (ok'tá-gon) [Gr. *gônia*, corner], *n.* A plane figure of eight sides and angles; any object of this shape. **octag'onal**, *a.*

**octahedron** (-hê'-drôn) [Gr. *hedra*, base], *n.* (*pl.* -dra) A solid figure contained by eight plane faces, usu. by triangles.

**octang'ular**, *a.* Having eight angles.

**octave** (ok'táv) [L. *octavus*, eighth], *n.* The 8th day after a church festival, the festival itself being counted; (*Mus.*) the interval between any note and that produced by twice or half as many vibrations per second;

the first eight lines of a sonnet; a stanza of eight lines. **octavo** (ok-tá'vô) *n.* (*pl.* -vos) A book in which a sheet is folded into 8 leaves or 16 pages; the size of such book or paper (8vo). *a.* Of this size. **octen'-**

**nial** (ok-ten'i-ál) [L. *annus*, year], *a.* Recurring every 8th year; lasting 8 years.

**October** (ok-tô'bér) [L.], *n.* The 10th month of the modern, the 8th of the Roman year.

**octogenarian** (oktô-jé-nâr'i-ân) [L. *octogēni*, eighty each, -ARIAN], *n.* One who is 80 years old or between 80 and 90. *a.* Pertaining to this age.

**octopus** (ok'tô'pus) [OCTO-, Gr. *pous podos*, foot], *n.* A marine creature having 8 arms furnished with suckers, a cuttlefish.

**octroon'** [after QUADROON], *n.* The offspring of a quadroon and a white.

**octroi** (ok'trwa) [F.], *n.* A tax levied at the gates of some French towns on goods brought in.

**ocular** (ok'û-lâr) [L. *oculus*, eye], *a.* Pertaining to the eye or eyes, visual; known from actual sight. **ocularly**, *adv.* **oculist**, *n.* One who treats diseases of the eye.

**odd** (od) [Icel. *odda-*], *a.* Not even; not exactly divisible by two; wanting a match or pair; strange, eccentric; occasional; indefinite; and more (added to a round number as *two hundred odd*). **Odd Fellow** :

A member of an extensive friendly society modelled on the Freemasons. **oddish**, *a.*

**oddity**, *n.*

**ode** (ôd) [Gr. *ôde*, from *acidein*, to sing], *n.* A lyric of lofty style, of varied and often irregular metre, usu. in the form of an invocation.

**-ode** [Gr. -*ôdēs* (*eidos*, form)], *suffix*. Denoting a thing resembling or of the nature of

**odious** (ô'di-ûs) [L. *odium*, hatred], *a.* Hateful, repulsive. **odiously**, *adv.*

**odiousness**, *n.* **odium**, *n.*

**odont-**, **odonto-** [Gr. *odous odontos*, tooth], *comb. form.* Having teeth or processes resembling teeth.

**odour** (ô'dôr) [L. *odor*], *n.* Any smell; scent, fragrance; (*fig.*) repute; perfumes.

**in bad odour** : In bad repute; out of favour. **odorif'erous**, *a.* Diffusing fragrance. **odorous**, *a.* Having a sweet scent, fragrant. **odourless**, *a.*

**oecumenical** (ê-kû-men'i-kál) [Gr. *oikoumenê* (*gê*), the inhabited (earth)], *a.* Universal, world-wide, catholic (of councils representing the whole of Christendom).

**oesophagus** (ê-sof'â-gûs) [Gr. *oisophagos*], *n.* (*pl.* -gi, -ji) The gullet, the canal by which food passes to the stomach.

**of** (ov, óv) [A.-S.], *prep.* Denoting connexion with or relation to, in situation, origin, motive, agency, possession, inclusion, partition, identity, reference, direction, distance, quality, condition, etc.

**of-** [OB-, before *f*], *pref.* As in *offence*.

**off** (of) [OF], *adv.* Away, at a distance or to a distance in space or time; utterly, completely; (*Naut.*) away from the wind.

*prep.* From (denoting deviation, separation, etc.). *a.* More distant, farther, opp. to near; right, opp. to left; divergent, subsidiary; contingent; not occupied (as

\**a day off*). *int.* Away, begone. **off and on** : Intermittently, now and again. **well or badly off** : In good or bad circumstances. **off-hand**, **off-handed**, *a.* Unpremeditated; without taking care; supercilious.

**offal** (of'ál) [OFF, FALL], *n.* Parts of an animal unfit for food; carrion; garbage.

**offence** (ô-fens') [L. *offensa*, as next], *n.* The act of offending; an affront, an insult; umbrage; a transgression, a misdeed.

**offend** (ô-fend') [OF-, L. *fendere*, to strike, p.p. *fensus*], *v.t.* To wound the feelings of, to make angry, to cause displeasure or disgust in; to transgress. *v.i.* To violate any human or divine law; to give offence, to scandalize. **offender**, *n.*

**offensive** (ô-fen'siv) [as prec.], *a.* Pertaining to attack, aggressive; causing offence; irritating, annoying; disagreeable, repulsive. *n.* The attitude, method, or act of attacking. **offensiveness**, *n.*

**offer** (of'er) [A.-S. *offrian*, to sacrifice], *v.t.* To present as an act of worship; to tender for acceptance or refusal; to propose (oneself, etc.) in marriage; to bid (as a price); to evince readiness (to do something); to attempt; to proffer; to show for sale. *v.i.* To present or show itself, to appear, occur; to make an attempt (at). *n.* Act of offering; an expression of readiness (to); a tender or proposal to be accepted or refused; a price or sum bid; an attempt, an essay. **offering**, *n.*

**offertory**, *n.* That part of the Church service during which offerings are made; the offering of oblations; the collection.

**office** (of'is) [OF-, L. *facere*, to do], *n.* Duty, function, service attaching to a particular post; a post of service, etc., esp. under a public body; a prescribed act of worship;



an act of help or kindness, duty; a place where business is carried on, a counting-house; (*collect.*) the official staff or organization; (*pl.*) kitchens and other rooms in which domestic duties are discharged; a *privy*. **officer**, *n.* One holding an office, esp. a Government functionary or minister, or one appointed to a post of authority in the armed forces, by warrant, commission, etc. *v.t.* To furnish with officers; to act as commander of. **official** (ô-fish'ál), *a.* Pertaining to an office or public duty; duly authorized; characteristic of persons in office. *n.* One who holds a public office. **officialdom**, **-ism**, *n.* **officially**, *adv.* **officiate**, *v.i.* To perform official duties. **officious** (ô-fish'ús) [as OFFICE], *a.* Forward in serving, meddling, intrusive. **offing** (of'ing) [OFF, -ING], *n.* That portion of the sea nearer the horizon than the coast. **offish** (of'ish) [OFF, -ISH], *a.* Inclined to be reserved, or stiff in manner. **offishness**, *n.* **offset** (of'set) [OFF, -SET (1)], *n.* A lateral shoot that takes root, a scion; a counterbalance, equivalent, compensation. **offshoot** (of'shoot) [OFF, -SHOOT], *n.* A branch or shoot from a main stem; (*fig.*) a side-issue. **offspring** (of'spring) [A.-S.], *n.* Issue; children, descendants; a result of any kind. **oft** (oft) [A.-S.], *adv.* Often. **often** (awfn) [from prec.], *adv.* Frequently, many times; in many instances. **ogee** (ô-jé') [prob. from OGIVE], *n.* (*Arch.*) A moulding with an inner and outer curve like an S. **ogham** (og'am) [O.Ir.], *n.* A writing of the ancient Irish and other Celts, derived from the runes; an inscription in this. **ogive** (ô'jiv) [F., perh. from Arab. *âuf*, the summit], *n.* A diagonal rib of a vault; a pointed or Gothic arch. **ogival**, *a.* **ogle** (ôgl) [Teut.], *v.* To look at coquetishly or amorously. *n.* Such a glance. **ogre** (ô'gér) [F.], *n.* A fairy-tale giant living on human flesh; (*fig.*) a monster. **ogreish**, *a.* **ogress**, *n.* **ohm** (ôrn) [Georg S. *Ohm* (d. 1854), Ger. electrician], *n.* The unit of electrical resistance. **-oid** [Gr. *-oeidês* (-eidês, like)], *comb. form.* Denoting resemblance, as in *cycloid*, *rhomboid*. **oil** (oil) [L. *olea*, olive], *n.* An unctuous liquid obtained from various animal and vegetable substances; (*pl.*) oil-colours. *v.t.* To smear, anoint or treat with oil. **oilcake**, *n.* The refuse after oil is pressed from linseed, etc. **oilcloth**, *n.* A fabric coated with white lead ground in oil; floorcloth. **oil-colour**, *n.* A paint made by grinding a pigment in oil. **oilier**, *n.* One who or that which oils; an oil-can for lubricating machinery, etc. **oil-field**, *n.* A region where mineral oil is obtained. **oiliness**, *n.* **oil-painting**, *n.* The art of painting in oil-colours; a painting in oil-colours. **oilskin**, *n.* Cloth rendered

waterproof by treatment with oil; (*pl.*) a suit of such garments. **oily**, *a.* **ointment** (oint'mént) [as UNGUENT], *n.* A soft unctuous preparation for dressing injured parts; a cosmetic. **old** (ôld) [A.-S. *eald*], *a.* Not young, fresh, or recent; like an old person, experienced, cunning, confirmed (*in*); dilapidated; stale with keeping; wonted; effete, out-of-date, matured; of any specified duration; early, previous, former. **of old**: In or from ancient times; long ago. **olden**, *a.* Old, ancient, bygone. **old-fashioned**, *a.* **oleaginous** (ô-lé-áj'i-nús) [as OIL], *a.* Oily, greasy; (*fig.*) fawning, insinuating. **oleander** (ô-lé-án'dér) [med. L., corr. of RHODODENDRON], *n.* A poisonous evergreen shrub with pink or white flowers. **oleo-** [L. *oleum*, oil], *comb. form.* **oleograph** (ô-lé-ô-gráf) [-GRAPH], *n.* A lithographic picture printed in oil-colours. **olfactory** (ol-fákt'ôr-i) [L. *olère*, to smell, *facere*, to make], *a.* Pertaining to smelling. *n.* (*usu. pl.*) An organ of smell. **oligarch** (ol'i-gark) [Gr. *oligos*, small, *archein*, to govern], *n.* A member of an oligarchy. **oligar'chic**, *a.* **ol'igarchy**, *n.* Government in which supreme power is in the hands of a small exclusive class. **olive** (ol'iv) [L. *oliva*], *n.* An evergreen tree with fruit yielding oil; the fruit, or wood, of this; a dull, yellowish green or brown colour. **olive-branch**, *n.* A branch of the olive as an emblem of peace. **olivine** (ol'i-vín) [as prec.], *n.* A variety of chrysolite. **olla podrida** (pô-dré'dà), *n.* A dish of meat chopped fine, stewed with vegetables; (*fig.*) an incongruous mixture. **Olympian** [Gr. *olimpías* -ados, pertaining to *Olympus*], *a.* Pertaining to Mount Olympus, the home of the gods; lofty, superb. *n.* A dweller in Olympus; one of the Greek gods. **Olympic**, *a.* **omega** (ô'mé-gá) [Gr., the great *o*], *n.* The last letter of the Greek alphabet; (*fig.*) the end, the last phase. **omelet** (om'lét) [F. *omelette*], *n.* A kind of pancake made with eggs, flour, milk, etc. **omen** (ô'mén) [L. (*cogn.* with *audire*, to hear)], *n.* An incident, appearance, etc., taken as indicating a good or evil fortune. **ominous** (om'i-nús) [OMEN, -OUS], *a.* Portending evil; inauspicious. **omit** (ô-mít) [OB-, L. *mittere*, to send], *v.t.* To leave out; not to insert or mention; to neglect. **omission** (ô-mish'un), *n.* **omni-** [L. *omnis*, all], *comb. form.* Universally, in all ways, of all things. **omnibus** (om'ni-bús) [L., for all], *n.* A long four-wheeled passenger-vehicle. *a.* Inclusive, embracing several or various items, objects, etc. **omnifarious** (om-ni-fár'i-us) [OMNI-, cp. MULTIFARIOUS], *a.* Of all kinds. **omnipotent** [POTENT], *a.* Almighty; having unlimited power. **the Omnipotent**: The Supreme Being. **omnipotence**, *n.* **omni-present**, *a.* Present in every place at

the same time. **omnipresence**, *n.* **omniscience** (om-nish'ens), *n.* Infinite knowledge. **omniscient**, *a.* **omnivorous** [-VOROUS], *a.* All-devouring; feeding on anything available.

**on** (on) [A.-S.], *prep.* In contact with, esp. as supported by the upper surface of; in contact with from above; tending toward, against; exactly at, next in order to; about, concerning, in the act of. *adv.* So as to be in contact with and supported by, or adhering to something; forward, in operation, continuance of action or movement.

**on-** [prec.], *pref.* **on-coming**, *n.* The coming on, advance, or approach (of). **onfall**, *n.* An attack, an onset. **onlooker**, *n.* A spectator, one who looks on. **onrush**, *n.* A rushing on, an attack, an onset.

**onager** (on'à-jér) [Gr. *onos*, ass, *agrios*, wild], *n.* The wild ass of Asia.

**once** (wûns) [A.-S. *ānes*, gen. of *ān*, ONE], *adv.* One time; at one time, formerly; at any time, ever; at some future time, some time or other. *conj.* As soon as. **at once**: Immediately; simultaneously. **for once**: For one time or occasion only.

**one** (wûn) [A.-S. *ān*], *a.* Single; being a unit and integral; a or an; single in kind; some, any, a certain. *pron.* A person or thing of the kind implied, some one or something, anyone or anything. *n.* A single unit, unity; the number 1; a single thing or person. **at one**: In accord or agreement. **one by one**: Individually, successively. **one-horse**, *a.* Drawn by a single horse; (*slang*) of meagre capacity; insignificant. **one-man**, *a.* Employing, worked by, or consisting of one man. **oneself**, *pron.* The reflexive form of one. **one-sided**, *a.* Having or happening on one side only; partial, unfair.

**-one** [Gr.], *suf.* Denoting certain compounds, esp. hydrocarbons, as in *acetone*, *ozone*.

**oneness** (wûn'nés) [ONE, -NESS], *n.* Singleness; uniqueness; unity, agreement.

**onerous** (on'er-ûs) [L. *onus oneris*, burden], *a.* Burdensome, troublesome.

**onion** (ûn'yón) [F. *oignon*], *n.* A plant with an underground bulb of several coats and a pungent smell and flavour.

**only** (ôn'li) [A.-S. *ānlic*], *a.* Solitary, single in its or their kind; the sole. *adv.* Solely, merely, exclusively, alone. *conj.* Except that; but.

**onomatopœia** (ô-nom-â-tô-pœ'â) [Gr. *onomatopœia*, name, *poiein*, to make], *n.* The formation of words in imitation of the sounds signified. **onomatopœic**, **onomatopœietic**, *a.*

**onset** (on'set) [ON-, SET (1)], *n.* An attack, an assault, an onslaught. **onsetting**, *n.* **onslaught** (on'slawt) [?], *n.* A furious onset.

**onus** (ô'nûs) [L.], *n.* A burden; a duty, obligation.

**onward** (on'wârd) [ON-, -WARD], *adv.* Toward a point in advance, forward, on,

*a.* Moving or directed forward; progressive. **onwards**, *adv.*

**onyx** (on'iks, ô'niks) [Gr. *ονυξ*, a nail, onyx], *n.* A kind of agate, with variously coloured layers.

**oolite** (ô-ô-lit) [Gr. *oolon*, egg, -LITE], *n.* A limestone composed of grains of sand like the fish-roe. **oolitic** (-lit'ik), *a.*

**ooze** (ooz) [A.-S. *wāse*, mud], *n.* Slime; a slimy deposit found on ocean-beds; an exudation. *v.i.* To flow gently; to percolate. *v.t.* To emit or exude. **oozy**, *a.* Miry, muddy, slimy.

**op-** [OB-, before *p*], *pref.* As in *oppose*.

**opal** (ô'pâl) [Sansk. *upala*], *n.* A vitreous precious stone characterized by a play of iridescent colours. **opalescence**, *n.* The iridescence of the opal. **opalescent**, *a.* **opaque** (ô-pâk') [L. *opâcus*, shady], *a.* Impervious to light; not transparent or translucent. **opacity** (ô-pâs'i-ti), *n.*

**ope** [OPEN], *a.* (*poet.*) Open. *v.* To open.

**open** (ô'pén) [A.-S.], *a.* Not closed or obstructed; affording access, view, etc.; unshut, having any barrier, cover, etc., removed or unfastened; bare, unsheltered; unconcealed, undisguised; not exclusive or limited; ready to admit, be affected, etc.; subject (to); unoccupied, free; (*fig.*) generous; frank; not decided, debatable; (*of weather*) not frosty; (*Mus.*) produced from an unstopped string, etc.; (*Phon.*) enunciated with a full utterance; (*of a vowel or syllable*) not ended by a consonant. *n.* Unenclosed space; (*fig.*) public view. *v.i.* To make open; to unclose or unfasten; to remove the covering from; to spread out, expand; to make free of access; (*fig.*) to make public; to enlarge, develop; to begin; (*Law*) to state a case before calling evidence. *v.t.* To become unclosed or unfastened; to crack, to fissure; to expand; (*fig.*) to develop; to make a start. **open-armed**, *a.* Ready to receive with cordiality. **open-eyed**, *a.* Watchful; astonished, surprised. **open handed**, *a.* Generous, liberal. **open hearted**, *a.* Sincere, candid, unsuspicious. **open-minded**, *a.* Accessible to ideas, unprejudiced. **opener**, *n.* **opening**, *a.* That opens; beginning, initial. *n.* Act of making or becoming open; a gap, an aperture. **openly**, *adv.*

**opera** (op'ér-â) [L.], *n.* A dramatic entertainment in which music forms an essential part; composition comprising words and music for this. **operatic**, *a.*

**operate** (op'ér-ât) [L. *operâus*, p.p. of *operâri*, to work], *v.i.* To produce effect; to exert power, force, influence, etc.; to perform an operation on a body. *v.t.* To work or conduct the working of. **operation**, *n.* Act or process of operating; action, mode of working; activity; effect; a series of military or naval movements; (*Surg.*) an act performed upon the body to remove diseased parts, extract foreign matter, remedy deformities, etc. **operative**, *a.* Producing the proper result;



efficacious; practical. *n.* A workman, a mechanic. **operatively**, *adv.* **operator**, *n.*

**operetta** (op-er-et'á) [dim. of OPERA], *n.* A short opera of a light character, usu. in one act.

**ophidian** (ó-fid'i-án) [Gr. *ophis*, snake], *a.* Snake-like. *n.* A snake. **ophidious**, *a.*

**ophthalmia** (of-thál'mi-á) [Gr. *ophthalmos*, eye], *n.* Inflammation of the eye.

**opiate** (ó'pi-át) [as OPIUM], *n.* A medicine containing opium; a narcotic.

**opine** (ó-pin') [L. *opināri*], *v.* To think, to suppose; to express an opinion.

**opinion** (ó-pin'yón) [L. *opinio*, as prec.], *n.* A judgment, conviction, or belief falling short of certainty; the formal statement of a judge, counsel, physician, or other expert; estimation, reputation. **opinionated**, **opinionative**, *a.* Stiff or obstinate in one's opinions; dogmatic, stubborn.

**opium** (ó'pi-úm) [Gr. *opion*, dim. of *opos*, sap], *n.* A narcotic prepared from the poppy.

**opossum** (ó-pos'úm) [N. Am. Ind.], *n.* An American marsupial with a prehensile tail and a thumb on the hind-foot.

**opponent** (ó-pó'nént) [OP-, L. *pōnens*, putting], *a.* Opposing, antagonistic, adverse. *n.* One who opposes, esp. in debate or argument; an antagonist.

**opportune** (op'ór-tún) [F. *opportun*, L. *opportūnus* (OP-, *portus*, harbour)], *a.* Seasonable, timely, well-timed; fit, suitable. **opportunism**, *n.* Utilizing circumstances to gain one's ends; shaping policy according to the needs of the moment; sacrifice of principle to expediency. **opportunist**, *n.* **opportunisty**, *n.* A convenient occasion, a chance.

**oppose** (ó-póz') [F. *opposer* (OP-, *poser*, to pose)], *v.t.* To set against, to bring forward as an obstacle, counterpoise, or refutation (to); to act against, to resist, obstruct; to dispute; (*in p.p.*) contrasted. *v.i.* To offer objection. **opposable**, *a.* **opposer**, *n.* **opposite** (op'ó-zit), *a.* Situated in front of or contrary in position (to); antagonistic, diametrically different (from). *n.* One who or that which is opposite; an opponent. *adv.* In an opposite place or direction. *prep.* Opposite to. **oppositely**, *adv.* **opposition** (-zish'ún), *n.* Act or state of opposing; resistance, hostility; state of being opposite; antithesis, contrariety; an obstacle; the chief party opposed to the party in office.

**oppress** (ó-pres') [OP-, L. *pressāre*, to press], *v.t.* To overburden; to lie heavy on; to weigh down; to govern cruelly or unjustly. **oppression**, *n.* **oppressive**, *a.* **oppressively**, *adv.* **oppressor**, *n.*

**opprobrious** (ó-pró'bri-ús) [OP-, L. *probrum*, infamous act], *a.* Abusive, vituperative. **opprobrium**, *n.* Disgrace, infamy.

**opugn** (ó-pūn') [OP-, L. *pugnāre*, to fight], *v.t.* To oppose, call in question.

**optative** (op'tá-tiv) [L. *optāre*, to choose], *a.* (Gram.) Expressing a wish or desire. *n.* The optative mood.

**optic** (op'tik) [Gr. *optikos*], *a.* Pertaining to vision or the eye. *n.* (*pl. as sing.*) The science of the properties of light and vision. **optical**, *a.* **optician** (-tish'án), *n.* One who makes or deals in optical instruments.

**optimism** (op'ti-mizm) [L. *optimus*, best, -ISM], *n.* The view that the existing state of things is the best possible, or that the universe is tending towards a better state and that good must ultimately prevail; disposition to take hopeful views. **optimist**, *n.* **optimistic**, *a.*

**option** (op'shún) [L., as OPTATIVE], *n.* The right or power of choosing; choice; the thing chosen or preferred; the purchased right to deliver or call for the delivery of securities, etc., at a specified rate within a specified time. **optional**, *a.*

**opulent** (op'ū-lént) [L. *opulentus*, from *opes*, wealth], *a.* Rich; abounding (in); abundant. **opulence**, *n.* **opulently**, *adv.*

**or** (1) (ór) [A.-S.], *conj.* A disjunctive particle introducing an alternative; used also to connect synonyms, words explaining, correcting, etc. *adv.* Ere, before.

**or** (2) (ór) [F., from L. *aurum*], *n.* (Her.) Gold.

**-or**, *suf.* Denoting agency or forming nouns of condition, as in *actor*, *author*, *creator*, *equator*, *favour*, *vigour*.

**oracle** (or'ákl) [L. *oráculum*, from *orāre*, to pray], *n.* A divine answer to a request for advice or prophecy; the medium giving such responses; the place where these were sought. **oracular**, *a.*

**oral** (ór'ál) [L. *ōs* *ōris*, mouth], *a.* Spoken, by word of mouth; of, at, or near the mouth. **orally**, *adv.*

**orange** (1) (or'anj) [Arab. *nāranj*], *n.* A large roundish cellular pulpy fruit; the evergreen tree bearing this; its colour, reddish-yellow. *a.* Of the colour of an orange.

**Orange** (2) [from Wm. III, Prince of Orange], *a.* Pertaining to the Society of Orangemen formed 1795 to uphold the Protestant ascendancy in Ireland. **Orangeism**, *n.* **Orangeman**, *n.*

**orang-utan**, **-outang** (ó-ráng'ú-tán', -táng') [Malay, wild man of the woods], *n.* A large, anthropoid ape of Borneo and Sumatra.

**oration** (ó-rá'shún) [L. *orāre*, to speak], *n.* A formal speech in elevated language.

**orate**, *v.i.* (*slang*) To hold forth, harangue. **orator**, *n.* One who delivers an oration; an eloquent speaker. **oratorical**, *a.* **oratory** (1), *n.* The art of public speaking, rhetoric; eloquence.

**oratorio** (or-á-tó-rí-ó) [It., as foll.], *n.* A musical composition for voices and instruments, usu. treating a scriptural theme.

**oratory** (2) (or-á-tó-rí) [L. *orātorius*, from *orāre*, to pray], *n.* A small chapel; a congregation of priests living in community without vows.

**orb** (órb) [L. *orbis*, ring], *n.* A sphere; a heavenly body; anything circular; the globe of regalia. **orbicular**, *a.*

**orbit** (ôr'bit) [L. *orbita*, a track], *n.* The bony cavity of the eye; the path of a heavenly body; (*fig.*) a sphere of action, a career. **orbital**, *a.*

**orchard** (ôr'chârd) [A.-S. *orceard* (L. *hortus*, garden, YARD (2))], *n.* An enclosure containing fruit trees, a plantation of these.

**orchestra** (ôr'kês-trâ) [L. and Gr. *orchêstra*, as prec.], *n.* (*Gr. Ant.*) The space between the stage and the spectators occupied by the chorus; the place for the band in modern theatres, etc.; the body of musicians in a theatre or concert-room. **orchest'ral**, *a.* **orch'estrator**, *v.t.* To arrange music for an orchestra. **orchest'ration**, *n.*

**orchid** (ôr'kid) [Gr. *orchis*, testicle (from shape of the tubers)], *n.* A plant with a tuberous root and flowers usu. of fantastic shape and brilliant colours.

**ordain** (ôr-dân') [as ORDER], *v.t.* To set apart for an office or duty, to confer Holy orders on; to destine. **ordination**, *n.*

**ordeal** (ôr'dé-âl) [A.-S. *ordêl*], *n.* The practice of referring questions of criminality to supernatural decision, as by tests through fire, boiling water, battle, etc.; (*fig.*) a severe trial or test.

**order** (ôr'dêr) [L. *ordinem*, nom. *ordo*], *n.* Regular disposition or arrangement; sequence, succession; normal condition; a state of efficiency; tidiness; established state of things; regulations governing an assembly, etc.; a rule, regulation; an injunction, an authoritative direction; a document instructing the payment of money or delivery of property; kind, sort, quality; a social class; a body of persons united by some common purpose; a grade of the Christian ministry; (*pl.*) the clerical office; a body usually instituted by a sovereign to which distinguished persons are admitted as an honour; the insignia worn by members of this; a grade of angels and archangels; a distinguishing style of architecture, as the Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, etc.; (*Nat. Hist.*) a division below a class and above a family and genus. *v.t.* To put in order; to regulate; to manage; to ordain; to command; to instruct (a person, firm, etc.) to supply goods or perform work; to direct the doing or making of. *v.i.* To give orders. **Holy orders**: The different ranks of clergy in an episcopal church; the clerical office. **ordering**, *n.* Arrangement; ordination of priests, etc. **orderly**, *a.* In order; methodical, regular; free from disorder or confusion; (*Mil.*) pertaining to orders and their execution. *adv.* Duly, regularly. *n.* A soldier who attends on an officer to carry orders, etc. **orderly-room**, *n.* A room in barracks used as the office for company or regimental business. **orderliness**, *n.*

**ordinal** (ôr'di-nâl) [as prec.], *a.* Denoting order or position in a series. *n.* A number denoting this; a book containing forms for ordination.

**ordinance** (ôr'di-nâns) [L. *ordinâre*, to

ordain], *n.* An order or regulation laid down by a constituted authority; an established rite, ceremony, etc.

**ordinary** (ôr'di-nâr-i) [L. *ordinârius*, as ORDER], *a.* Usual, customary, normal, not exceptional; commonplace; having immediate or ex officio jurisdiction. *n.* A rule or order, as of the Mass; a meal at a fixed rate for all comers; an eating-house.

**ordnance** (ôr'd'nâns) [var. of ORDINANCE], *n.* (*collect.*) Cannon, artillery; the public department dealing with military stores and equipment, except those pertaining to the quartermaster's department. **Ordnance Survey**: The Government survey of Great Britain and Ireland.

**ordure** (ôr'dyûr) [O.F. *ord*, foul, L. *horridus*, horrid], *n.* Excrement, dung, filth.

**ore** (ôr) [A.-S. *âr*, brass], *n.* A natural substance from which metal may be extracted.

**organ** (ôr'gân) [Gr. *organon*, rel. to *ergon*, work], *n.* A musical wind-instrument composed of pipes sounded by means of a bellows and played by keys; a medium of communication, etc., as a newspaper; a mental faculty regarded as an instrument; the human voice with regard to its musical quality, power, etc.; a part performing some definite vital function. **organ-grinder**, *n.* A worker of a barrel-organ. **organist**, *n.* One who plays an organ.

**organic** (ôr-gân'ik) [ORGAN, -IC], *a.* Pertaining to a bodily organ or organs; of the nature of organisms; pertaining to or affecting an organ (of diseases, etc.); (*Chem.*) existing as parts of or derived from organisms; pertaining to an organized system; organized, systematic; structural, fundamental, inherent, not accidental; vital, not mechanical. **organically**, *adv.* **organism**, *n.* An organized body consisting of mutually dependent parts fulfilling functions necessary to the life of the whole; an animal, a plant; organic structure. **organize**, *v.t.* To furnish with organs; to make into an organism; to correlate the parts of and make into an organic whole; to put into proper working order. **organization**, *n.* **organizer**, *n.*

**orgasm** (ôr'gâzm) [Gr. *orgaein*, to swell], *n.* Immoderate excitement; a paroxysm of excitement or passion.

**orgy** (ôr'ji) [Gr. *orgia*, pl.], *n.* (*usu. in pl.* -gies) A wild revel, debauchery.

**oriel** (ôr'i-êl) [O.F. *orio*], *n.* A projecting polygonal windowed recess supported on corbels or a pier.

**orient** (ôr'i-ênt) [L. *oriens*, -ntem, rising], *n.* The East, the countries east of S. Europe and the Mediterranean; the lustre of a pearl of the finest quality; an orient pearl. *a.* Eastern; bright, shining; lustrous, without a flaw (of pearls). *v.t.* To define the position of in respect to the east; to orientate. **Orien'tal**, *a.* **orien'tate**, *v.t.* To place (a building) so that the chancel points due east; to bury (a body) with feet towards the east; to determine the



- position of, with reference to the east; (*fig.*) to find or correct one's mental relations and principles. **orienta'tion**, *n.*
- orifice** (or'í-fis) [L. *os* *oris*, mouth, *facere*, to make], *n.* An aperture, as of a tube, etc.; a mouth, a vent.
- oriflamme** (or'í-flām) [F. *or*, gold, *flamme*, flame], *n.* The ancient royal banner of France; (*fig.*) a symbol of lofty endeavour.
- origin** (or'í-jin) [L. *originem*, nom. *origo*], *n.* Beginning or rise (of anything); derivation, source; ancestry; occasion. **orig'inal**, *a.* Pertaining to the origin or first stage; first, primitive; innate; not imitated, not produced by translation; novel; able to devise, act, etc. for oneself; inventive, creative. *n.* The pattern, the archetype; that from which a work is copied or translated; the language in which a work is written; an eccentric person. **original'ity**, *n.* **orig'inate**, *v.t.* To be the origin of; to cause to begin. *v.i.* To rise, to begin; to have origin (in, from, or with).
- oriole** (ór'í-ól) [L. *aureolus*, from *aureus*, golden], *n.* A bird with bright-yellow and black plumage.
- orison** (or'í-zón) [O.F., from L. *orāre*, to pray], *n.* A prayer, a supplication.
- orlop** (ór'lóp) [Dut. *overloop*, a covering], *n.* The lowest deck of a vessel having three or more decks.
- ormolu** (ór'mó-loo) [F. *or*, gold, *moulu*, p.p. of *moudre*, to grind], *n.* A gold-coloured alloy of copper, zinc, and tin, used for cheap jewellery, clocks, etc.
- ornament** (ór'ná-mént) [L. *ornāre*, to equip], *n.* A thing or part that adorns; a decoration; (*fig.*) one or that which reflects honour or credit; accessories pertaining to a church or worship. *v.t.* To adorn, decorate, embellish. **ornamen'tal**, *a.* **ornamenta'tion**, *n.*
- ornate** (ór-nát') [as *prec.*], *a.* Adorned, richly embellished; florid (of literary style, etc.). **ornately**, *adv.* **ornateness**, *n.*
- ornith-, ornitho-** [Gr. *ornis* *ornithos*, bird], *comb. form.* **ornithology** (ór-ni-thol'ó-jí) [-LOGY], *n.* The branch of zoology dealing with birds. **ornitholog'ical**, *a.* **ornithol'ogist**, *n.* **ornithorhynchus** (-ring'kús) [Gr. *rhunchos*, bill], *n.* The duck-billed platypus, an Australian aquatic oviparous mammal.
- orphan** (ór'fán) [Gr. *orphanos*, bereaved], *n.* A child bereft of one parent, or of both. *a.* Bereaved thus. **orphanage**, *n.* Orphan condition; an asylum for orphans.
- orrery** (or'er-í) [4th Earl of Orrery (d. 1731)], *n.* A contrivance for illustrating the motions of the planetary system.
- orris** (or'is) [IRIS], *n.* A kind of iris the root of which is used as a perfume and in medicine.
- ort** (ört) [cogn. with A.-S. *æt*, food], *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) Refuse, odds and ends, leavings.
- ortho-** [Gr. *orthos*, straight], *comb. form.*
- orthodox** (ór'thó-doks) [ORTHO-, Gr. *doxa*, opinion], *a.* Holding the accepted views, esp. in matters of faith; in accordance with sound or accepted doctrine; conventional, not heretical, heterodox, or original. **orthodoxy**, *n.*
- orthoepy** (ór'thó-ep-í) [ORTHO-, Gr. *epos*, word], *n.* The branch of grammar dealing with pronunciation, phonology; correct speech or pronunciation. **orthoe'pic**, -*al*, *a.* **orthoe'pist** (ór'thó-ép-íst), *n.*
- orthography** (ór-thog'rá-fí) [ORTHO-, -GRAPHY], *n.* Correct spelling; that part of grammar which deals with letters and spelling. **orthog'rapher**, -*phist*, *n.* **orthograph'ic**, -*al*, *a.*
- ortolan** (ór'tó-lán) [It. *ortolano*], *n.* A small bunting esteemed as a delicacy.
- ory**, *suf.* (1) Denoting place where or instrument, as in *dormitory*, *lavatory*, *refectory*. (2) Forming adjectives, as *amatory*, *admonitory*, *illusory*.
- oscillate** (os'í-lăt) [L. *oscillātus*, swung], *v.i.* To swing, to move like a pendulum; to vacillate, to vary. **oscilla'tion**, *n.*
- osculate** (os'kū-lăt) [L. *osculārī*, to kiss], *v.* To kiss. **oscula'tion**, *n.* A kiss.
- ose**, *suf.* Denoting fulness, abundance, as in *grandiose*, *jocose*, *verbose*.
- osier** (ó'zhi-ér, -zér) [L. *ósāria*, willow-bed], *n.* A species of willow, the shoots of which are used for basket-making.
- osis**, *suf.* Denoting condition, esp. morbid states, as *hypnosis*, *neurosis*.
- osity**, *suf.* Forming nouns from adjectives in -OSE or -OUS, as *grandiosity*, *luminosity*.
- osprey** (os'prā) [L. *ossifraga* (*os*, bone, *frangere*, to break)], *n.* A large bird preying on fish, the sea-eagle or sea-hawk.
- osseous** (os'é-ús) [L. *os*, bone], *a.* Of the nature of bone, bony; containing fossil bones. **ossif'erous**, *a.* Yielding bones (of cave deposits, etc.). **ossify** (os'í-fi), *v.* To change into bone, or become like bone. **ossifica'tion**, *n.*
- ostensible** (os-ten'sibl) [L. *ostendere*, to show], *a.* Put forward for show or to hide the reality; pretended, seeming.
- ostensive**, *a.* **ostenta'tion**, *n.* Pretentious display; parade. **ostenta'tious**, *a.*
- osteo-** [Gr. *osteon*, bone], *comb. form.*
- osteol'ogy**, *n.* The branch of anatomy treating of bones, osseous tissue, etc.; the bony structure of an animal. **osteol'ogist**, *n.*
- ostler** (os'lér) [orig. *hostler* (HOSTEL, -ER)], *n.* A man who tends horses at an inn.
- ostracize** (os'trá-siz) [Gr. *ostrakizein*, from *ostrakon*, a tile, oyster-shell], *v.t.* (Gr. *Ant.*) To banish by a popular vote recorded on a potsherd or shell; to exclude from society, to ban. **ostracism**, *n.*
- ostrich** (os'trich) [O.F. *ostruce*], *n.* A large African and Arabian bird having rudimentary wings, but capable of running with great speed, valued for its feathers.
- other** (úth'ér) [A.-S.], *a.* Not the same as one specified or implied; different, alternative, extra; only remaining (of two

alternatives); contrary. *n.* and *pron.* An or the other person, thing, example, instance, etc. *adv.* Otherwise. **other-wise**, *adv.* In a different way; in other respects; by or from other causes.

**-otic**, *suffix*. Forming adjectives corresponding to nouns in -OSIS, as *neurotic*.

**otiose** (ô'shi-ôs) [L. *otium*, leisure], *a.* Not wanted, useless, superfluous; futile, sterile. **otter** (ot'ér) [A.-S.], *n.* A furred, web-footed aquatic mammal feeding on fish.

**Ottoman** (ot'ô-mân) [Arab. *Othmân*, founder of Turkish Empire], *a.* Pertaining to the Turks. *n.* A Turk; a sofa without back or arms, introduced from Turkey.

**oubliette** (oo-bli-et') [F., from *oublier*, to forget], *n.* An underground dungeon.

**ought** (awt) [A.-S. *āhte*, past of *āgan*, to possess, to owe], *v. aux.* To be bound in duty or rightness; to be necessary; to behave.

**ounce** (1) (ouns) [L. *uncia*], *n.* The twelfth part of a pound troy, and sixteenth of a pound avoirdupois.

**ounce** (2) [O.F. *once* (l'once), L. *lyncea*, LXX], *n.* A leopard-like animal; the mountain-panther, the snow leopard.

**our** (our) [A.-S. *ūre*], *a.* Pertaining to or belonging to us; used instead of 'my' by royalty, editors, etc. **ours**, *pred. a.* Belonging to us. *n.* That or those belonging to us. **of ours**: Belonging to our regiment.

**-our** [-OR], *suffix*. Forming nouns, as *amour*, *ardour*.

**ourself** (our-self') [OUR, SELF], *pron.* Myself (used in regal or formal style); (*pl.*) we, not others; (*reflex.*) the persons previously alluded to as we.

**-ous**, *suffix*. Full of, abounding in.

**oust** (oust) [O.F. *oster* (F. *ôter*, to take away)], *v.t.* To eject, expel; to dispossess.

**out** (out) [A.-S. *ūt*], *adv.* From the inside; not in, not within; from among; forth or away, at a specified distance from; not employed; on strike; in error, wrong; at a loss; not in agreement; so as to be visible, audible, revealed, published, etc.; introduced to society; completely, thoroughly. *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) Those out of office, the opposition; (*Print.*) matter omitted. *a.* External; outlying, distant. *int.* Begone! away! *v.t.* To expel; to knock out.

**out-**, *prefix*. Out, towards the outside, external; from within; separate, detached; denoting issue or result; expressing excess, exaggeration, superiority, enduring, getting through or beyond. **outbid**, *v.t.* To bid more than; to outdo by offering more. **outbreak** [BREAK], *n.* A sudden bursting forth, an eruption; a riot or insurrection. **outbuilding**, *n.* A detached building, an outhouse. **outburst**, *n.* An outbreak, an explosion; an outcry. **outcast**, *a.* Rejected, cast out; exiled. *n.* A vagabond; an exile. **outclass**, *v.t.* To be of a superior kind or qualifications than; to surpass as a competitor. **outcome**, *n.* Issue, result, con-

sequence. **outcrop**, *n.* The exposure of a stratum at the surface. *v.i.* (out-krop') To crop out at the surface. **outcry**, *n.* A vehement or loud cry; noise, clamour. **outdo**, *v.t.* To excel, surpass. **outdoor**, *a.* Living, existing, being, happening, etc., out of doors or in the open air. **outdoors**, *adv.* In the open air, out of the house.

**outer** (ou'tér) [OUT, -ER], *a.* Being on the exterior side, external; farther from the inside; material, not subjective or psychical. *n.* The part of a target outside the rings round the bull's-eye. **outermost**, *a.*

**outfall**, *n.* The point of discharge of a river, drain, etc. **outfit**, *n.* Act of equipping for a journey, etc.; equipment required for a trade, profession, etc. **outfitter**, *n.* **outflank**, *v.t.* To extend beyond or turn the flank of; (*fig.*) to get the better of. **outgo**, *n.* That which goes out; expenditure, outlay, issue. *v.t.* (out-gō') To surpass, go beyond, excel. **outgoing**, *a.* Leaving. *n.* A going out, termination; outlay, expenditure (*usu. in pl.*). **outgrow**, *v.t.* To surpass in growth; to grow too great for; to grow out of. **outhouse**, *n.* A small building away from the main building.

**outing** (out'ing) [OUT, -ING], *n.* An excursion, a pleasure-trip, an airing.

**outlander**, *n.* A foreigner, an alien settler.

**outlandish**, *a.* Foreign-looking, strange, extraordinary; alien. **outlast** [LAST (1)], *v.t.* To last longer than; to surpass in duration, endurance, etc. **outlaw**, *n.* One deprived of the protection of the law. *v.t.* To deprive of legal protection. **outlawry**, *n.*

**outlay** [LAY (1)], *n.* Expenditure. *v.t.* (out-lā') To expend, to lay out. **outlet** [LET (1)], *n.* A passage outwards; a vent; a means of egress. **outline** [LINE (1)], *n.* The line or lines defining a figure; the first rough draft or summary; (*pl.*) general features, facts, principles, etc. *v.t.* To draw the outline of; to sketch. **outlive**, *v.t.* To survive; to outlast. **outlook**, *n.* Prospect, general appearance of things, esp. as regards the future; looking out, vigilance. **outlying** [LIE (1)], *a.* Situate at a distance, or on the exterior frontier.

**outnumber** (out-nūm'bér) [OUT-, NUMBER], *v.t.* To exceed in number. **out-patient**, *n.* A patient receiving treatment at a hospital without being an inmate. **out-post** [POST (2)], *n.* A post at a distance from the main body. **output**, *n.* The produce of a factory, mine, etc.

**outrage** (outráj) [O.F. *ultrage* (L. *ultrā*, beyond, -AGE)], *n.* Wanton violation of the rights of others; a gross offence against order or decency. *v.t.* To commit an outrage on; to injure or insult in a flagrant manner; to violate; to transgress flagrantly. **outrageous** (out-rā'jús), *a.*

**outré** (oo-tré) [F., strained, exaggerated], *a.* (*fem. -trée*) Extravagant, eccentric; outraging decorum.

**outreach** (out-réch') [OUT-, REACH], *v.t.* To



surpass; to overreach, to reach out. **out-relief**, *n.* Aid given out of the rates to the poor who are not inmates of a work-house. **out-rider**, *n.* A mounted servant who attends a carriage. **out-rigger**, *n.* A projecting spar, framework, etc., extended from the sides of a ship for various purposes, esp. a bracket carrying a row-lock; a boat with these. **outright**, *adv.* Completely; once for all; openly. *a.* (out-rit) Downright, positive; thorough. **out-run**, *v.t.* To run faster or farther than, to outstrip; to escape by running. **out-set** [SET (1)], *n.* Commencement, start.

**outside** (out-sid', out'sid) [OUT-, SIDE], *n.* The external part or surface; external or superficial aspect; that which is without; external space, position, etc.; the utmost limit. *a.* Pertaining to, situated on, or near the outside, outer; external; highest or greatest possible, extreme. *adv.* To or on the outside; not within. *prep.* At, on, to, or of the exterior of; without, out from; beyond the limits of. **outsider**, *n.* One who is not a member of a profession, party, etc.; one not acquainted with something that is going on; one not admissible to good society; a competitor not among the favourites.

**outskirt** (out'skért) [OUT-, SKIRT], *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) The outer border. **outsoar**, *v.t.* To soar beyond or higher than. **outspan**, *v.* To yoke or unharness animals. *n.* The act or the place of this. **outspoken**, *a.* Open, candid, frank. **outspokenness**, *n.* **outspread**, *v.t.* To spread out. *a.* (out'spred) Spread out. **out-standing**, *a.* Remaining unpaid; projecting outward; prominent. **outstrip**, *v.t.* To outrun, to leave behind; to escape by running; to surpass in progress. **outvote**, *v.t.* To outnumber in voting; to cast more votes than.

**outward** (out'wárd) [A.-S. *úteward*], *a.* Exterior, outer; tending or directed toward the outside; external, apparent, superficial; material, not spiritual. *adv.* Outwards. *n.* External appearance. **outward bound**, *a.* Going away from home.

**outweigh**, *v.t.* To weigh more than; to be too heavy for; to be of more importance, etc., than. **outwit**, *v.t.* To defeat by superior ingenuity or cunning; to overreach. **outwork**, *n.* A work included in the defence of a place, but outside the parapet. **outworn**, *a.* Worn out; obsolete.

**ouzel** (oo'zél) [A.-S. *ōsle*], *n.* A thrush-like bird, the dipper or water-ouzel. **ouzel-cock**, *n.* The blackbird.

**oval** (ō'vál) [as OVUM], *a.* Egg-shaped, roughly elliptical. *n.* An egg-shaped figure or thing.

**ovary** (ō'vár-i) [OVUM, -ARY], *n.* One of the organs in a female animal in which the ova are produced.

**ovation** (ō-vá'shùn) [L. *ovāre*, to rejoice], *n.* A Roman minor triumph; an enthusiastic display of popular favour.

**oven** (ūvn) [A.-S. *ofn*], *n.* A close chamber in which substances are baked, etc.; a furnace or kiln.

**over** (ō'vēr) (*poet.*) **o'er** (ōr) [A.-S. *ofer*], *prep.* Above; superior to in excellence, dignity, or value; more than; in charge of, concerned with; across; through the extent or duration of. *adv.* So as to pass from side to side or across some space, barrier, etc.; in width; on the opposite side; so as to be turned down; so as to traverse a space, etc.; from end to end; at an end; in addition; again. *a.* Upper, outer, covering, excessive. *n.* (*Cricket*) The interval between the times when the umpire calls 'over'; the number of balls delivered by one bowler during this. **over seas**: In foreign parts.

**over-**, *pref.* Above; across; outer, upper; as a covering; past, beyond; extra; excessively, too much, too great. **overact** (ō-vēr-ákt'), *v.t.* To overdo; to act (a part) in an exaggerated way. *v.i.* To act more than is necessary. **overalls** (ō'vēr-awlz), *n.pl.* Garments worn over others as a protection; a cavalryman's trousers. **overawe**, *v.t.* To control or restrain by awe. **overbalance**, *v.t.* To outweigh; to destroy the equilibrium of; to upset. *v.i.* To topple over. *n.* Excess of value or amount; that which exceeds an equivalent. **overbear**, *v.t.* To bear down, to overpower. **overbearing**, *a.* Arrogant, haughty, imperious. **overbid**, *v.t.* To outbid. **o'verbord**, *adv.* Over the side of a ship; out of a ship. **overburden**, *v.t.* To overload, overweigh. **overbuy** (ō-vēr-bí'), *v.i.* To buy more than is required.

**overcast**, *v.t.* To darken, to cloud, to render gloomy; to sew (an edge, etc.) with long stitches. *a.* (ō'vēr-kast) Clouded all over (of the sky); sewn or embroidered by overcasting. **overcharge**, *v.t.* To charge with more than is properly due; to load (a fire-arm) with an excessive charge; to saturate; to exaggerate. *n.* (ō'vēr-charj) An excessive charge, load, or burden. **overcloud**, *v.t.* To cloud over; to depress, to deject. **o'vercoat**, *n.* A great-coat, a top-coat. **overcome**, *v.t.* To overpower, vanquish. **overdo**, *v.t.* (*past* -did, *p.p.* -done) To do to excess; to exaggerate; to overact; to cook to excess. **o'verdose**, *n.* An excessive dose. *v.t.* (ō'vēr-dōs') To give too large a dose to. **overdraw**, *v.t.* To exaggerate; to draw upon for a larger sum than stands to one's credit. **overdue**, *a.* Remaining unpaid after the date on which it is due; not arrived at the time due. *n.* A debt or account that is overdue. **overeat**, *v.t.* To eat to excess. **overflow**, *v.t.* To flow over, to flood; to cover as with liquid. *v.i.* To run over; to abound; to overflow the banks (of a stream). *n.* (ō'vēr-flō) A flood; a profusion. **overflowing**, *a.* **o'verground**, *a.* Situated above ground, opp. to underground. **overgrow**, *v.t.* (*past* -grew, *p.p.* -grown) To cover with vegetation;

to outgrow (one's strength etc.). *v.i.* To grow too large. **overgrowth**, *n.* **o'ver-hand**, *a.* Done with the hand raised above the level of the shoulder or elbow. **overhang**, *v.i.* (*past and p.p.* -hung) To hang over, to jut out. *v.i.* To hang or impend over; to threaten. *n.* The part or thing that overhangs. **overhaul**, *v.i.* To examine thoroughly; (*Naut.*) to overtake, to gain upon. *n.* (*ô-vér-hawl*) Inspection, thorough examination. **overhead**, *adv.* Above the head, aloft. *a.* Situated overhead; (*Mach.*) working from above downwards; (*fig.*) all-round, general. **overhear**, *v.i.* To hear by accident or stratagem. **overjoyed** (-joid'), *a.* Transported with joy. **o'verland**, *a.* Lying, going, made, or performed by land; *adv.* Across the land. **overlap**, *v.i.* To fold over; to extend so as to lie or rest upon. *n.* An act, case, or the extent of overlapping; the part that overlaps. **overlay**, *v.i.* (*past and p.p.* -laid) To spread over the surface of; to cover with a layer; to cloud. *n.* (*ô-vér-lâ*) Something laid over (as a covering, layer, etc.). **overleaf**, *adv.* On the other side of the leaf (of a book). **overlook**, *v.i.* To view or be situated so as to command a view of from above; to superintend; to inspect in a cursory way; to disregard, to slight. **o'verlord**, *n.* A superior lord, one who is lord over other lords. **o'vermantel**, *n.* Ornamental woodwork over a mantelpiece. **o'vermuch**, *a.* Too much, more than is sufficient. *adv.* In or to too great a degree. *n.* More than enough. **overnight**, *a.* Done or happening the night before. *adv.* In the course of the night or evening; in or on the evening before. **o'verplus**, *n.* Surplus, excess; an amount left over. **overpower**, *v.i.* To be too powerful for; to overcome, conquer; to overwhelm. **o'ver-proof**, *a.* Containing a larger proportion of alcohol than is contained in proof-spirit. **overrate** [RATE (1)], *v.i.* To rate too highly. **overreach**, *v.i.* To extend beyond; to get the better of, to outwit. **override**, *v.i.* To ride over; to trample as if underfoot, to disregard, to supersede. **overrule**, *v.i.* To control by superior power or authority; to set aside; to reject. **overrun**, *v.i.* To spread over; to grow over; to invade; to outrun. *v.i.* To overflow. **oversea**, *a.* Beyond the sea, foreign. *adv.* From beyond sea. **overseas**, *adv.* **oversee**, *v.i.* To superintend; to disregard. **o'verseer**, *n.* A superintendent; a parish officer charged with the care of the poor. **o'versight**, *n.* Superintendence, care; a mistake, an unintentional error or omission. **oversleep**, *v.* To sleep too long (*often reflex.*). **overspend**, *v.i.* To spend too much of (income, etc.). *v.i.* To spend beyond one's means (*often reflex.*). **overstate**, *v.i.* To state too strongly, to exaggerate. **overstatement**, *n.* **overstay**, *v.i.* To stay longer than or beyond the limits of. **overstep**, *v.i.* To exceed,

to transgress. **overstrung**, *a.* Too highly strung; with the strings crossed (of pianos). **overt** (*ô-vért*) [O.F., opened], *a.* Open, public, apparent. **overtly**, *adv.* **overtake** (*ô-vér-tâk'*) [OVER-, TAKE], *v.i.* To come up with, to catch; to attain to; to take by surprise. **overtask**, *v.i.* To burden with too heavy a task. **overtax**, *v.i.* To tax too heavily; to overburden. **overthrow** (*ô-vér-thrô'*) [OVER-, THROW], *v.i.* To overturn, demolish; to conquer, subvert. *n.* (*ô-vér-thrô*) Defeat, discomfiture; ruin, destruction. **overtime**, *n.* Time one works beyond the regular hours. **overture** (*ô-vér-tÿâr*) [O.F. (OVERT, -URE)], *n.* A preliminary proposal (*usu. in pl.*); (*Mus.*) an introductory piece for instruments, a prelude. **overturn** (*ô-vér-tÿrn'*) [OVER-, TURN], *v.i.* To turn over, to upset. *v.i.* To be upset or turned over. *n.* Act of overturning; state of being overturned. **overweening**, *a.* Arrogant, conceited, presumptuous. *n.* Excessive conceit. **overweigh**, *v.i.* To exceed in weight; to weigh down. **o'verweight**, *n.* Excess of weight; preponderance. **overwhelm**, *v.i.* To submerge; to crush, engulf; to destroy utterly; to bear down, overpower. **overwhelmingly**, *adv.* **overwork**, *v.i.* (*past and p.p.* -worked, -wrought) To impose too much work upon; to exhaust with work; to work up into a morbid state of excitement. *v.i.* To work to excess. **ovi-** (1), **ovo-** [OVUM], *comb. form.* **oviparous** (*ô-vip'â-rÿs*), *a.* Producing young by means of eggs that are hatched outside the body. **ovi-** (2) [L. *ovis*, sheep], *comb. form.* **ovine** (*ô-vîn*), *a.* Pertaining to or like sheep. **ovum** (*ô-vÿm*) [L., egg], *n.* (*pl. ova*) The female germ in animals, produced within the ovary and capable, after fertilization, of developing into a new individual. **owe** (*ô*) [A.-S. *āgan*], *v.i.* To be indebted to for a specified amount; to be under obligation to pay or repay; to be obliged for; to have to thank for. **owing**, *a.* **owl** (*oul*) [A.-S. *ūle*], *n.* A nocturnal bird of prey; (*fig.*) a solemn-looking blockhead. **owlet**, *n.* A young or small owl. **owlish**, *a.* **own** (1) (*ôn*) [A.-S. *āgen*, owed], *a.* Belonging or proper to, individual, not anyone else's (as an intensive to the poss. pronoun, etc.). **own** (2) [A.-S. *āgnian*, from *āgen*, OWN (1)], *v.i.* To possess; to acknowledge as one's own; to admit, to concede as true or existent. **to own up**: To confess, to make a clean breast (of). **owner**, *n.* A lawful proprietor. **ownership**, *n.* **ox** (*oks*) [A.-S. *oxa*], *n.* (*pl. oxen*) The castrated male of domesticated cattle; any bovine animal. **ox-eyed**, *a.* Having large, full eyes. **oxalic** (*ok-sāl'ik*) [Gr. *oxus*, sour], *a.* Belonging to or derived from sorrel. **oxalic acid**: A sour, highly-poisonous acid found in numerous plants.



**oxide** (ok'sid) [OX(YGEN), -IDE], *n.* A binary compound of oxygen with another element or an organic radical. **oxidize**, *v.t.* To combine with oxygen; to make rusty. *v.i.* To enter into chemical combination with oxygen; to rust. **oxidiza'-tion**, *n.*

**Oxonian** (ok-sō'ni-ān), *n.* A member or graduate of Oxford University. *a.* Belonging to Oxford.

**oxy-** [Gr. *oxus*, sharp, biting, acid], *comb. form.* Sharp, keen; denoting the presence of oxygen.

**oxygen** (ok'si-jen) [OXY-, -GEN], *n.* A colourless, tasteless, odourless element existing in the atmosphere, in water, and in most mineral and organic substances.

**oxymoron** (ok-si-mōr'ōn) [OXY-, Gr. *mōros*, stupid], *n.* A rhetorical figure in which an epithet of a quite contrary signification is added to a word.

**oyer** (oi'ér) [A.-F., in *oyer et terminer*, hear and determine], *n.* (*Law*) A hearing or trial of causes under writ of oyer and terminer. **oyer and terminer**: A commission formerly issued to judges of assize, empowering them to hear and determine specified offences.

**oyez** (ô-yés') [O.F., hear ye], *int.* Thrice repeated as introduction to a proclamation made by an officer of a court of law or public crier.

**oyster** (oi'stér) [Gr. *ostreon*], *n.* An edible bivalve mollusc; an oyster-shaped morsel of meat. **oyster-bed**, *n.* A breeding place for oysters. **oyster-catcher**, *n.* A wading-bird.

**ozone** (ô-zōn') [Gr. *oz-ein*, to smell, -ONE], *n.* A form of oxygen with three atoms to the molecule, having a stimulating and exhilarating influence on the human system.

## P

**pabulum** (pāb'ū-lum) [L.], *n.* Food; nourishment of a mental or spiritual kind.

**pace** (pās) [L. *passus*], *n.* A step, the space between the feet in stepping (about 30 in.); gait, manner of going; rate of speed or progress. *v.i.* To walk with slow or regular steps. *v.t.* To measure by carefully regulated steps; to set the pace for.

**pachy-** [Gr. *pachus*, thick, large], *comb. form.* Denoting thickness. **pachyderm** (pāk'i-dērm) [Gr. *dermein*, to flay], *n.* A member of an order of mammals containing hoofed non-ruminant animals with thick skins, as the elephant; (*fig.*) a thick-skinned person. **pachydermatous**, *a.*

**pacific** (pā-sif'ik) [L. *pacificus*], *a.* Inclined to peace, conciliatory; tranquil, peaceful. **The Pacific**: The ocean between America and Asia.

**pacifica'tion**, *n.* **pacif'icator**, *n.* **pacifica'tory**, *a.* **pac'ifier**, *n.* **pac'ifist**, *n.* One advocating the reference of international disputes to a permanent tribunal; an opponent of militarism; one anxious to make peace at any price.

**pack** (pāk) [Teut.], *n.* A bundle of things; a parcel, burden; a set, a gang; a set of playing-cards; a number of dogs, wolves, or other beasts going together; a quantity of broken floating ice. *v.t.* To put together in a pack; to stow into a bundle, box, bag, etc., for keeping, carrying, etc.; to crowd closely together; to cover with some material to prevent leakage, loss of heat, etc.; to manipulate (cards) so as to win unfairly; to select (a jury) so as to obtain some unfair advantage; to dismiss without ceremony. *v.i.* To put things in a pack, bag, trunk, etc., for sending away, carrying, or keeping; to crowd together; to depart hurriedly. **packthread**, *n.* Strong thread for sewing or tying up parcels. **package**, *n.* A parcel, a bundle; the packing of goods. **packer**, *n.* **packet**, *n.* A small package; a packet-boat. **packet-boat**, *n.* A vessel conveying mails, goods, and passengers at regular intervals. **pack-horse**, *n.* A horse employed in carrying goods. **packing**, *n.* **packing-needle**, *n.* A long curved needle, used for sewing up bales, etc. **packman**, *n.* A pedlar. **pack-saddle**, *n.* One for supporting packs.

**packt** (pākt) [L. *pactum*, agreement], *n.* An agreement, a compact.

**pad** (1) (pād) [Dut., path], *n.* A footpad; highway robbery; an easy-paced horse. *v.i.* To travel on foot; to trudge.

**pad** (2) [?], *n.* A soft cushion; a bundle of this nature; a soft saddle; a quantity of blotting-paper for writing on; a number of sheets of paper fastened together at one edge; the cushion-like sole of the foot. *v.t.* To stuff or furnish with padding; to fill out (a sentence, etc.) with unnecessary words. **padding**, *n.*

**paddle** (pād'l) [?], *n.* A broad short oar used without a row-lock; the blade of an oar; a paddle-board; a paddle-wheel; a spell of padding; an implement used in washing clothes. *v.t.* To propel by means of paddles; to dabble in the water with the hands or feet; to toddle. *v.i.* To ply a paddle; to move along by means of a paddle. **paddle-wheel**, *n.* A wheel with floats or boards projecting from the periphery for pressing against the water and propelling a vessel.

**paddock** (1) (pād'ók) [A.-S. *pearruc*], *n.* A small field; a turfed enclosure attached to a stud-farm, or adjoining a race-course where horses are kept before racing.

**paddock** (2) [M.E. *padde*, -OCK], *n.* A frog. **paddy** (pād'i) [Malay *padī*], *n.* Rice in the husk.

**padlock** (pād'lok) [*pad*, ?, LOCK (1)], *n.* A detachable lock for fastening to a staple, etc. *v.t.* To fasten with this.

**padre** (pa'drā) [It., father, priest], *n.* A priest; an army or naval chaplain.

**pæan** (pé'an) [Gr. *Paian*, a name of Apollo], *n.* A choral song addressed to a deity; a song of triumph or rejoicing.

**pædo-** [Gr. *pais paidos*, boy, child], *comb. form.* Relating to children.

**pagan** (pă'gân) [L. *pāgānus*, countryman], *n.* A heathen; (*fig.*) a barbarous or unenlightened person. *a.* Heathenish; unenlightened. **paganism**, *n.* **paganize**, *v.*

**page** (1) (pāj) [O.F.], *n.* A young male attendant on persons of rank; a boy in livery.

**page** (2) [L. *pāgina*, from *pangere*, to fasten], *n.* One side of a leaf of a book; (*fig.*) a record. *v.t.* To put numbers on the pages of (a book). **paginal**, (pāj'-), *a.* **paginate**, *v.t.* **pagina'tion**, *n.* The figures showing the number of a page.

**pageant** (pāj'ent) [?], *n.* A brilliant spectacle, an elaborate parade or procession; a theatrical exhibition representing historical events, costumes, etc. **pageantry**, *n.*

**pagoda** (pā-gō'dā) [Port. *pagode*], *n.* A sacred temple in India, China, and the East; a building imitating this.

**pail** (pāl) [A.-S. *pægel*], *n.* An open vessel for carrying liquids; a pailful. **pailful**, *n.*

**pain** (pān) [Gr. *poinë*, penalty], *n.* Bodily or mental suffering; (*pl.*) labour, trouble. *v.t.* To inflict pain upon. **to take pains**: To take trouble, to labour hard. **painful**, *a.* Attended with or causing mental or physical pain; laborious, difficult. **painless**, *a.* **painstaking**, *a.* Taking great care, giving close application. *n.* The taking of pains, careful labour.

**paint** (pānt) [O.F. *peint*], *v.t.* To cover with paint; to give a specified colour to; to portray in colours; to adorn with painting; (*fig.*) to depict vividly in words. *v.i.* To practise painting; to rouge. *n.* A solid colouring-substance, often dissolved in a liquid vehicle, used to give a coloured coating to surfaces; a cosmetic, rouge. **painter** (1), *n.* One whose occupation is to colour walls, etc., with paint; an artist who paints pictures. **painting**, *n.* The act, art, or occupation of laying on colours or producing representations in colours; a picture.

**painter** (2) (pān'tér) [?], *n.* A bow-rope for fastening a boat to a ring, etc.

**pair** (pār) [L. *par*, equal], *n.* Two things of a kind, similar in form, or applied to the same use; a set of two, a couple; a double implement, as scissors, spectacles; an engaged or married couple; a flight (of stairs); (*Parl.*) two members of opposite views abstaining from voting. *v.t.* To arrange in pairs; to cause to mate. *v.i.* To be arranged in pairs; to mate; (*Parl.*) to make a pair (with).

**palace** (pāl'ās) [L. *palātium*, as *PALATINE*], *n.* The official residence of a king, bishop, etc.; a splendid mansion; a large building for entertainments.

**paladin** (pāl'ā-din) [as *PALATINE*], *n.* One of Charlemagne's twelve Peers; a knight-errant.

**palæo-**, **palæo-** [Gr. *palaíos*, old, ancient] *comb. form.* Pertaining to or existing in the earliest times. **palæog'raphy**, *n.* The art or science of deciphering ancient

inscriptions or manuscripts; ancient manuscripts collectively.

**palæontology** (pāl-é-on-toi'ô-ji) [*PALÆ*, *ONTO-*, *-LOGY*], *n.* The branch of biology or geology dealing with fossil animals and plants.

**palankeen**, **-quin** (pāl-ān-kēn') [Hindi *pālakī*], *n.* A litter borne by men.

**palatable** (pāl'ā-tābl) [*PALATE*, *-ABLE*], *a.* Pleasing to the taste; agreeable.

**palate** (pāl'āt) [L. *palātum*], *n.* The roof of the mouth; (*fig.*) the sense of taste; liking, fancy. **palatal**, *a.* Pertaining to the palate. *n.* A sound produced with the palate, as *k, g, ch, y, s, n.*

**palatial** (pā-lā'shāl) [as *PALACE*], *a.* Pertaining to or befitting a palace; magnificent, splendid.

**palatine** (pāl'ā-tin) [L. *palātīnus*, from *palātium*, the palace built by Augustus on the Palatine Hill, Rome], *a.* Pertaining to or connected with a palace (esp. of the Cæsars or the German Emperors); possessing royal privileges (as the counties of Chester, Durham, and Lancaster); pertaining to a count palatine. *n.* One invested with royal privileges.

**palaver** (pā-la'vér) [Port., as *PARABLE*], *n.* A discussion, parley, esp. between African natives and traders; chatter; flattery. *v.t.* To talk over, to flatter. *v.i.* To confer; to talk idly.

**pale** (1) (pāl) [F. *pal*, L. *pālus*], *n.* A pointed stake; a narrow board used in fencing; boundary; a region, territory, sphere.

**pale** (2) (pāl) [L. *pallēre*, to be pale], *a.* Whitish, wanting in colour; dim, faint. *v.* To make or turn pale; (*fig.*) to be dim or poor in comparison.

**paletot** (pāl'ē-tō) [F.], *n.* A loose overcoat.

**palette** (pāl'ét) [F., dim. of *pale*, shovel], *n.* A flat board for mixing colours on.

**palfrey** (pawl'fri) [O.F. *palfrei*], *n.* A small saddle-horse, esp. for a lady.

**palimpsest** (pāl'imp-sest) [Gr. *palin*, again, *psēstos*, scraped], *n.* A manuscript from which the original writing has been erased to make room for another record.

**paling** (pāl'ing) [*PALE* (1)], *n.* A fence of pales.

**palisade** (pāl-i-sād') [F. *palisser*, to enclose with pales], *n.* A fence of stakes, iron railings, etc.

**pall** (1) (pawl) [A.-S. *pæll*, L. *pallium*, cloak], *n.* A large cloth thrown over a coffin or hearse; a cloak, a mantle. **pall-bearer**, *n.* One who attends the coffin at a funeral, or who holds up the pall.

**pall** (2) [*APPAL*], *v.* To become or make vapid, insipid, or spiritless; to cloy, to dull.

**palladium** (pā-lā'di-ūm) [Gr. *Pallas-adōs*, Greek goddess of wisdom], *n.* A statue of Pallas on the preservation of which the safety of Troy depended; (*fig.*) a defence, a safeguard.

**pallet** (1) (pāl'ét) [*PALETTE*], *n.* A palette; a tool used by potters for mixing and



shaping clay; a pawl on a machine, for converting reciprocating into rotary motion or vice versa; a valve admitting air to an organ pipe.

**pallet** (2) [*L. pālea*, straw], *n.* A small rude bed; a straw mattress.

**palliasse** (pāl'i-ās) [as prec.], *n.* A mattress of straw or other material.

**palliate** (pāl'i-āt) [*L. palliātus*, cloaked], *v.t.* To cover with excuses; to extenuate; to mitigate (a disease, etc.).

**pallid** (pāl'id) [*L. pallidus*], *a.* Pale, wan.

**pallor** (pāl'or) [as PALLE], *n.* Paleness.

**palm** (1) (pam) [*A.-S., L. palma*], *n.* A tropical or subtropical tree usu. with a tall branched stem and head of large fan-shaped leaves; a palm-branch or leaf as a symbol of triumph; victory, triumph, the prize. **palm-oil**, *n.* An oil obtained from palm-fruit; (*slang*) a bribe. **palmaceous** (-mā'shūs), *a.*

**palm** (2) [*M.E. and F. paume, L. palma*], *n.* The inner part of the hand; a measure of breadth (3-4 ins.) or of length (8-8½ ins.). *v.t.* To conceal (dice, etc.) in the palm; hence, to pass (off) fraudulently. **palmar** (pāl'mār), *a.* Pertaining to the palm. **palmate**, *a.* Resembling a hand with the fingers spread out; webbed (of the foot of a bird).

**palmer** (pa'mér) [*O.F. palmier*], *n.* A pilgrim who carried a palm-branch for having been to the Holy Land; a devotee, itinerant monk, etc. **palmer-worm**, *n.* A hairy caterpillar.

**palmistry** (pa'mis-tri) [*M.E. palmestry*], *n.* Fortune-telling by the lines, etc., on the palm of the hand. **palmist**, *n.*

**palmy** (pa'mi) [*PALM* (1), -Y], *a.* Abounding in palms; victorious, flourishing.

**palpable** (pāl'pabl) [*L. palpāre*, to feel], *a.* Perceptible to the touch; easily perceived, obvious. **palpably**, *adv.*

**palpitate** (pāl'pi-tāt) [*L. palpitāre*, freq. of *palpāre*, as prec.], *v.t.* To throb; to flutter; to beat rapidly (of the heart). **palpitation**, *n.*

**palsy** (pawl'zi) [as PARALYSIS], *n.* Paralysis; inefficiency, helplessness. **palsied**, *a.*

**palter** (pawl'tér) [?], *v.i.* To equivocate, shuffle, act trickily (with).

**paltry** (pawl'tri) [?], *a.* Mean, petty, despicable. **paltriness**, *n.*

**paludal** (pāl'ū-dāl), -dic (pā-lū'dik), -dine [*L. palus palūdis*, marsh], *a.* Pertaining to fens, marshy; malarial.

**pampas** (pām'pās) [*Sp. pampa*, Peruv. *bamba*, a plain], *n.pl.* The open treeless plains in South America.

**pamper** (pām'pér) [?], *v.t.* To feed luxuriously; to gratify (tastes, etc.) to excess.

**pamphlet** (pām'flet) [*O.F. Pamphilet*, title of a Latin poem of 12th cent.], *n.* A few printed sheets, stitched, but not bound. **pamphleteer**, *n.* and *v.i.*

**pan** (1) (pān) [*A.-S. panne*], *n.* A broad shallow vessel for domestic and manufacturing uses; a hollow in the ground for evaporating brine in salt-making; the

part of a flint-lock that holds the priming. **pancake**, *n.* A thin flat cake of batter fried in a pan.

**Pan** (2) [Gr.], *n.* The chief rural divinity of the Greeks. **Pan-pipe**, *n.* A musical instrument made of a number of pipes.

**pan-** [Gr. *pas pantos*, all], *comb. form.* **panacea** (pān-ā-sē'ā) [Gr. *akeomat*, I heal], *n.* A universal remedy.

**pancreas** (pān'krē-ās) [*PAN-*, Gr. *kreas* -atos, flesh], *n.* A gland near the stomach secreting a digestive fluid, the sweetbread. **pancreat'ic**, *a.*

**pandect** (pān'dekt) [*PAN-*, Gr. *dechomai*, to receive], *n.* (*usu. pl.*) The digest of the Roman civil law made under Justinian in the 6th cent.; any complete system or body of laws.

**pandemonium** (pān-dē-mō'nī-ūm) [*PAN-*, *DEMON*], *n.* The abode of the demons; a place or state of lawlessness, confusion, or uproar.

**pander** (pān'dér) [*Pandarus*, character in Chaucer's "Troilus and Criseyde"], *n.* A go-between in an amorous intrigue; (*fig.*) one who ministers to evil passions, prejudices, etc. *v.t.* To minister to the gratification of. *v.t.* To act as an agent (to) for the gratification of desires, etc.

**pane** (pān) [*L. pannus*, piece of cloth], *n.* A sheet of glass in a window, etc.; one square of the pattern in a plaid.

**panegyric** (pān-ē-jir'ik) [Gr. *panēgurikos* (*PAN-*, *agora*, forum)], *n.* A eulogy in praise of some person, act, or thing; an elaborate encomium. **panegyric**, *a.* **panegyrist**, *n.*

**panel** (pān'él) [*O.F., dim. of L. pannus*, *PANE*], *n.* A rectangular piece of wood or other material inserted in a frame or forming a compartment of a door, wainscot, etc., a thin board on which a picture is painted; a picture of much greater height than width; a piece of stuff let in lengthwise in a dress; a list of persons summoned as jurors, a jury. *v.t.* To fit, furnish, or decorate with panels. **panel-doctor**, *n.* A doctor on the official list of those undertaking duty in connexion with the National Insurance Act, 1911.

**panā** (pāng) [?], *n.* A sudden paroxysm of pain; a throe, agony.

**panic** (pān'ik) [Gr. *panikos*, from *PAN* (2)], *n.* Sudden, overpowering, unreasoning fear; a general alarm. *a.* Sudden, extreme, unreasoning; caused by fear.

**pannier** (pān'i-ér) [*L. pānārium*, bread-basket], *n.* A large basket, esp. one of a pair carried by a beast of burden.

**pannikin** (pān'i-kin) [*PAN* (1), -KIN], *n.* A small drinking-cup of metal; a small saucepan.

**panoply** (pān'ò-pli) [*PAN-*, Gr. *hopla*, arms], *n.* A complete suit of armour; (*fig.*) complete defence.

**panorama** (pān-ò-ra'mā) [*PAN-*, Gr. *hōra*, view], *n.* A continuous picture on a sheet unrolled before the spectator; a complete view in all directions. **panoramic** (-rām'ik), *a.*

**pansy** (păn'zi) [F. *pensée*, thought], *n.* A species of viola with large flowers of various colours; the heartsease.

**pant** (pănt) [O.F. *pantaisier* (F. *panteler*)], *v.i.* To breathe quickly; to gasp for breath; (*fig.*) to long for. *v.t.* To utter gaspingly or convulsively. *n.* A gasp; a throb, palpitation.

**pant-** [PANTO-], *comb. form.*

**pantaloon** (păn-tă-loon') [It. *Pantalone* (character on the Italian stage)], *n.* A character in pantomime, the butt of the clown's jokes; (*pl.*) tight trousers fastened below the shoe; trousers generally.

**pantechnicon** (păn-tek-ni-kôn) [PAN-, Gr. *technikon* (*technê*, art)], *n.* A storehouse for furniture; a place where all sorts of manufactured articles are exposed for sale; a pantechnicon van. **pantechnicon van**: A large van for removing furniture.

**pantheism** (păn-thê-izm) [PAN-, Gr. *theos*, god, -ISM], *n.* The doctrine that God and the universe are identical. **pantheist**, *n.* **pantheis'tic**, -ical, *a.*

**panther** (păn'ther) [Gr.], *n.* The leopard. **pantile** (păn'til) [PAN (1), TILE], *n.* A curved tile.

**panto-**, [Gr. *pas pantos*, all], *comb. form.*

**pantomime** (păn'tô-mim) [PANTO-, Gr. *mimos*, mimic], *n.* (*Rom. Ant.*) A performer or performance in dumb show; a theatrical entertainment, produced at Christmas-time, consisting mainly of burlesque and spectacle. **pantomimic** (-mim'ik), *a.*

**pantry** (păn'tri) [O.F. *paneterie*, place where bread is made (L. *pānis*, bread)], *n.* A closet in which bread and provisions are kept.

**pap** (păp) [?], *n.* Semi-liquid food for infants, etc.; weak mental nutriment; a teat, a nipple; a conical hill or small peak. **pappy**, *a.*

**papa** (pă-pă) [L.], *n.* (*Childish*) Father.

**papacy** (pă-pă-si) [from prec.], *n.* The office, dignity, or tenure of office of the Pope; the papal system; the Popes collectively. **papal**, *a.*

**papaverous** (pă-pă-vēr-ūs) [L. *papāver*, poppy], *a.* Resembling or allied to the poppy.

**paper** (pă-pēr) [L. *papyrus*], *n.* A thin flexible substance made of rags, wood-fibre, etc., used for writing and printing on, wrapping, etc.; a piece of this; a document; an essay; a newspaper; a set of examination questions; bills of exchange, etc.; paper-money. *a.* Made of paper; like paper; stated only on paper. *v.t.* To cover with or decorate with paper; to wrap up in paper. **to send in one's papers**: To resign. **paper-chase**, *n.* A game in which a person or persons called the hares drop pieces of paper for pursuers called the hounds to track them by. **paper-hangings**, *n.pl.* Paper for covering the walls of rooms, etc. **paper-hanger**, *n.* **paper money**: Bank notes, treasury notes, or bills used as currency, opp. to coin.

**papier mâché** (păp-yă-mă'shă) [F., chewed paper], *n.* A material made from pulped paper, moulded into trays, boxes, etc., and usu. japanned.

**papist** (pă'pist) [F. *papiste*, as PAPA], *n.* A Roman Catholic.

**papyrus** (pă-pī-rūs) [L., from Gr. *papuros*, of Egypt. orig.], *n.* (*pl. -ri*) A rush-like plant found in Abyssinia, etc.; a writing material made from this by the Egyptians; a manuscript written on this.

**par** (par) [L., equal, equally], *n.* State of equality, esp. between the selling value and the nominal value of share certificates, etc.; average or normal condition, rate, etc.

**para-** [Gr. *para*, by the side of], *comb. form.* Denoting closeness of position, correspondence of parts, situation on the other side, alteration, etc.

**parable** (păr'ăbl) [as foll.], *n.* An allegorical narrative from which a moral is drawn; an allegory, esp. of a religious kind.

**parabola** (pă-răb'ô-lă) [PARA-, Gr. *ballein*, to throw], *n.* A plane curve formed by the intersection of the surface of a cone with a plane parallel to one of its sides. **parabol'ic**, -al, *a.*

**parachute** (păr-ă-shoot') [F. (It. *parare*, to ward off, F. *chute*, fall)], *n.* An umbrella-shaped contrivance by which a descent can be made from an airship, etc. **parachutist**, *n.*

**paraclete** (păr'ă-klēt) [Gr. *paraklētos* (PARA-kalein, to call)], *n.* An advocate, esp. the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

**parade** (pă-răd') [L. *parāre*, to get ready], *n.* Ostentatious display; a muster of troops; ground where soldiers are paraded; a public promenade. *v.t.* To make display of; to assemble and marshal (troops). *v.i.* To be marshalled in military order for display or review; to walk about ostentatiously.

**paradise** (păr'ă-dis) [O.Pers. *paradēza* (*pāri*, peri-, *diz*, to mould)], *n.* The garden of Eden; place or state of bliss; heaven. **paradisaic**, (-să'ik), *a.*

**paradox** (păr'ă-doks) [PARA-, Gr. *doxa*, opinion], *n.* A statement, view, etc., contrary to received opinion; an assertion seemingly absurd but really correct; a self-contradictory statement or phenomenon. **paradoxical**, *a.*

**paraffin** (păr'ă-fin) [L. *parum*, little, *affinis*, akin, from its small affinity with other bodies], *n.* A colourless, tasteless, odourless, solid fatty substance produced in the distillation of coal, bituminous shale, etc.; paraffin oil. **paraffin oil**: One of several oils obtained in this way, used for illuminating, as a lubricant, etc.

**paragon** (păr'ă-gôn) [It. *paragone*], *n.* A pattern of perfection; a model; a person or thing of supreme excellence. *v.t.* To rival, to equal.

**paragraph** (păr'ă-graf) [PARA-, -GRAPH], *n.* A distinct portion of a writing marked by a break in the lines; a reference mark



[¶] denoting a division in the text; an item in a newspaper. **paragraphist**, *n.*

**parakeet** (pär'a-kēt) [O.F. *paroquet*], *n.* Any small long-tailed parrot.

**parallax** (pär'a-läks) [PARA-, Gr. *allassein*, to change], *n.* Apparent change in the position of an object due to change in the position of the observer. **parallax'ic**, *a.*

**parallel** (pär'a-lél) [PARA-, Gr. *allēlos*, one another], *a.* Having the same direction and everywhere equidistant (of lines, etc.); having the same tendency; corresponding. *n.* A line everywhere equidistant from another; any one of the parallel circles on a map or globe marking degrees of latitude on the earth's surface; direction parallel to that of another line; a comparison; a counterpart; a reference-mark (||). *v.t.* To be parallel to, to match, to rival; to compare. **parallelism**, *n.* The state of being parallel, correspondence; a comparison.

**parallelepiped** (pär'-ä-lél-ép'i-ped), **-pipe-don** (-pip'-ē-dōn) [PARALLEL, Gr. *epipedon*, a level], *n.* A regular solid bounded by six parallelograms, the opposite pairs of which are parallel.

**parallelogram** (pär'-ä-lél'-ō-grām) [PARALLEL, Gr. *grammē*, line], *n.* A four-sided rectilinear figure whose opposite sides are parallel.

**paralyse** (pär'-ä-liz) [as foll.], *v.t.* To affect with paralysis; (*fig.*) to render powerless.

**paralysis** (pär-räl'i-sis) [PARA-, Gr. *luisis*, from *luein*, to loosen], *n.* Loss of the power of muscular contraction or of sensation; palsy; (*fig.*) inability to act. **paralytic** (-lit'ik), *a.* and *n.*

**paramount** (pär'-ä-mount) [O.F. *par amont*, at the top], *a.* Supreme above all others, pre-eminent. *n.* The highest.

**paramour** (pär'-ä-moor) [O.F. *par amour*, by love], *n.* A mistress; a lover.

**parapet** (pär'-ä-pét) [It. *parapetto* (*parare*, to guard, *petto*, breast)], *n.* A breast-high wall at the edge of a roof, bridge, etc.; a rampart.

**paraphernalia** (pär'-ä-fēr-nāl'i-ä) [PARA-, Gr. *phernē*, a dowry], *n.pl.* (*Law*) Personal property allowed to a wife over and above her dower, as apparel, jewellery, etc.; miscellaneous belongings, ornaments, trappings.

**paraphrase** (pär'-ä-frāz) [PARA-, Gr. *phrazein*, to tell], *n.* A free rendering of a passage; a restatement in different terms; a poetical version of a passage of Scripture. *v.t.* To express or interpret in other words. *v.i.* To make a paraphrase. **paraphrastic** (-fräs'tik), *a.*

**parasite** (pär'-ä-sit) [PARA-, Gr. *sitos*, food], *n.* A hanger-on, a sponger; an animal or plant subsisting at the expense of another. **parasitic**, **-al** (-sit'ik, -äl), *a.* **parasitology**, *n.*

**parasol** (pär'-ä-sol) [It. *parasole* (*parare*, to ward off, *sole*, sun)], *n.* A small umbrella used for shelter against the sun.

**paravane** (pär'-ä-vān) [PARA-, VANE], *n.* (*Nav.*) A torpedo-shaped appliance towed from a ship to catch submerged mines.

**parboil** (par'boil) [O.F. *parboillir*, to boil thoroughly], *v.t.* To boil partially (form-erly, thoroughly).

**\*parbreak** (par-brāk') [F. *par*-, as prec., BREAK], *v.t.* and *i.* To vomit. *n.* Vomit, spewing.

**parcel** (par'sél) [as PARTICLE], *n.* A number or quantity of things dealt with separately; a distinct portion, as of land; a bundle, a package. *v.t.* To divide into parts or lots; to make into a parcel.

**parch** (parch) [?], *v.t.* To scorch, to dry up. *v.i.* To become hot or dry.

**parchment** (parch'ment) [L. *pergamēna*, pertaining to *Pergamum*, city of Mysia], *n.* The skin of calves, sheep, goats, etc., prepared for writing; a document on this.

**\*pard** (pard) [Gr. *pardos*], *n.* A panther, leopard.

**pardon** (par'dōn) [O.F. *perduner* (PER-, L. *dōuāre*, to give)], *v.t.* To forgive, to absolve from; to remit the penalty of; to excuse, make allowance for. *n.* The act of pardoning; remission of the legal consequences of crime; a papal indulgence; a religious festival when this is granted. **pardonable**, *a.* **pardonably**, *adv.* **pardoner**, *n.* One licensed to sell pardons or indulgences.

**pare** (pär) [L. *parāre*, to prepare], *v.t.* To cut away or remove (as rind of fruit, etc.); to trim by cutting.

**paregoric** (pär'-ē-gor'ik) [Gr. *parēgorikos*, soothing], *a.* Assuaging or soothing pain. *n.* A camphorated tincture of opium.

**parent** (pär'ent) [L. *parentem*, nom. -ens, from *parēre*, to beget], *n.* A father or mother; a forefather; (*fig.*) a source, cause, occasion. **parentage**, *n.* Birth, lineage, origin. **paren'tal**, *a.*

**parenthesis** (pär'-en'thē-sis) [PARA-, EN-, Gr. *tithenai*, to put], *n.* (*pl.* -theses) A word or sentence inserted in a sentence that is grammatically complete without it; (*pl.*) round brackets ( ) to include such words; (*fig.*) an interval, interlude, etc. **paren'thesize**, *v.t.* To insert or mark as a parenthesis. **parenthe'tic**, **-al**, *a.*

**parergon** (pär-rēr'gōn) [PARA-, Gr. *ergon*, work], *n.* (*pl.* -ga). A subsidiary work, a by-work.

**parget** (par'jēt) [L. *projectāre*], *v.t.* To plaster over. *n.* Plaster; pargeting.

**pargeter**, *n.* **pargeting**, *n.* Plaster-work, esp. decorative.

**parhelion** (par-hē'li-ōn) [PARA-, Gr. *hēlios*, sun], *n.* (*pl.* -lia) A mock-sun or bright spot in a solar halo, due to ice-crystals in the atmosphere.

**pariah** (pär'i-ä) [Tamil *paraiyan*, a drummer], *n.* One of a people of very low caste in India; (*fig.*) a social outcast.

**paring** (pär'ing) [PARE], *n.* Act of pruning or trimming; that which is pared off.

**parish** (pär'ish) [PARA-, Gr. *oikos*, dwelling],

- n.* An ecclesiastical district with its own clergyman, a subdivision of a county. *a.* Pertaining to or maintained by a parish. **parish'ioner**, *n.* One who belongs to a parish.
- Parisian** (pá-riz'i-án), *a.* Pertaining to Paris. *n.* A native or inhabitant of Paris.
- parity** (pär'i-ti) [L. *paritas*, from *par*, equal], *n.* Equality of rank, condition, value, etc.; parallelism, analogy.
- park** (park) [O.F. *parc*, from Teut.], *n.* A piece of land, usu. for ornament, pleasure, or recreation, adjoining a mansion or enclosed for public recreation; a space occupied by the artillery, stores, etc., in an encampment. *v.t.* To enclose as in a park; to mass (artillery).
- parlance** (par'lans) [O.F. as foll.], *n.* Way of speaking, idiom.
- parley** (par'li) [F. *parler*, to speak], *v.i.* To confer with an enemy with pacific intentions; to talk. *n.* A conference for discussing terms.
- Parliament** (par'lá-mént) [M.E. and O.F. *parlement* (PARLEY, -MENT)], *n.* A deliberative assembly; a legislative body, esp. the British legislature, consisting of the Houses of Lords and Commons, together with the sovereign. **Parliamentarian** (-tär'i-án), *n.* One versed in parliamentary rules, debate, etc.; one who supported the Parliament against Charles I. **parliamentary**, *a.* Pertaining to, enacted by, or according to the rules of Parliament.
- parlour** (par'lór) [O.F. *parleor*, as PARLEY], *n.* The family sitting-room in a private house. **parlour-maid**, *n.* A maid-servant waiting at table.
- \*parlous** (par'lús) [PERILOUS], *a.* Awkward, trying. *adv.* Extremely.
- Parnassus** (par-nás'ús) [Mt. in Greece, the fabled resort of the Muses], *n.* (*fig.*) Poetry, literature. **Parnassian**, *a.*
- parochial** (pá-ró'ki-ál) [L. *parochia*, parish], *a.* Relating to a parish; (*fig.*) petty, narrow. **parochialism**, *n.*
- parody** (pár'ó-di) [PARA-, ODE], *n.* A literary composition imitating an author's work for the purpose of ridicule; a travesty. *v.t.* To burlesque. **par'odist**, *n.* One who writes parodies.
- parole** (pá-ról) [F.], *n.* A promise by a prisoner of war that he will not attempt to escape or take up arms against his captors; (*Mil.*) a daily password used by officers.
- paronomasia** (pár-ó-nó-má'zi-á) [PARA-, *onomazein*, to name], *n.* A play upon words, a pun.
- parous** [L. from *parere*, to bring forth], *sup.* Producing, bringing forth.
- paroxysm** (pár'ók-sizm) [PARA-, Gr. *ozunein*, to sharpen], *n.* A sudden and violent fit; the exacerbation of a disease at periodic times.
- parquet** (par'ki) [F., a floor], *n.* A flooring of parquetry. **parquetry** (par'ké-tri), *n.* Inlaid woodwork for floors.
- parr** (par) [?], *n.* A young salmon.
- parricide** (pär'i-síd) [L. *parricida*], *n.* One who murders or the murder of a parent. **parrici'dal**, *a.*
- parrot** (pär'ót) [?], *n.* One of a group of tropical birds with brilliant plumage, remarkable for their faculty of imitating the human voice; (*fig.*) one who repeats words mechanically; a chatterbox.
- parry** (pär'i) [F. *parer*, as PARADE], *v.t.* To ward off (a blow, etc.). *n.* A defensive movement in fencing, the warding off of a blow.
- parse** (parz) [L. *pars*, part], *n.* To classify a word grammatically; to analyse a sentence and describe its component words and their relations.
- parsimonious** (par-si-mó'ni-ús) [L. *parcimonía*, from *parcere*, to spare], *a.* Frugal, niggardly, stingy. **parsimoniously**, *adv.*
- par'simony**, *n.*
- parsley** (pars'li) [Gr. *petroselinon*], *n.* An umbelliferous herb used for seasoning and garnishing dishes.
- parsnip** (par'snip) [L. *pastinaca*, from *pastinum*, a fork for digging], *n.* An umbelliferous plant with an edible root.
- parson** (par'són) [M.E. *persone*, person], *n.* A clergyman holding a benefice. **parsonage**, *n.* The dwelling-house of a parson; the benefice of a parish.
- part** (part) [A.-S., from L. *pars*, *partis*], *n.* A portion, piece, or amount of a thing or number of things, esp. considered as separate; a member, organ; one of several equal portions into which a thing is divided or of which it is composed; a section of a book, etc., issued at one time; a share, a lot; interest, concern; the words, etc., allotted to an actor; (*pl.*) qualities, accomplishments; region, district. *v.t.* To divide into portions, etc.; to separate. *v.i.* To divide; to separate (from); to resign; to give way (of a cable, etc.). *adv.* Partly.
- partake** (par-ták') [PART, TAKE], *v.t.* To take or have a part or share in common with others. *v.i.* To take or have a share (of or in, with another or others); to have something of the nature (of).
- partaker**, *n.*
- parterre** (par-tär') [F. *par terre*, on the ground], *n.* An ornamental arrangement of flower-beds; the ground-floor of a theatre under the galleries.
- Parthian** (par'thi-án), *a.* Pertaining to Parthia; an ancient kingdom in W. Asia. **Parthian arrow or shot**: A look, word, etc., delivered as a parting blow.
- partial** (par'shál) [L. *partiális*, as PART], *a.* Affecting a part only; biased, unfair; having a preference for. **partial'ity**, *n.*
- partially**, *adv.* Unfairly, with bias; in part.
- participate** (par-tis'i-pát) [L. *participāre* (PART, *capere*, to take)], *v.i.* To partake (in); to have something (of the nature of). *v.t.* To have a part or share in (with). **partic'ipant**, *a.* **participa'tion**, *n.* **partic'ipator**, *n.*



**participle** (par'ti-sipl) [as prec.], *n.* A word partaking of the nature of a verb and of an adjective. **participial**, *a.*

**particle** (part'ikl) [L. *particula*, dim. of *pars*, part], *n.* A minute portion; an atom; a word not inflected or not used except in combination.

**party-coloured** (par'ti-kül-örd) [PARTY, COLOUR], *a.* Partly variegated; in motley.

**particular** (pär-tik'ül-lär) [as PARTICLE], *a.* Pertaining to a single person or thing; special, peculiar; personal, individual; minute, circumstantial; exact, precise; noteworthy. *n.* An item, detail, instance; (*pl.*) a detailed account. **particularity**, *n.* The quality of being particular; circumstantiality. **particularize**, *v.t.* To mention individually; to specify; to give the particulars of. **particularly**, *adv.*

**parting** (part'ing) [PART, -ING], *a.* Serving to part; departing; given on departure. *n.* Separation, division; a point of departure; a dividing-line; leave-taking.

**partisan** (par-ti-zän') [It. *partigiano*, as PART], *n.* An adherent of a party, cause, etc.

**partition** (par-tish'ün) [L. *partitio*, from *partiri*, to part], *n.* Division into parts, distribution; a separate part; that which separates, as a wall. *v.t.* To separate (off); to divide. **partitive**, *a.* Denoting a part. *n.* A word denoting partition, as *some*, *any*, etc.

**partly** (part'li) [PART, -LY], *adv.* In part; to some extent; not wholly.

**partner** (part'nér) [PART], *n.* One who shares with another; one associated with others in business; one of two who dance together, play on the same side, etc.; a husband or a wife. **partnership**, *n.*

**partridge** (par'trij) [Gr. *perdir*], *n.* A gallinaceous bird preserved for game.

**parturient** (par-tür'i-ént) [L. *parturire*, to be in labour], *a.* About to bring forth young. **parturition** (-rish'ün), *n.*

**party** (par'ti) [L. *pars partis*, part], *n.* A number of persons united for a particular purpose; the principle or practice of taking sides on questions; a social entertainment; each of the personages on either side in a legal action, contract, etc.; one concerned in any affair. **party-wall**, *n.* A wall separating two buildings.

**parvenu** (par'vé-nū) [F., arrived, attained], *n.* (*fem.* -nue) An upstart.

**pas** (pa) [F., step], *n.* Precedence. **to have the pas**: To take precedence (of).

**paschal** (pas'kál) [Heb. *pasakh*, the Passover], *a.* Pertaining to the Passover or to Easter.

**pasha** (pa'shá) [Turk.], *n.* A Turkish title of honour. **pa'shalic**, *n.* The jurisdiction of a pasha or governor.

**pasquinade** (päs-kwi-näd') [*Pasquino*, It. name], *n.* A lampoon, a satire. *v.t.* To satirize.

**pass** (pas) [L. *passus*, pace], *v.i.* To move from one place to another; to

be current; to be changed from one state to another; to change gradually; to be transferred; to disappear; to die; to elapse; to go through without challenge; to be enacted (as a Bill); to be approved by examining; to happen, occur. *v.t.* To go by, beyond, over, etc.; spend (time, etc.); to admit, to approve, to enact; to satisfy the requirements of (examiners); to surpass; to allow to go through (as a Bill, candidate, etc.) after examination; to pledge (one's word); to overlook, disregard, reject. *n.* A passage, esp. a difficult way or a narrow passage through mountains; permission to pass; a ticket authorizing one to travel (on a railway, etc.) or to be admitted (to a theatre, etc.) free; a critical condition of things; the act of passing an examination, esp. without honours; a thrust; a passing of hands over anything (as in mesmerism); a juggling trick; passing a ball in various games. **pass-book**, *n.* A book that passes between a tradesman and his customer, in which purchases on credit are entered; a bank-book. **pass-key**, *n.* A master-key. **password**, *n.* A word by which to distinguish friends from strangers. **passable**, *a.* That may be passed; acceptable, fairly good. **passably**, *adv.*

**passage** (päs'áj) [F., as PASS], *n.* Act of passing; transit, migration; transition from one state to another; a journey; a way by which one passes, an entrance or exit; a corridor; a separate portion of a book, etc.; the passing of a Bill, etc., into law.

**passé** (päs-ä) [F., passed], *a.* (*fem.* -sée) Past the prime, faded; behind the times.

**passenger** (päs'en-jér) [O.F. *passager* (PASSAGE, -IER)], *n.* One who travels on a public conveyance; a wayfarer.

**passepoutout** (pas-par-too') [F., pass everywhere], *n.* A light frame for a picture, photograph, etc.

**passerine** (päs'er-in) [L. *passer*, sparrow], *a.* Pertaining to the order *Passeres* or perchers, which contains the great mass of the smaller birds; like a sparrow. *n.* A passerine bird.

**passible** (päs'ibl) [L. *passibilis*, from *pati*, to suffer], *a.* Capable of feeling or suffering; susceptible to impressions. **passibility**, *n.*

**passim** (päs'im) [L.], *adv.* Here and there, throughout (of words, allusions, etc.).

**passing** (pa'sing) [PASS], *a.* Going by, occurring; incidental, casual; fleeting; notable. *n.* Passage, transit.

**passion** (päs'hön) [L. *passio*, *önis*, from *pati*, to suffer], *n.* Intense emotion, overpowering affection of the mind, as grief, anger, hatred, love; ardent enthusiasm (for); the last agonies of Christ. A plant. **Passion Sunday**: The fifth Sunday in Lent. **Passion Week**: The week following this. **passionate**, *a.* Easily moved to strong feeling, esp. anger vehement, intense.

**passive** (pás'iv) [L. *passivus*, as prec.], *a.* Suffering, acted upon, not acting; inert, submissive. *n.* The passive voice, *i.e.*, the form of a transitive verb representing the subject as the object of the action.

**passively**, *adv.* **passiv'ity**, *n.*

**passover** (pas'ô-vér) [PASS, -OVER], *n.* A Jewish feast commemorating the destruction of the first-born of the Egyptians and the "passing over" of the Israelites by the destroying angel (Exod. xii.).

**passport** (pas'pôrt) [PASS, PORT (1)], *n.* An official document authorizing a person to proceed to and travel in a foreign country; (*fig.*) anything ensuring admission (to society, etc.).

**past** (past) [p.p. of PASS], *a.* Gone by; just elapsed; (*Gram.*) denoting action or state belonging to the past. *n.* Past times; one's past career; a history of this, esp. a disreputable one. *adv.* So as to go by. *prep.* Beyond in time or place; after; beyond the range of. **past-master**, *n.* A thorough master (of a subject, etc.).

**paste** (pást) [O.F. *pasta*], *n.* A mixture of flour and water, etc., used for making pastry and adhesive purposes; a relish of pounded fish, etc.; any doughy or plastic mixture; a composition for making imitation gems. *v.t.* To fasten with paste; to stick (up) with paste. **paste-board**, *n.* A board made of sheets of paper pasted together.

**pastel** (pás'tél) [F.], *n.* A coloured crayon; a picture drawn with these.

**pastern** (pás'térn) [O.F. *pasturon*, from *pasture*, a shackle], *n.* The part of a horse's leg between the fetlock and the hoof.

**pastille** (pás-tél') [F.], *n.* A roll or pellet of aromatic paste for burning as a disinfectant; an aromatic lozenge.

**pastime** (pas'tim) [PASS, TIME], *n.* That which serves to make time pass agreeably; a game.

**pastor** (pas'tór) [L. *pastor*, from *pascere*, to feed], *n.* A minister having charge of a church and congregation. **pastoral**, *a.* Pertaining to shepherds; treating of country life (of romances, etc.); rural, rustic; relating to the duties of a pastor. *n.* A poem, romance, picture, etc., descriptive of rural life and manners. **pas'torate**, *n.* Office or jurisdiction of a pastor; pastors collectively.

**pastry** (pás'tri) [PASTE, -RY], *n.* Articles of food made with a crust of baked flour-paste.

**pasture** (pas'tür) [O.F. as PASTOR], *n.* Ground fit for the grazing of cattle; grass for grazing. *v.t.* To put (cattle, etc.) on land to graze; to feed (on grass-land). *v.i.* To graze. **pasturage**, *n.*

**pasty** (pás'ti) [PASTE, -Y], *a.* Of or like paste. *n.* (pás'ti) A small pie, usu. of meat, baked without a dish.

**pat** (pât) [?], *n.* A light quick blow with the hand, a tap; a small mass (of butter, etc.) moulded by patting; the sound of a light blow. *v.* To strike gently and

quickly; to tap. *a.* Exactly suitable; opportune, apposite. *adv.* Aptly.

**patch** (päch) [?], *n.* A piece put on to mend anything; a piece of court-plaster worn on the face by women in the 17th and 18th cents. as adornment; a differently coloured part of a surface; a plot of ground. *v.t.* To put a patch on; to mend with a patch, to mend clumsily. **patchwork**, *n.* Work composed of pieces of different colours, sizes, etc. **patcher**, *n.* **patchy**, *a.*

**pate** (pât) [?], *n.* The top of the head.

**patella** (pâ-tel'á) [L., dim. of *patina*, paten], *n.* The knee-cap.

**paten** (pât'en) [L. *patina*], *n.* A shallow dish for receiving the eucharistic bread.

**patent** (pât'ent, pâ'tént) [L. *patens*, -tentem, lying open], *a.* Open to the perusal of all, obvious; protected or conferred by letters patent; spreading. *n.* A grant from the Crown by letters patent of a title of nobility, or of the exclusive right to make or sell a new invention; an invention so protected. *v.t.* To secure by patent. **patent rolls**: The register of patents granted by the Crown since 1617. **letters patent**: An open document from the Crown conferring a title, right, privilege, etc. **patentee**, *n.* A holder of a patent. **patently**, *adv.*

**paterfamilias** (pâ-tér-fâ-mil'i-ás) [L. *pater*, father, FAMILY], *n.* The head or father of a family or household.

**paternal** (pâ-tér'nál) [L. *paternus*, fatherly], *a.* Pertaining to a father; fatherly; related through the father. **paternally**, *adv.* **paternity**, *a.* Fatherhood; ancestry on the male side.

**paternoster** (pât-ér-nos'tér) [L., our Father], *n.* The Lord's Prayer, esp. in Latin; every eleventh bead of a rosary; hence, a rosary; a fishing-line with a weight at the end and short lines with hooks at intervals.

**path** (path) [A.-S. *þæth*], *n.* A footway; a track; (*fig.*) course of life, action, etc. **pathway**, *n.*

**Pathan** (pâ-tan') [native], *n.* An Afghan belonging to independent tribes on the N.W. frontier of India.

**pathetic** (pâ-thet'ik) [Gr. *pathêtikos*, as PATHOS], *a.* Affecting the feelings, esp. those of pity and sorrow. *n.* That which is pathetic; (*pl.*) the display of pathos; the study of pathetic emotions. **pathetic-ally**, *adv.*

**patho-** [Gr. PATHOS], *comb. form.* **pathogenesis** (pâth-ô-jen'é-sis) [GENESIS], *n.* The origin and development of disease.

**pathol'ogy**, *n.* The science of diseases, esp. of the body. **pathol'ogist**, *n.*

**pathos** (pâ'thos) [Gr., suffering], *n.* A quality or element in events or expression that excites emotion, esp. pity or sorrow. **-pathy** [Gr. -*patheia*, as prec.], *suf.* Feeling; treatment of disease, as in *homæopathy*, *sympathy*.

**patience** (pâ's'héns) [L. *patientia*, from *paii*, to suffer], *n.* The quality of being



patient; calm endurance of pain or evil, fortitude; a card-game for one person. **patient**, *a.* Capable of bearing pain, suffering, etc., without fretfulness; not easily provoked; persevering. *n.* One who suffers; one under medical treatment. **patiently**, *adv.*

**patois** (păt'wa) [F.], *n.* A dialect spoken by the illiterate people of a district.

**patriarch** (pă'tri-ark) [Gr. *patria*, family, *archein*, to rule], *n.* The head of a tribe ruling by paternal right; (*R.-C. Ch.*) a bishop of the highest rank; a venerable old man; the oldest living person (in an assembly, order, etc.). **patriar'chal**, *a.* **patriarchate**, *n.* **patriarchy**, *n.* A patriarchal system of government.

**patriarian** (pă-trish'ân) [L. *patricius*, from *patres*, senators], *a.* Noble, aristocratic. *n.* A member of the Roman aristocracy; a chief magistrate of a Roman province; a noble, a member of the highest class of society.

**patrimony** (păt'-ri-mô-ni) [L. *patrimonium*], *n.* An estate or right inherited from one's father; a church estate or endowment. **patrimonial** (-mô'ni-âl), *a.*

**patriot** (pă'tri-ôt) [Gr. *patrios*, of one's fathers], *n.* One who loves his country and is devoted to its interests and independence. **patriotic** (-ot'ik), *a.* **patriotism**, *n.*

**patriistic** (pă-tris'tik) [L. *pater*, father], *a.* Pertaining to the ancient Fathers of the Church.

**patrol** (pă-trôl') [F. *patrouiller*, to dabble in the mud], *v.t.* To go the rounds of a camp, etc. *v.i.* To go round. *n.* The perambulation of a camp, town, etc., for security; the detachment of soldiers, police, firemen, etc., doing this; troops sent out to reconnoitre.

**patron** (pă'trôn) [L. *patrônus*, from *pater*, father], *n.* One who supports or protects a person, cause, etc.; one who holds the gift of a benefice; a regular customer (at a shop). **patronage** (pă'trô-nâj), *n.* Support, fostering encouragement, protection; right of presentation to a benefice or office; act of patronizing; support by customers (of a shop, etc.). **patronize**, *v.i.*

**patronymic** (păt-rô-nim'ik) [Gr. *patēr* *patros*, father, *onoma*, name], *a.* Derived from a father. *n.* A name so derived; a family name.

**patten** (păt'en) [F. *patin*], *n.* A mounted clog or overshoe.

**patter** (1) (păt'ër) [freq. of PAT], *v.i.* To strike, with a quick succession of sharp sounds; to move with short quick steps. *n.* A quick succession of sharp, light sounds or taps.

**patter** (2) [from PATERNOSTER], *v.t.* To say (one's prayers) in a mechanical, singsong way. *v.i.* To talk glibly. *n.* The patois or slang of a particular class, etc.

**pattern** (păt'ërn) [as PATRON], *n.* A model serving as a guide; a sample or specimen; a decorative design for a

carpet, wall-paper, etc.; hence type, style. *v.t.* To copy, to model (after); to decorate with a pattern.

**patty** (păt'i) [F. *pâté*], *n.* A little pie. **paucity** (paw'si-ti) [L. *pāucus*, few], *n.* Fewness.

**Pauline** (paw'lin), *a.* Of or pertaining to St. Paul or his writings.

**paunch** (paw'nch) [L. *pantex*, -*ticum*], *n.* The belly; the first and largest stomach in ruminants. **paunchy**, *a.*

**pauper** (paw'për) [L., poor], *n.* One without means of support, a destitute person. **pauperism**, *n.* **pauperize**, *v.t.* To reduce to pauperism.

**pause** (pawz) [Gr. *pausis*, from *pauerein*, to cease], *n.* A temporary cessation of action, speaking, etc.; a break for the sake of emphasis; (*Mus.*) a mark ♭ or ∞ over a note, etc., indicating that it is to be prolonged. *v.i.* To make a short stop; to wait.

**pave** (pāv) [L. *pavire*, to ram], *v.t.* To make a surface upon, with stone, bricks, etc.; to cover with a pavement. **pave'ment**, *n.* A hard level covering of stones, bricks, wood-blocks, etc.; a paved footway at the side of a street. **paviour**, *n.* One who lays pavements; a rammer for driving paving-stones. **paving**, *n.* **paving-stone**, *n.*

**pavilion** (pă-vil'yôn) [F. *pavillon*], *n.* A large tent of conical shape; a temporary structure for shelter, etc.; a building for spectators and players on a cricket-ground, etc.

**paw** (paw) [O.F. *powe*], *n.* The foot of a quadruped having claws, as dist. from a hoof. *v.t.* To scrape or strike with the forefoot; to handle roughly or clumsily.

**pawky** (paw'ki) [Sc. and North.], *a.* Shrewd; humorous, arch. **pawkily**, *adv.*

**pawl** (pawl) [?], *n.* A hinged lever engaging with the teeth of a wheel to prevent it from running back; a bar for preventing the recoil of a windlass.

**pawn** (1) (pawn) [O.F. *paon*, med. L. *pedo*, -*dōnem*, foot-soldier], *n.* A piece of the lowest value in chess.

**pawn** (2) [O.F. *pan*, prob. from Teut.], *n.* A security for a debt or loan, a pledge; the state of being held as a pledge. *v.t.* To deliver or deposit as a pledge for repayment or for the performance of a promise. **pawnbroker**, *n.* One who lends money on the security of goods pawned. **pawnshop**, *n.* The place where this is carried on.

**pay** (1) (pā) [O.F. *paier*, L. *pācare*, to appease], *v.t.* (*p.* and *p.p.* paid) To hand over what is due in discharge of a debt or for services or goods; to discharge (a bill, obligation, etc.); to defray the cost of; to expend (away); to compensate; to render (a compliment, visit, etc.). *v.i.* To make payment; to discharge a debt; to be remunerative. *n.* Payment, compensation; wages. **paymaster**, *n.* One who regularly pays wages, etc. **payable**, *a.* **payee** (pā-ë'), *n.* **payment**, *n.*

**pay** (2) [O.North.F. *peier*, L. *picāre*, from *pix pīcis*, pitch], *v.t.* (*p.* and *p.p.* **payed**) To coat or fill with hot pitch for waterproofing.

\***paynim** (pā'nim) [as **PAGAN**], *n.* A pagan, a heathen; a Mohammedan.

**pea** (pē) [**PEASE**], *n.* A leguminous plant, the seeds of which are used for food.

**pea-pod**, *n.* The pericarp of the pea.

**peace** (pēs) [L. *pax*], *n.* A state of quiet; absence of civil disturbance; freedom from or cessation of war; a treaty reconciling two nations; a state of friendliness; calmness of mind. **peace-maker**, *n.* One who reconciles differences. **peace-offering**, *n.* A token of thanksgiving, etc.; a gift to procure peace or reconciliation. **peaceable**, *a.* Peaceful, quiet; disposed to peace. **peaceably**, *adv.* **peaceful**, *a.* In a state of peace; free from noise or disturbance; pacific, mild. **peacefulness**, *n.*

**peach** (1) (pēch) [L. *persicum*, Persian (apple)], *n.* A fleshy, downy fruit, the tree bearing it.

**peach** (2) [as **IMPEACH**], *v.i.* To turn informer against an accomplice.

**peacock** (pē'kok) [A.-S. *pēa*, *pāwe*, L. *pavo*, **COCK** (1)], *n.* The male of the peafowl, a bird with gorgeous plumage and long tail expanding like a fan; (*fig.*) a vain-glorious person. **peafowl**, *n.* **peahen**, *n.*

**pea-jacket** (pē'jāk-ét) [Dut.], *n.* A coarse, thick, loose, overcoat worn by seamen, etc.

**peak** (1) (pēk) [**PIKE** (1)], *n.* A sharp top, esp. of a mountain; the projecting brim of a cap; the upper after corner of a sail extended by a gaff; the upper end of a gaff. **peaked**, *a.*

**peak** (2) (?), *v.i.* To look sickly; to pine away. **peaky**, *a.*

**peal** (pēl) [**APPEAL**], *n.* A prolonged or resounding noise, as of thunder, bells, etc.; a set of bells tuned to each other; a series of changes rung on these. *v.i.* To sound a peal.

**pear** (pār) [A.-S. *pere*], *n.* The fleshy fruit of the pear-tree.

**pearl** (pērl) [F. *perle*], *n.* A smooth, whitish iridescent concretion, found in the oyster and other bivalves, prized as a gem; something round and clear and resembling a pearl; the finest specimen of its kind; a small size of type [as *this*]. *a.* Pertaining to or made of pearls or mother-of-pearl. *v.t.* To set with pearls; to sprinkle with pearly drops; to strip barley into pearly grains. *v.i.* To fish for pearls. **pearly**, *a.* **pearling**, *n.* The process of removing the outer coat of barley, etc.

**peasant** (pez'ant) [O.F. *paisant*, as **PAGAN**], *n.* A countryman; a rustic labourer. *a.* Rustic, rural. **peasantry**, *n.* Peasants collectively.

**pease** (pēz) [A.-S. *pise*, L. *pisum*, Gr. *pison*], *n.* (*pl.* or *collect. sing.*) Peas.

**peasecod**, *n.* A pea-pod.

**peat** (pēt) [M.E. *pete*], *n.* Decayed and

partly carbonized vegetable-matter found in boggy places and used as fuel. **peaty**, *a.* **pebble** (pebl) [A.-S. *papol*], *n.* A small stone rounded by the action of water; an agate; rock-crystal used for spectacles, etc. **pebbled**, **pebbly**, *a.*

**peccadillo** (pek-à-dil'ō) [Sp., dim. of *pecado*, as *prec.*], *n.* (*pl.* -does) A slight fault or offence.

**peccant** (pek'ant) [L. *peccans*, -*antem*, sinning], *a.* Sinful; informal, wrong.

**peccary** (pek'à-ri) [Carib. *pakira*], *n.* A small American hog-like mammal.

**peck** (1) (pek) [O.F. *pek*], *n.* A measure of capacity, two gallons; a vessel used for measuring this.

**peck** (2) [**PICK** (1)], *v.t.* To strike with a beak or a pointed instrument; to pick up with the beak; (*colloq.*) to eat. *v.i.* To aim with a beak or pointed implement. *n.* A sharp stroke with or as with a beak; a mark made by this.

**pectoral** (pek'tō-rāl) [L. *pectus*, -*toris*, breast], *a.* Pertaining to or for the breast. *n.* A pectoral fin.

**peculate** (pek'ū-lāt) [L. *peculāri*, as *foli.*], *v.t.* To appropriate money, etc., entrusted to one's care. **peculation**, *n.* **peculator**, *n.*

**peculiar** (pē-kū'li-ār) [L. *peculiāris*, from *peculium*, private property], *a.* Belonging particularly and exclusively (to); one's own; particular, special; singular, odd. **peculiar'ity**, *n.* The quality of being peculiar; a characteristic. **peculiarly**, *adv.*

**pecuniary** (pē-kū'nī-ā-ri) [L. *pecunia*, money], *a.* Relating to or consisting of money. **pecuniarily**, *adv.*

**pedagogue** (ped'ā-gog) [Gr. *pais paidos*, boy, *agein*, to lead], *n.* A schoolmaster (*usu.* implying pedantry). **pedagog'ic**, -*al*, *a.*

**pedal** (ped'al) [L. *pes pedis*, foot], *n.* A lever acted on by the foot. *v.t.* To work (a bicycle, sewing-machine, etc.) by pedals; to play on (an organ) by pedals. *v.i.* To play an organ or work a bicycle, etc., by pedals.

**pedant** (ped'ant) [It. *pedante*, a school-master], *n.* One who makes a show of learning, or lays undue stress on formulas; one with more book-learning than practical experience or common sense. **pedan'tic**, *a.* **pedantically**, *adv.* **ped'antry**, *n.*

**peddle** (pedl) (?), *v.i.* To travel about selling small wares; to busy oneself about trifles. *v.t.* To hawk; to retail. **peddling**, *a.* Trifling, insignificant.

**pedestal** (ped'es-tāl) [It. *pedestallo*], *n.* A base for a column, statue, etc.

**pedestrian** (pē-des'tri-àn) [L. *pes pedis*, foot], *a.* Going or performed on foot; pertaining to walking; dull, commonplace. *n.* One who journeys or races on foot. **pedestrianism**, *n.*

**pedigree** (ped'i-grē) [F. *pié de grue* (L. *pes pedis*, foot, *de*, of, *grue*, L. *grus* - crane)], *n.* Genealogy, lineage; a genea-



- logical table or tree. *a.* Pure-bred, having a known ancestry (of cattle, dogs, etc.).
- pediment** (ped'i-mént) [perh. corr. of PYRAMID], *n.* The triangular part surmounting a portico, in buildings in Grecian style; similar decoration over doorways windows, etc.
- pedlar** (ped'lár) [?], *n.* A travelling hawk of small wares, usu. carried in a pack.
- peel** (1) (pēl) [F. *piller*, to rob], *v.t.* To strip the skin, bark, or rind off; to pillage. *v.i.* To lose the skin or rind, to become bare. *n.* Skin or rind.
- peel** (2) (pēl) [O.F. *pēl*, a palisade, as PALE (1)], *n.* A square fortified tower.
- peep** (pēp) [?], *v.i.* To look through a crevice; to look slyly or furtively; to appear cautiously, to come gradually into view. *n.* A furtive look, hasty glance, glimpse.
- peer** (1) (pēr) [L. *par*, equal], *n.* An equal in any respect; a noble, esp. a member of an hereditary legislative body (in Gt. Brit. comprising dukes, marquesses, earls, viscounts, and barons). **peerage**, *n.* The rank of peer; the body of peers; a book containing particulars of the nobility. **peeress**, *n.* **peerless**, *a.* Without an equal.
- peer** (2) [?], *v.i.* To peep, to pry (at, etc.); to appear, come into sight.
- peevis** (pē'vish) [?], *a.* Pretful, petulant; expressing discontent.
- peg** (peg) [M.E. *pegge*], *n.* A pin or bolt for holding parts of a structure or fastening articles together, hanging things on, marking, etc.; a step, degree; an occasion, pretext, or topic for discourse, etc. *v.t.* To fix or fasten with a peg.
- peignoir** (pā'nwar) [F.], *n.* A loose robe worn by women during the toilet.
- Pekinese** (pē-kin-ēz'), *a.* Of or pertaining to Peking, cap. of China. *n.* A small rough-coated Chinese dog.
- pekoe** (pek'ō) [Chin. *pek*, white, *ho*, down], *n.* A fine black tea.
- pelagian**, **pelagic** (pē-lā'j'ik) [Gr. *pelagos*, sea], *a.* Inhabiting the deep sea. *n.* A pelagian animal.
- pelargonium** (pel-ār-gō'ni-um) [Gr. *pelargos*, stork], *n.* A genus of ornamental plants, the geraniums.
- pelf** (pelf) [?], *n.* Money, wealth (in contempt).
- pelican** (pel'i-kán) [Gr. *pelekan*], *n.* A large fish-eating water-fowl with an enormous pouch beneath the mandibles for storing fish when caught.
- pelisse** (pē-lēs') [L. *pellicius*, of skin], *n.* A woman's long cloak; an outer garment for children.
- pellet** (pel'et) [L. *pila*, ball], *n.* A little ball, esp. of something easily moulded; a small pill; a small shot.
- pell-mell** (pel-mel) [F. *pêle-mêle*], *adv.* In a confused manner, anyhow. *a.* Disorderly, promiscuous.
- pellucid** (pē-lū'sid) [L. *pellucidus* (lūcere, to shine)], *a.* Limpid, transparent; clear in thought or style.
- pelt** (1) (pelt) [O.F. *pēl*, skin], *n.* A hide with the hair on, esp. of a sheep or goat; undressed fur; a raw skin. **peltry**, *n.* Furs in general.
- pelt** (2) [?], *v.t.* To assail by throwing missiles. *v.i.* To throw missiles; to keep on throwing, firing, etc. (at); to beat heavily (of rain).
- pelvis** (pel'vis) [L., basin], *n.* The lower portion of the great abdominal cavity; its bony walls.
- pemmican** (pem'i-kán) [Cree *pimikan*], *n.* Dried meat pounded, mixed with melted fat and pressed into cakes.
- pen** (1) (pen) [A.-S.], *n.* A small enclosure for cattle, poultry, etc. *v.t.* To enclose, confine.
- pen** (2) [O.F. *penne*, L. *penna*, feather], *n.* A quill; an instrument for writing with ink; style of writing. *v.t.* To write, to compose and write. **penmanship**, *n.* The art of writing; style of writing. **pen-name**, *n.* A literary pseudonym.
- penal** (pē'nál) [L. *pœna*, penalty], *a.* Pertaining to punishment; punishable, esp. by law. **penalize**, *v.t.* To make or declare penal; (*Sport*) to subject to a penalty or handicap; (*fig.*) to put under an unfair disadvantage.
- penalty** (pen'ál-ti) [as prec.], *n.* Legal punishment; a sum to be forfeited for non-performance or breach of conditions; a fine, a forfeit; (*Sport*) a handicap.
- penance** (pen'áns) [as PENITENCE], *n.* Sorrow for sin evinced by voluntary suffering; an act of self-mortification undertaken as a satisfaction for sin, esp. one imposed by a priest.
- Penates** (pē-ná'tēz) [L.], *n.pl.* The Roman household gods.
- penchant** (pan-shan') [F.], *n.* A strong inclination or liking; a bias.
- pencil** (pen'sil) [O.F. *pincel*, L. *pēniculus*, brush], *n.* A small brush used by painters; a slip of graphite, crayon, etc., usu. enclosed in a casing of wood; (*Opt.*) a system of rays diverging from or converging to a point. *v.t.* To paint, draw, write, or mark with a pencil.
- pendant** (pen'dánt) [F.], *n.* Anything hanging down or suspended, an earring, a locket, a tassel, etc.; a hanging chandelier, etc.; a tapering flag or pennant; a companion-piece, counterpart.
- pendent**, *a.* Hanging; overhanging; (*fig.*) pending. **pending**, *a.* Depending, awaiting settlement, undecided. *prep.* During.
- pendulous** (pen'dū-lūs) [L. *pendulus*, hanging], *a.* Hanging, suspended; swinging.
- pendulum** (pen'dū-lum) [L., as prec.], *n.* A body suspended from a fixed point and oscillating freely by the force of gravity.
- penetrate** (pen'ē-trät) [L. *penetrāre*], *v.t.* To enter, to pierce; to permeate; to imbue (with); to affect the feelings of; (*fig.*) to discern by the intellect. *v.i.*

To make way, to pass (into, etc.). **penetrable**, *a.* **penetrating**, *a.* Piercing; subtle, discerning. **penetration**, *n.*

**penguin** (pen'gwin) [?], *n.* A swimming bird of the southern hemisphere, with rudimentary wings and scale-like feathers.

**peninsula** (pé-nin'sū-lá) [L. *pæne*, almost, *insula*, island], *n.* A piece of land almost surrounded by water. **peninsular**, *a.* Pertaining to a peninsula.

**penitent** (pen'i-tént) [O.F., from L., rel. to *punire*, to punish], *a.* Contrite, sorry. *n.* One who is penitent; one submitting to penance under a confessor. **penitence**, *n.* **peniten'tial**, *a.* **pen'itently**, *adv.* **peniten'tiary**, *a.* Penitential; pertaining to the reformatory treatment of criminals. *n.* A reformatory prison, a house of correction.

**pennant** (pen'ánt) [conf. of PENNON and PENDANT], *n.* A pennon; a long narrow streamer borne at a mast-head, a pendant.

**penniless** (pen'i-lés) [PENNY, -LESS], *a.* Without money; destitute.

**pennon** (pen'ón) [O.F. *penon*], *n.* A small pointed or swallow-tailed flag, formerly borne as the ensign of a regiment of lancers; a long streamer carried by a ship.

**penny** (pen'i) [A.-S. *pening*], *n.* (*pl.* **pennies**, denoting coins; **pence**, denoting amount) A bronze coin, the 12th part of a shilling; (*Bibl.*) a denarius.

**pennyweight**, *n.* Twenty-four grains or one-twentieth of an ounce troy. **penny-wise**, *a.* Saving small sums at the risk of larger ones.

**pensile** (pen'sil, -sil) [L. *pensus*, hanged], *a.* Hanging, pendulous.

**pension** (pen'shún) [L. *pensio*, payment], *n.* A periodical allowance for past services, to secure services when required, or to literary men, scientists, etc., to enable them to carry on their work; (*pan-syon*) a boarding-house or boarding-school, esp. on the Continent. *v.t.* To grant or pay a pension to. **pensionary**, *a.* and *n.* **pensioner**, *n.*

**pensive** (pen'siv) [L. *pensif*, from *penser*, to think], *a.* Thoughtful; serious, anxious; expressing sad thoughtfulness.

**pent** (pent) [PEN (1)], *a.* Penned in, confined.

**pent-, penta-** [Gr. *pente*, five], *comb. form.*

**pentagon** (pen'tá-gón) [PENTA-, Gr. *gōnia*, angle], *n.* A plane figure having five sides and five angles. **pentag'onal**, *a.*

**pentahe'dron** [Gr. *hedra*, base], *n.* A figure having five sides, esp. equal sides. **pentahedral**, *a.* **pentam'eter** [PENTA-, METRE], *n.* A verse of five feet; the iambic verse of ten syllables.

**Pentateuch** (pen'tá-tūk) [PENTA-, Gr. *teuchos*, book], *n.* The first five books of the Old Testament, usu. ascribed to Moses.

**Pentecost** (pen'té-kost) [Gr. *pentēkostē*, fiftieth (day)], *n.* A solemn Jewish festival held on the fiftieth day from the second day of the Passover; \*Whitsunday.

**penthouse** (pent'hous) [M.E. *pentice*], *n.* A roof or shed standing aslope against a building.

**penult** (pé-núlt) [L. *pæne*, almost, *ultimus*, last], *n.* The last syllable but one of a word. **penultimate**, *a.* and *n.*

**penumbra** (pé-núm'brá) [L. *pæne*, almost, *umbra*, shadow], *n.* The partly shaded zone around the total shadow caused by an opaque body intercepting light.

**penury** (pen'ū-ri) [L. *pénuria*], *n.* Extreme poverty, destitution. **penur'ious**, *a.* Niggardly, stingy; scanty.

**peon** (pé'ón) [Sp., from L. *pedo*, -dōnis, foot-soldier], *n.* (*India*) A native constable; (*Mexico*) a labourer.

**peony** (pé'ō-ni) [A.-S. *peonie*, Gr. *Paion*, god of healing], *n.* A plant with large globular terminal flowers.

**people** (pēpl) [L. *populus*], *n.* The persons composing a nation, community, or race; (*pl. peoples*) any body of persons; persons generally; one's family or tribe; retinue, workpeople, etc. *v.t.* To stock with inhabitants, to populate; to inhabit. **the people**: The populace, as dist. from the higher orders.

**pepper** (pép'er) [A.-S. *pipor*, of Oriental orig.], *n.* A pungent aromatic condiment made from the dried berries of the pepper-plant; applied also to plants of the genus *Capsicum*. *v.t.* To season with pepper; to besprinkle; (*fig.*) to season with pungent remarks; to pelt, to beat severely.

**pepper-and-salt**, *n.* A cloth of black and white having a speckled appearance.

**pepper-corn**, *n.* The dried berry of the pepper-tree, esp. as a nominal rent.

**peppermint**, *n.* A pungent aromatic herb; an essential oil distilled from this; a lozenge flavoured with it. **peppery**, *a.*

Having the qualities of pepper; (*fig.*) choleric, hot-tempered.

**pepsin** (pép'sin) [Gr. *pepsis*, digestion], *n.* A ferment in gastric juice, the chief agent in digestion. **peptic**, *a.* Promoting or pertaining to digestion; having good digestive powers.

**per** (pēr) [L.], *prep.* By; through, by means of. **per annum**: Yearly; by the year. **per cent.**: By the hundred.

**per-** [prec.], *pref.* Through, completely; very, exceedingly, to the extreme.

**peradventure** (pēr-ád-ven'tūr) [O.F. *par aventure*], *adv.* Perhaps, perchance.

**perambulate** (pēr-ám'bū-lāt) [PER-, L. *ambulare*, to walk], *v.t.* To walk over or through; to survey. **perambula'tion**, *n.* **peram'bulator**, *n.* A child's carriage propelled from behind.

**perceive** (pēr-sév') [O.F. *perceivre*], *v.t.* To apprehend, discern, understand; to have cognizance of by the senses. **perceivable**, *a.*

**percentage** (pēr-sen'táj) [PER, CENT, -AGE], *n.* Rate or proportion for each hundred.

**percept** (pēr'sept) [L. *percipere*, as PERCEIVE], *n.* That which is perceived, the mental product of perception. **percep'tible**, *a.* That may be perceived by



the senses or intellect. **perceptibility**, *n.* **perceptibly**, *adv.* **percep'tion**, *n.* Act, process, or faculty of perceiving; intuitive apprehension, insight. **perceptive**, *a.* Having the faculty of perceiving.

**perch** (1) (pěrch) [L. *perca*], *n.* A striped spiny-finned freshwater fish.

**perch** (2) [L. *pertica*, pole], *n.* A bar, twig, etc., used as a roost by birds; an elevated position; a land measure of 5½ yards. *v.i.* To alight or rest on or as on a perch. *v.t.* To place on a perch.

**perchance** (pěr-chans') [O.F. *par chance*], *adv.* Perhaps, by chance.

**percipient** (pěr-sip'i-ěnt) [L. *percipiens*, perceiving], *a.* Perceiving, apprehending, conscious.

**percolate** (pěr'kô-lăt) [L. *percolāre* (PER-, cōlum, strainer)], *v.i.* To pass through small interstices, to filter (through). *v.t.* To ooze through. **percola'tion**, *n.* **per'colator**, *n.* One who or that which strains or filters.

**percuss** (pěr-kūs') [L. *percussus*, p.p. of *percutere*], *v.t.* To strike quickly or tap forcibly, esp. to test or diagnose.

**percussion** (pěr-küş'ŏn) [as prec.], *n.* Collision; the shock or sound of collision.

**perdition** (pěr-dish'ŭn) [L. *perdere*, to destroy], *n.* Utter destruction, esp. in a future state; damnation.

**perdu** (pěr'dū) [F., lost, as prec.], *a.* (*fem. perdue*) Hidden, concealed; in ambush.

**perdurable** (pěr-dūr'ăbl) [PER-, DURABLE], *a.* Very lasting, or durable; permanent.

**peregrination** (per-ě-gri-nă'shŭn) [L. *peregrinus*, foreign], *n.* A travelling about; a sojourning in foreign countries. **peregrine**, *a.* Migratory, travelling abroad. *n.* A peregrine falcon, a widely distributed species used for hawking.

**peremptory** (per'emp-tôr-i) [L. *peremptorius*, destructive], *a.* Precluding question; absolute, decisive; imperious, dogmatic, dictatorial; determinate. **peremptorily**, *adv.*

**perennial** (pě-ren'i-ăl) [PER-, L. *annus*, year], *a.* Lasting throughout the year; lasting long, never ceasing; (of plants) living for more than two years. *n.* A perennial plant.

**perfect** (pěr'fěkt) [L. *perfectus*], *a.* Complete in all its parts, qualities, etc., without defect; thoroughly versed, trained, skilled, etc.; of the best and most complete kind; entire, unqualified; (*Gram.*) expressing action completed. *v.t.* To finish or complete, to bring to perfection. **perfectible**, *a.* **perfec'tion**, *n.* Act of making or state of being perfect; supreme excellence; complete development; the highest degree, the extreme (of). **per'fectly**, *adv.*

**perfervid** (pěr-fěr'vid) [PER-, FERVID], *a.* Very fervid.

**perfidy** (pěr'fi-di) [L. *perfidus*, treacherous], *n.* Violation of faith, allegiance, or confidence. **perfid'ious**, *a.* Treacherous, faithless. **perfidiousness**, *n.*

**perforate** (pěr'fô-răt) [L. *perforātus*, bored

through (PER-, *forāre*, to bore)], *v.t.* To pierce; to make a hole through by boring. *v.i.* To penetrate (into or through). **perfora'tion**, *n.* **per'forator**, *n.*

**perforce** (pěr-fôrs') [O.F. *par force*, by force], *adv.* Of necessity; compulsorily.

**perform** (pěr-fôrm') [PER-, F. *former*, to form], *v.t.* To execute, accomplish; to fulfil; to represent, as on the stage; to render (music, etc.). *v.i.* To act a part; to play an instrument, etc. **performance**, *n.* **performer**, *n.*

**perfume** (pěr-fŭm') [PER-, L. *fŭmāre*, to smoke], *v.t.* To fill with a scent. *n.* (pěr'fŭm) A substance emitting a sweet odour; fragrance, scent; fumes of something burning. **perfu'mer**, *n.* **per-fumery**, *n.*

**perfunctory** (pěr-fŭnk'tô-ri) [PER-, L. *funcus*, performed], *a.* Done in a half-hearted manner; careless, superficial. **perfunctorily**, *adv.*

**pergola** (pěr'gô-lă) [It., from L. *pergula*, projecting roof], *n.* A covered walk with climbing plants trained over posts, etc.

**perhaps** (pěr-hăps') [PER, HAP], *adv.* It may be, by chance, possibly.

**peri** (pěr'i) [Pers. *pari*], *n.* A descendant of fallen angels, excluded from paradise till some penance is accomplished; a beautiful being, a fairy.

**peri-** [Gr., around, about], *pref.* **perianth** (pěr'i-ănth) [Gr. *anthos*, flower], *n.* A floral envelope. **pericar'dium** [Gr. *kardia*, heart], *n.* The membrane enveloping the heart.

**per'icarp** [Gr. *karpos*, fruit], *n.* The seed-vessel or wall of the developed ovary of a plant. **pericra'nium**, *n.* The membrane investing the skull.

**peridot** (pěr'i-dot) [F.], *n.* A yellowish-green chrysolite; olivine.

**perigee** (pěr'i-jě) [PERI-, Gr. *gē*, earth], *n.* The point in the orbit of the moon or of a planet nearest the earth.

**perihelion** (per-i-hě'li-ŏn) [PERI-, Gr. *hēlion*, sun], *n.* The part of the orbit of a planet, comet, etc., nearest the sun.

**peril** (pěr'il) [O.F. *pēril*, L. *periculum*], *n.* Danger, risk; exposure to injury or loss.

*v.t.* To risk, to endanger. **perilous**, *a.* **perilously**, *adv.*

**perimeter** (pěr-rim'ě-tēr) [PERI-, -METER], *n.* The bounding line of a plane figure; its length; circumference.

**period** (pěr'i-ŏd) [PERI-, Gr. *hodos*, way], *n.* A portion of time marked off by some recurring event, esp. an astronomical phenomenon, as the revolution of a planet round the sun; any specified or indefinite portion of time, an age, era, cycle; length of duration; a complete sentence; a full stop (.); an end, a limit. **period'ic**, *a.* **period'ical**, *a.* Appearing at regular intervals. *n.* A magazine or other publication published at regular intervals.

**periodicity**, *n.*

**peripatetic** (per-i-pă-tet'ik) [PERI-, Gr. *patein*, to walk], *a.* Walking about, itinerant; pertaining to the philosophy of Aristotle (who walked about whilst

teaching). *n.* One who walks about; a follower of Aristotle.

**periphery** (pê-rif'ê-ri) [PERI-, Gr. *pherein*, to bear], *n.* The outer surface; the perimeter or circumference.

**periphrasis** (pê-rif'ra-sis) [PERI-, Gr. *phraîn*, a speech], *n.* Roundabout speaking or expression, circumlocution. **periphrastic** (-frâs'tik), *a.* Circumlocutory.

**periscope** (per'i-skôp) [PERI-, -SCOPE], *n.* An apparatus enabling persons inside a submarine, trench, etc., to look about above the surface.

**perish** (per'ish) [O.F. (PER-, L. *ire*, to go)], *v.i.* To be destroyed, to come to naught; to decay; to lose life or vitality; to be lost eternally. **perishable**, *a.* Subject to rapid decay. *n.pl.* Food-stuffs, etc., liable to rapid deterioration. **perishability**, *n.*

**peristyle** (per'i-stil) [PERI-, Gr. *stulos*, pillar], *n.* (*Arch.*) A row of columns about a building, court, etc.; a court, etc., with a colonnade around it.

**peritoneum** (per'i-tô-nê-um) [PERI-, Gr. *thraîn*, to stretch], *n.* A serous membrane lining the abdominal cavity and enveloping all the abdominal viscera. **peritonitis**, *n.* Inflammation of the peritoneum.

**periwig** (per'i-wig) [PERUKE], *n.* A peruke, wig.

**periwinkle** (1) (per'i-winkl) [A.-S. *pine-wincle*, *wine-wincle*], *n.* A small univalve mollusc.

**periwinkle** (2) [A.-S. *perwince*, L. *pervinca*], *n.* A trailing shrub with blue or white flowers.

**perjure** (pêr'jûr) [PER-, L. *jûrâre*, to swear], *v.t.* To forswear (oneself). **perjured**, *a.* Forsworn. **perjurer**, *n.* **perjury**, *n.* Act of swearing falsely, the violating of an oath.

**perk** (pêrk) [?], *v.t.* To make smart or trim; to hold or prick up; to thrust (oneself) forward. *v.i.* To bear oneself saucily or jauntily. *a.* Pert, brisk. **perky**, *a.* **perkily**, *adv.*

**permanent** (pêr'mâ-nênt) [PER-, L. *manens*, remaining], *a.* Lasting, remaining, or intended to remain in the same state, etc. **permanence**, *n.* **permanently**, *adv.*

**permeate** (pêr'mê-ât) [PER-, L. *meâtus*, passed], *v.t.* To pass through the pores or interstices of; to pervade, saturate. *v.i.* To be diffused (in, through, etc.). **permeable**, *a.* Yielding passage to fluids; penetrable. **permeability**, *n.* **permeation**, *n.* **permeative**, *a.*

**permit** (pêr-mit') [PER-, L. *mittere*, to send], *v.t.* To allow by consent; to give permission, to authorize. *v.i.* To allow, admit (of). *n.* (pêr'mit) A permission or warrant, a written authority. **permis-sible**, *a.* **permission** (-mish'un), *n.* The act of permitting; leave or licence given. **permissive**, *a.* Permitting, allowing; granting liberty.

**permutation** (pêr-mû-tâ-shùn) [PER-, L. *mutâre*, to change], *n.* (*Math.*) Change of

the order of a series of quantities; each of the different arrangements, as regards order, that can be made in this; transmutation.

**pernicious** (pêr-nish'ús) [PER-, L. *nex necis*, death], *a.* Destructive, deadly, noxious.

**pernickety** (pêr-nik'ê-ti) [Sc.], *a.* Fastidious, over-particular; awkward to handle, ticklish.

**perorate** (pêr'ô-rât) [PER-, L. *orâre*, to speak], *v.i.* To deliver an oration. *v.t.* To declaim. **peroration**, *n.* The concluding part or winding up of an oration.

**peroxide** (pêr-ok'sid) [PER-, OXIDE], *n.* The oxide of a given base that contains the greatest quantity of oxygen. **peroxidize**, *v.t.* and *i.*

**perpend** (pêr-pend') [PER-, L. *pendere*, to weigh], *v.t.* To consider carefully. *v.i.* To take thought.

**perpendicular** (pêr-pên-dik'û-lâr) [L. *perpendiculum*, a plummet, as prec.], *a.* At right angles to the plane of the horizon; upright, vertical; extremely steep (of a hill, etc.); (*Geom.*) at right angles to a given line or surface; applied to the style of pointed architecture in England succeeding the Decorated. *n.* A perpendicular line; perpendicular attitude or condition; an instrument for determining the vertical.

**perpetrate** (pêr'pê-trât) [PER-, L. *patrâre*, to effect], *v.t.* To perform, commit; to be guilty of. **perpetration**, *n.* **perpetrator**, *n.*

**perpetual** (pêr-pet'û-âl) [L. *perpetuus*], *a.* Eternal; always continuing, persistent. **perpetually**, *adv.* **perpetuate**, *v.t.* To make perpetual; to preserve from oblivion. **perpetuation**, *n.* **perpetuity**, *n.* The number of years' purchase to be given for an annuity; endless duration.

**perplex** (pêr-pleks') [PER-, L. *plexus*, plaited], *v.t.* To puzzle, bewilder, make anxious; to confuse, to make difficult to understand; to entangle. **perplexity**, *n.*

**perquisite** (pêr'kwi-zit) [L. *perquisitum*], *n.* Emolument over and above regular wages; anything to which one has a prescriptive right after it has served its purpose; a tip.

**perry** (per'i) [O.F. *peré*, from *peire*, pear], *n.* A fermented liquor made from pears.

**persecute** (pêr'sê-kût) [PER-, L. *secûtus*, followed], *v.t.* To pursue in a hostile or malicious way; to afflict with suffering or loss of life, esp. for adherence to a creed; to harass, to importune. **persecution**, *n.* **persecutor**, *n.*

**persevere** (pêr-sê-vêr') [PER-, L. *severus*, severe], *v.i.* To persist in any undertaking or course. **perseverance**, *n.* Persistence in any design or undertaking; sedulous endeavour. **perseveringly**, *adv.*

**Persian** (pêr'shân), *a.* Pertaining to Persia, its inhabitants, or language. *n.* A native of Persia; the Persian language; a Persian cat; a kind of thin silk.

**persiflage** (pâr-si-flazh') [F.], *n.* Banter, railery; frivolous treatment of any subject.



**persist** (pér-sist') [PER-, L. *sistere*, causal of *stāre*, to stand], *v.i.* To continue steadfast in the pursuit of any design; to remain, to endure. **persistence**, -ency, *n.* **persist**, *a.*

**person** (pér-són) [O.F. *persone*, L. *persóna*, a mask, a personage], *n.* A human being, an individual; the living human body; one of the three individualities in the Godhead, Father, Son, or Holy Spirit; (*Gram.*) one of the three relations of the subject or object of a verb. **in person**: By oneself; not by deputy. **personable**, *a.* Handsome, attractive. **personage**, *n.* A person of rank, distinction, or importance; a character in a play, etc. **personal**, *a.* (*Law*) appertaining to the person (applied to all property except land); (*Gram.*) denoting one of the three persons. **personality**, *n.* Quality or state of being a person; individual existence; the sum of qualities, etc., that constitute individuality; a personage; (*pl.*) disparaging remarks. **personally**, *adv.* In person; as regards oneself. **personality**, *n.* (*Law*) Personal estate, movable property, as distinguished from real property.

**personate** (pér-só-nāt) [as prec], *v.t.* To assume the character or act the part of; to impersonate. **personation**, *n.*

**personify** (pér-són-i-fī) [PERSON, -FY], *v.t.* To regard or represent (an abstraction) as possessing the attributes of a living being; to embody, to typify, in one's own person. **personification**, *n.*

**personnel** (pér-só-nel') [F.], *n.* The body of persons engaged in some service, esp. a public institution, military or naval enterprise, etc.

**perspective** (pér-spek'tiv) [L. *perspectus*, p.p. of *perspicere* (PER-, *specere*, to look)], *n.* The art of representing solid objects on a plane exactly as they appear to the eye at a particular point; the apparent relation of visible objects; a representation of objects in perspective; a view, vista, prospect. *a.* Pertaining to perspective.

**perspicacious** (pér-spi-kā'shūs) [L. *perspicax*], *a.* Quick-sighted; discerning. **perspicacity** (-kās'i-ti), *n.*

**perspicuous** (pér-spi-kū-ūs) [as prec.], *a.* Free from obscurity or ambiguity, lucid. **perspicuity**, *n.*

**perspire** (pér-spir') [PER-, L. *spirāre*, to breathe], *v.i.* To sweat. *v.t.* To give out through the pores, to sweat. **perspiration**, *n.* **perspiratory**, *a.*

**persuade** (pér-swād') [PER-, L. *suādēre*, to advise], *v.t.* To influence or convince by argument, advice, entreaty, etc.; to induce; to try to influence, etc. **persuadable**, *a.* Capable of being persuaded. **persuasion**, *n.* Act of persuading; power to persuade; a settled conviction; a religious sect. **persuasive**, *a.* Able or tending to persuade. *n.* That which persuades, an inducement. **persuasively**, *adv.*

**pert** (pért) [obs. *apert*], *a.* Sprightly, lively; saucy. **pertly**, *adv.*

**pertain** (pér-tān') [PER-, L. *tenēre*, to hold], *v.i.* To belong (to) as attribute, part, etc.; to relate or have reference (to).

**pertinacious** (pér-ti-nā'shūs) [PER-, TENACIOUS], *a.* Obstinate; stubborn, persistent. **pertinacity** (-nās'i-ti), *n.*

**pertinent** (pér'ti-nént) [as PERTAIN], *a.* Related to the matter in hand; relevant. **pertinence**, -ency, *n.*

**perturb** (pér-tərb') [PER-, L. *turbāre*, to disturb], *v.t.* To disquiet, agitate; to throw into confusion. **perturbation**, *n.*

**perturber**, *n.*

**peruke** (pé-rook') [F. *perruque*], *n.* A periwig.

**peruse** (pé-rooz') [PER-, USE], *v.t.* To read, esp. with attention; to observe or examine carefully. **perusal**, *n.*

**Peruvian** (pé-roo-vi-án), *a.* Pertaining to Peru. *n.* A native of Peru.

**pervade** (pér-vād') [PER-, L. *vādere*, to go], *v.t.* To permeate, saturate; to be diffused throughout. **pervasion**, *n.* **pervasive**, *a.*

**perverse** (pér-věrs') [as foll.], *a.* Wilfully or obstinately wrong; unreasonable, untractable; peevish. **perversity**, *n.*

**pervert** (pér-věrt') [PER-, L. *vertere*, to turn], *v.t.* To turn aside from the proper use; to misapply, misinterpret; to mislead, corrupt. *n.* (pér'vert) One who has forsaken his religion. **perversion**, *n.* **perversive**, *a.* Tending to pervert.

**peseta** (pé-sā'tā) [Sp.], *n.* A Spanish silver coin worth about 9½d.

**pessimism** (pes'i-mizm) [L. *peessimus*, worst], *n.* The habit of taking a gloomy view of things; the doctrine that there is a predominant tendency towards evil. **pessimist**, *n.* and *a.* **pessimistic**, *a.* **pest** (pest) [L. *pestis*, plague], *n.* Anything or anyone extremely hurtful or annoying. **pest-house**, *n.* A hospital for contagious diseases.

**pester** (pes'ter) [?], *v.t.* To bother, worry, annoy.

**pestiferous** (pes-tif'ér-ūs) [PEST, -FEROUS], *a.* Hurtful or noxious in any way; bearing social or moral contagion.

**pestilence** (pes'ti-léns) [as PEST], *n.* Any contagious disease that is epidemic and deadly, the black death. **pestilent**, *a.* **pestilential**, *a.*

**pestle** (pestl) [L. *pestillum*], *n.* An implement used in braying substances in a mortar. *v.* To pound with or use a pestle.

**pet** (pet) [?], *n.* An animal kept as a favourite or companion; a darling, a favourite; a fit of peevishness. *v.t.* To make a pet of; to fondle.

**petal** (pet'al) [Gr. *petalon*, a thin plate (of metal)], *n.* (*Bot.*) One of the divisions of a corolla consisting of several pieces.

**petard** (pè-tard') [F.], *n.* A conical iron case formerly used for blowing open gates, etc.

**petition** (pé-tish'ün) [L. *petitio*, from *petere*, to seek], *n.* An entreaty, request, prayer; a formal written supplication to persons

in authority. *v.t.* To solicit; to address a formal supplication to. **petitionary**, *a.* **petitioner**, *n.*

**petrel** (pet'rél) [F. *pétrel*], *n.* A small sea-bird, with long wings and great power of flight.

**petrify** (pet'ri-fi) [L. *petra*, stone, -FY], *v.t.* To convert into stone; to stupefy, as with fear, etc. *v.i.* To be converted into stone; to become stiffened, callous, etc. **petrification**, *n.* **petrification**, *a.*

**petro-** [Gr. *petra*, stone, rock], *comb. form.*

**petrol** (pet'ról) [PETROLEUM], *n.* A refined form of petroleum used in motor-cars, etc.

**petroleum** (pè-trô'lè-ùm) [PETRO-, L. *oleum*, oil], *n.* An inflammable oily liquid pumped from wells, used for lighting, heating, and the generation of mechanical power.

**petticoat** (pet'i-kôt) [PETTY, COAT], *n.* A loose under-skirt worn by women and young children; (*pl.*) skirts. **petticoat-govern-ment**, *n.* Government by women.

**pettifog** (pet'i-fog) [?], *v.i.* To act (esp. of a lawyer) in a mean, quibbling, or shifty way. **pettifogger**, *n.* A petty, second-rate lawyer, one given to sharp practices.

**pettish** (pet'ish) [PET, -ISH], *a.* Peevish, fretful; inclined to ill-temper. **pettishly**, *adv.*

**pettitoes** (pet'i-tôz) [?], *n. pl.* The feet of a pig as food, pig's trotters.

**petty** (pet'i) [F. *petit*], *a.* Trifling, insignificant; inferior, subordinate, on a small scale; mean. **petty officer**: A naval non-commissioned officer. **pettily**, *adv.*

**petulant** (pet'ü-lánt) [L. *petulans*], *a.* Given to fits of ill-temper; irritable. **petulance**, -lancy, *n.*

**pew** (pü) [O.F. *puie*, a platform], *n.* A box-like enclosed seat in a church; a long bench with a back, for worshippers.

**pewit** (pé'wit) [imit.], *n.* The lapwing; its cry.

**pewter** (pü'tér) [O.F. *peutre*], *n.* An alloy usually of tin and lead; vessels, esp. tankards made of this. *a.* Made of pewter. **pewterer**, *n.*

**phaeton** (fä'tòn) [Gr. *Phaethon*, who drove the chariot of the sun for one day], *n.* A light four-wheeled open carriage.

**phalanx** (fāl'ángx) [Gr. *phalanx*, -angos], *n. (pl. -xes, Anat. -ges, -jéz)* The close order in which the Greek army was drawn up; any compact body of troops or close organization of persons; (*Anat.*, also **phalange**) each of the small bones of the fingers and toes. **phalan'geal**, -gian, **phalan'giform**, *a.*

**phantasm** (fän'täzm) [Gr. *phantasma*, from *phantazein*, to display], *n.* A phantom; an optical illusion; a deception, a fantasy. **phantasmal**, -mic, *a.*

**phantasmagoria** (fän'täzm-mä-gör'i-ä) [PHANTASM, Gr. *agora*, assembly], *n.* An exhibition of optical illusions produced by a magic-lantern; (*fig.*) a series of phantasms, illusions appearing as in nightmare, frenzy, etc. **phantasmagorical**, -goric (-gor'ik).

**phantom** (fän'tóm) [O.F. *fantosme*, as PHANTASM], *n.* An apparition, a ghost, spectre; an imaginary appearance; an empty show.

**Pharisee** (fär'i-sē) [Heb. *pārūsh*, separated], *n.* One of an ancient exclusive Jewish sect who rigidly observed rites and ceremonies; (*fig.*) a self-righteous person, an unctuous hypocrite. **pharisa'ic**, -al, *a.* **phar'isaism**, *n.*

**pharmaceutical** (far-mä-sü'ti-kál) [as foll.], *a.* Pertaining to or engaged in pharmacy. **pharmaceutics**, *n.* Pharmacy. **phar'macist**, *n.*

**pharmaco-** [Gr. *pharmakon*, drug], *comb. form.* Pertaining to chemistry or to drugs.

**pharmacology** (far-mä-kol'ô-jì) [-LOGY], *n.* The science of drugs and medicines.

**pharmacol'ogist**, *n.* **pharmacopoe'ia** [Gr. *poiein*, to make], *n.* An official publication containing a list of drugs, formulas, doses, etc.

**pharmacy** (far'mä-si) [Gr. *pharmakeia*, as prec.], *n.* Art or practice of preparing, compounding, and dispensing drugs, for medicinal purposes; a chemist's shop; a dispensary.

**pharynx** (fär'inks) [Gr. *pharunx*], *n. (pl. -ringes, fär-rin'jéz)* The canal opening from the mouth into the oesophagus and communicating with the nose. **pharyn-gal** (fä-ring'gäl), **pharyngeal** (-rin'jè-äl), *a.* **pharyngitis** (-jì'tis), *n.* Inflammation of the pharynx.

**phase** (fäz) \***phasis** [Gr. *phasis*], *n. (pl. -ses)* A particular aspect or appearance; a stage of development; (*Astron.*) a particular aspect of the illuminated surface of the moon or a planet.

**pheasant** (fèz'ánt) [Gr. *Phasianos*, of the *Phasis*, a river of Colchis], *n.* A game bird noted for its brilliant plumage and delicate flesh. **pheasantry**, *n.* A place for rearing pheasants.

**phenomenon** (fè-nom'é-nón) [Gr. *phainomenon*, from *phainein*, to show], *n. (pl. -ena)* That which appears or is perceived by observation or experiment; an unusual appearance; (*Phil.*) that which is apprehended by the mind, as distinguished from real existence. **phenomenal**, *a.* Pertaining to phenomena, esp. as dist. from underlying realities or causes; of the nature of a phenomenon; (*colloq.*) extraordinary, prodigious.

**phial** (fi'ál) [Gr. *phialē*], *n.* A small glass bottle, esp. for medicine.

**phil-** [PHILO-], *comb. form.*

**philander** (fi-lán'dér) [PHIL-, Gr. *anēr andros*, man], *v.i.* To make love in a trifling way; to flirt (with). **philanderer**, *n.*

**philanthropy** (fi-lán'thró-pi) [PHIL-, Gr. *anthrōpos*, man], *n.* Love of mankind; active benevolence. **philanthrop'ic**, *a.* **philanthropist**, *n.* **philanthropism**, *n.*

**philately** (fi-lät'é-li) [F. *philatélie* (PHIL-, Gr. *ateleia*, freedom from toll, from *a-*, not, *telos*, toll, *tax*)], *n.* The collecting of postage stamps. **philatel'ic**, *a.* **philat'elist**, *n.*



**-phile** [Gr. *philos*, loving, dear], *suf.* A lover or friend of; as in *bibliophile*, *Germanophile*.

**philharmonic** (fíl-hár-mon'ík) [*PHIL-*, *HARMONIC*], *a.* Loving music. *n.* One fond of music.

**philippic** (fí-líp'ík) [Gr.], *n.* A declamation full of acrimonious invective (after the three orations of Demosthenes against Philip of Macedon).

**Philistine** (fíl'is-tín, -tín), *n.* One of an ancient race in S. Palestine; (*fig.*) a person of narrow or materialistic views or ideas; one deficient in liberal culture.

**philo-** [Gr. *philos*, loving], *comb. form.* Fond of, affecting; inhabiting.

**philology** (fí-lol'ó-jí) [*PHILO-*, Gr. *logos*, word, discourse], *n.* The science of language. **philologist**, *n.* **philolog'ical**, *a.*

**philosopher** (fí-lós'ó-fér) [*PHILO-*, Gr. *sophos*, wise], *n.* A lover of wisdom; one who studies natural or moral philosophy, investigates the principles of being or of knowledge, or regulates his conduct by the principles of philosophy. **philosoph'ic-al**, *a.* Pertaining or according to philosophy; devoted to or skilled in philosophy; calm, unimpassioned. **philosophize**, *v.t.* and *i.* **philosophy**, *n.* Love of wisdom; the knowledge or investigation of ultimate reality or of general principles of knowledge or existence; calmness and coolness of temper.

**philtre** (fíl'tér) [Gr. *philttron*, from *philein*, to love], *n.* A love-potion. *v.t.* To charm or excite with this.

**phlegm** (flem) [Gr. *phlegma*, -*matos*], *n.* Viscid mucus secreted in the air passages or stomach; (*fig.*) coolness, sluggishness, apathy. **phlegmatic** (fleg-mát'ík), *a.* Of a sluggish disposition; not easily excited.

**phlogiston** (fíó-jis'tón) [Gr. *phlogistos*, burnt up], *n.* The principle of inflammability formerly supposed to be a necessary constituent of combustible bodies.

**phlox** (fíoks) [Gr., flame], *n.* A genus of N. American plants with clusters of showy flowers.

**-phobe** [Gr. *phobos*, fear], *suf.* Fearing; as in *Anglophobe*. **-phobia**, *suf.* Fear, morbid dislike; as in *Anglophobia*, *hydrophobia*.

**phoenix** (fē'níks) [Gr. *phoinix*], *n.* A fabulous Arabian bird, feigned to live for 500 years and to immolate itself on a funeral pyre, whence it rose again in renewed youth; (*fig.*) a person or thing of extreme rarity or excellence.

**phon-, phono-** [Gr. *phōnē*, sound], *comb. form.* Pertaining to sound or sounds.

**phone** (fōn) [short for *TELEPHONE*], *v.t.* and *i.* To telephone. *n.* The telephone.

**-phone** [Gr. *phōnē*, sound, voice], *suf.* As in *dictaphone*, *telephone*.

**phonetic** (fō-net'ík) [Gr. *phōnētikos*, from *phōnēin*, to speak], *a.* Pertaining to the voice; representing sounds, esp. by means of a character for each. *n.pl.* The science of articulate sounds. **pho-**

**netician** (-tish'an), *n.* A student of or one versed in phonetics.

**phono-** [*PHON-*], *comb. form.*

**phonograph** (fō'nó-gráf) [*PHONO-*, -*GRAPH*], *n.* An instrument for recording and reproducing sounds.

**phonography** (fō-nog'rā-fí) [*PHONO-*, -*GRAPHY*], *n.* A system of shorthand invented by Pitman, in which each sound is represented by a distinct character; automatic recording and reproduction of sounds.

**-phone** [Gr. *phoros*, bearing], *suf.* As in *semaphore*. **-phorous**, *suf.* Bearing, -*ferous*.

**phosphate** (fos'fat) [*PHOSPHORUS*, -*ATE*], *n.* A salt of phosphoric acid; (*pl.*) phosphates of calcium, iron, and alumina, etc., used as fertilizers. **phosphide**, *n.* A combination of phosphorus with another element or radical. **phosphite**, *n.* A salt of phosphorous acid.

**phosphoresce** (fos-fó-res') [as *prec.*, -*ESCE*], *v.i.* To give out a light unaccompanied by perceptible heat or without combustion. **phosphorescence**, *n.* The emission of or the property of emitting light under such conditions. **phosphorescent**, *a.*

**phosphorus** (fos'fó-rüs) [L., the morning-star, from Gr. *phōs*, light, -*phoros*, bringing], *n.* A yellowish non-metallic element, luminous in the dark.

**photo-, phot-** [Gr. *phōs* *phōtos*, light], *comb. form.* Pertaining to light or to photography. **photo-chemical** (fō-tó-kem'í-kál), *a.* Of, pertaining to, or produced by the chemical action of light. **photo-engraving**, *n.* Any process for producing printing-blocks by means of photography.

**photograph** (fō'tó-gráf) [*PHOTO-*, -*GRAPH*], *n.* A picture, etc., taken by photography. *v.t.* To take a picture of by photography. *v.i.* To practise photography; to appear in a photograph (well or badly). **photog'raper**, *n.* **photograph'ic**, *a.* **photog'raphy**, *n.* The process of producing pictures of objects by the chemical action of light on certain sensitive substances. **photogravure**, *n.* The process of producing an intaglio plate for printing by the transfer of a photographic negative to the plate and subsequent etching; a picture so produced. *v.t.* To reproduce by this process.

**phrase** (frāz) [Gr. *phrasis*, from *phrazein*, to speak], *n.* An expression denoting a single idea or forming a distinct part of a sentence; style of expression, diction; idiomatic expression; (*Mus.*) a short passage forming part of a melody. *v.t.* To express in words or phrases. **phrase-ology**, *n.* Choice or arrangement of words; diction. **phraseolog'ical**, *a.*

**phrenetic** (frē-net'ík) [Gr. *phrenētikos*, from *phrenētis*, delirium], *a.* Frenzied, frantic, fanatical. *n.* A frenzied person. **phrenic** (fren'ík) [as *fol.*], *a.* Pertaining to the diaphragm.

**phrenology** (frē-nol'ō-jī) [Gr. *phrēn phrenos* diaphragm, mind, -LOGY], *n.* The theory that the mental faculties, etc., are located in distinct parts of the brain denoted by prominences on the skull. **phrenol'ogist, n.**

**phthisis** (thī'sis) [Gr., from *phthiein*, to decay], *n.* A wasting disease, esp. pulmonary consumption. **phthisical, phthisicky, a.**

**phylactery** (fī-lāk'tēr-i) [Gr. *phylaktēr*, a guard], *n.* A charm, or amulet worn as a preservative against disease or danger, esp. one containing passages from the Pentateuch worn by Jews.

**-phyll** [Gr. *phyllon*], *suf.* Leaf; as in *chlorophyll*.

**physi-** [PHYSIO-], *comb. form.*

**physic** (fiz'ik) [Gr. *phusikē*, of nature], *n.* The science or art of healing; the medical profession; medicine, a cathartic; (*pl.*) the sciences dealing with the phenomena of matter, esp. as affected by energy, and the laws governing these, excluding biology and chemistry. *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* **physicked**) To administer physic to, to purge. **physical, a.** Of or pertaining to matter; cognizable by the senses; pertaining to physics; material bodily, as opp. to spiritual; medicinal. **physically, adv.** **physician** (fiz-ish'an), *n.* One versed in the art of healing; a legally qualified practitioner. **physicist, n.** One versed in physics.

**physio-** [Gr. *phusis*, nature], *comb. form.* Pertaining to nature.

**physiognomy** (fiz-i-on'ō-mī) [PHYSIO-, Gr. *gnōmōn*, interpreter], *n.* The art of reading character from features; the face as an index of character; cast of features; aspect, appearance, look (of a situation, event, etc.). **physiognomist** (-og'nō-mist), *n.*

**physiography** (fiz-i-og'rā-fī) [PHYSIO-, -GRAPHY], *n.* The scientific description of the physical features of the earth; physical geography.

**physiology** (fiz-i-ol'ō-jī) [PHYSIO-, -LOGY], *n.* The science of the vital phenomena and the organic functions of animals and plants. **physiolog'ic, -al, a.** **physiol'ogist, n.**

**physique** (fiz-ēk') [F., as *PHYSIC*], *n.* Physical structure or constitution of a person.

**-phyte** [Gr. *phuton*, plant], *suf.* Denoting a vegetable organism; as in *zoophyte*.

**phyto-** [as *prec.*], *comb. form.*

**piano** (1) (pyā'nō) [It., from L.], *adv.* (*Mus.*) Softly. *a.* Played softly.

**piano** (2) (pē-ān'ō), **pianoforte** (pē-ān-ō-fōrt'i) [It., earlier *piano e forte*, L. *plānus et fortis*, soft and strong], *n.* A musical instrument the sounds of which are produced on wire strings by blows given by means of keys. **pianist** (pē-ā-nist), *n.* (*fem. -niste*) A performer on the piano-forte.

**piastre** (pi-ās'tér) [It. *piastre*, plate of metal], *n.* The Spanish dollar worth

about 4s. 2d.; a small Turkish coin, value about 2d. to 6d.

**piazza** (pi-āt'sā) [It., as *PLACE*], *n.* A public square or market-place, esp. in Italian towns; a colonnaded walk.

**pibroch** (pē'broch) [Gael.], *n.* A series of variations, played on a bagpipe.

**pica** (pi'ká) [med. L.], *n.* A size of type, the standard of measurement in printing.

**picador** (pi'á-dör) [Sp.], *n.* In Spanish bull-fights, the horseman who rouses the bull.

**piccalilli** (pi'ká-lil-i) [?], *n.* A pickle of chopped vegetables with pungent spices.

**piccaninny** (pi'ká-nin-i) [W. Ind., from Sp. *pequeño*, small], *n.* A little child, esp. of coloured race.

**piccolo** (pi'kō-lō) [It., small], *n.* A small flute, with the notes one octave higher than the flute.

**pick** (1) (pik) [M.E. *pikken*], *v.t.* To break or pierce with a pointed instrument; to make (a hole) thus; to strike at with something pointed; to remove extraneous matter from (the teeth, etc.) thus; to pluck, gather; to take up with a beak; to eat in little bits; to choose, select carefully; to find an occasion for (a quarrel); to open (a lock) with an implement other than the key; to pluck, *n.* Choice; the best (of). **picklock, n.** An instrument for opening a lock without the key; one who picks locks; a thief. **pickpocket, n.** One who steals from pockets. **picking, n.** (*in pl.*) Gleanings, odds-and-ends; pilferings.

**pick** (2) [PIKE (1)], *n.* A pick-axe. Any implement used for picking.

**pick-a-back** (pi'ká-bāk) [?], *adv.* On the back or shoulders, like a pack.

**pickaxe** (pi'kaks) [O.F. *picois*, rel. to PIKE (1)], *n.* A tool with a long iron head pointed at one end and chisel-edged at the other, fitted in the middle on a wooden shaft, used for breaking ground, etc. *v.* To break up with or to use a pickaxe.

**picket** (pi'két) [F. *piquet*], *n.* A pointed stake forming part of a palisade, for tethering a horse to; a small body of troops as a guard or outpost; a man or men set by a trade union to watch a factory, etc., during labour disputes. *v.t.* To fortify with stakes, to fence in; to tether to a picket; to post as a picket; to set a picket at the gates of (a factory, etc.). *v.i.* To act as a picket.

**pickle** (pikl) [?], *n.* A liquid, as brine, vinegar, etc., for preserving fish, flesh, vegetables, etc.; (*pl.*) vegetables preserved in pickle; an embarrassing position; a troublesome child. *v.t.* To preserve in or treat with pickle.

**picnic** (pi'nik) [?], *n.* An outdoor pleasure-party on which provisions are taken. *v.i.* To go on a picnic.

**picric** (pi'rik) [Gr. *pikros*, bitter], *a.* Applied to an intensely bitter acid used in dyeing and explosives.

**pictorial** (pi'k-tōr'i-ál) [as *fol.*], *a.* Per-



taining to, containing, or illustrated by pictures. **pictorially**, *adv.*

**picture** (pik'chür) [L. *pictūra*, from *pictus*, painted], *n.* A painting, drawing, photograph, engraving, etc.; representing a person, scenery, etc., on a plane surface; a vivid description; a beautiful object or scene. *v.t.* To represent pictorially; to depict vividly; to imagine vividly. **the pictures**: A cinematographical show. **picturesque** (-esk'), *a.* Having those qualities that characterize a good picture; vivid (of language).

**piddock** (pid'ók) [?], *n.* A burrowing bivalve mollusc.

**pie** (1) (pī) [L. *pīca*], *n.* A magpie.

**pie** (2) [?], *n.* A dish of meat, fruit, etc., baked with a paste over.

**piebald** (pi'bawld) [PIE (1), BALD], *a.* Parti-coloured, mottled, usu. black and white (of a horse or other animal).

**piece** (pēs) [O.F. *pece*], *n.* A distinct part, detached portion, fragment (of); a division, a section; a plot (of land); a short artistic composition or performance; a coin; a gun; a man at chess, draughts, etc. *v.t.* To add pieces to, to patch; to join together, reunite. **piece-work**, *n.* Work paid for by the job. **piecemeal**, *adv.* Piece by piece, part at a time; in pieces.

**pied** (pid) [PIE (1)], *a.* Parti-coloured.

**pier** (pēr) [A.-F. *perre*, L. *petra*, stone], *n.* A mass of masonry supporting an arch, bridge, etc.; masonry between windows, etc.; a breakwater, jetty, landing-stage.

**pierce** (pērs) [?], *v.t.* To penetrate or transfix with (or of) a pointed instrument; (*fig.*) to affect deeply. *v.i.* To penetrate (into, through, etc.). **piercer**, *n.* **piercing**, *a.*

**pierrôt** (pē'r-ō) [F.], *n.* (*fem.* -rette, -et') A buffoon dressed in loose white costume and with the face whitened.

**Pietist** (pi'é-tist) [as foll.], *n.* One who makes a display of strong religious feelings; one of a party of revivalists in the Lutheran Church in the 17th cent. **pietism**, *n.* **pietis'tic**, -al, *a.*

**piety** (pi'é-ti) [F. *piété*, L. *pīetas*], *n.* The quality of being pious; reverence towards God.

**pig** (pig) [?], *n.* A swine, a hog, esp. when young; a greedy, filthy, obstinate, or annoying person; an oblong mass of metal as run from the furnace. **pig-headed**, *a.* Stupid; obstinate or perverse. **pig-iron**, *n.* Iron in pigs. **pigsty**, *n.* A pen for pigs; a dirty place, a hovel. **pigtail**, *n.* The tail of a pig; the hair of the head tied in a long queue; tobacco in a long twist. **piggish**, *a.* **piggishly**, *adv.*

**pigeon** (pij'ón) [O.F. *pījon*, from L. *pīper*, to chirp], *n.* A bird of the order *Columbea*, a dove; a gull, a simpleton.

**pigment** (pig'mént) [L. *pigmentum*], *n.* Colouring-matter used as paint or dye.

**pigmen'tal**, **pig'mentary**, *a.* **pigmen'tation**, *n.*

**pike** (1) (pik) [F. *pique*, A.-S. *pīc*], *n.* A narrow, elongated lance-head fixed to a pole; a voracious freshwater fish. **pike-man**, *n.* A soldier armed with a pike.

**pikestaff**, *n.* The wooden shaft of a pike.

**pike** (2) (pik) [TURNPIKE], *n.* A toll-bar; a turnpike road.

**pilaster** (pi-lās'tér) [L. *pīla*, pillar, -ASTER], *n.* A rectangular column forming part of a wall.

**pilchard** (pil'chárd) [?], *n.* A small sea-fish allied to the herring.

**pile** (1) (pīl) [L. *pīla*, pillar], *n.* A mass of things heaped together; a heap of combustibles for burning a dead body; a very large or massive building; a great quantity, a fortune; (*Elec.*) a form of battery. *v.t.* To heap up or together, to accumulate; to load.

**pile** (2) [A.-S. *pīl*, L. *pīlum*, javelin], *n.* A sharp stake; a heavy timber driven into the ground, esp. under water, to form a foundation.

**pile** (3) [L. *pīlus*, hair], *n.* Soft hair, down; the nap of velvet, etc., or of a carpet.

**pile** (4) [L. *pīla*, ball], *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) Hemorrhoids.

**pilfer** (pil'fēr) [O.F. *pelfre*, PELF], *v.t.* To steal in small quantities.

**pilgrim** (pil'grim) [M.E. *pelegrim*, as PEREGRINE], *n.* One who visits some holy place in performance of a vow, etc. *v.i.* To go on a pilgrimage; to wander as a pilgrim. **pilgrimage**, *n.* A pilgrim's journey; (*fig.*) the journey of human life.

**pill** (pil) [L. *pīla*, ball], *n.* A little medicinal ball to be swallowed whole; (*fig.*) something unpleasant which has to be put up with.

**pillage** (pil'áj) [F.], *n.* Act of plundering; plunder, the property of enemies taken in war. *v.t.* To strip of money or goods by open force; to lay waste. *v.t.* To rob, ravage.

**pillar** (pil'ár) [O.F. *pīler*, L. *pīla*], *n.* An upright structure of considerable height to thickness, used for support, ornament, or as a memorial; a column, a post. *v.t.* To support, furnish, or adorn with pillars. **pillar-box**, *n.* A short hollow pillar in which letters are placed for collection.

**pillion** (pil'i-ón) [Celt. or Gael.], *n.* A cushion or seat for a woman to ride on behind a person on horseback or a motorcycle.

**pillory** (pil'ó-ri) [O.F. *pellori*], *n.* A wooden frame furnished with holes through which the head and hands of a person were put to expose him to public derision. *v.t.* To set in the pillory; to hold up to ridicule or execration.

**pillow** (pil'ó) [A.-S. *pyle*, *pylu*], *n.* A cushion filled with feathers or other soft material. *v.t.* To lay on or prop up with a pillow. *v.i.* To rest on a pillow.

**pillow-case**, -slip, *n.* A cover of linen, etc., for drawing over a pillow.

**pilot** (pí'lót) [It. *pilota*], *n.* A steersman; one who conducts ships into or out of harbour or along particular coasts, channels, etc.; one qualified to fly an aeroplane or airship; (*fig.*) a guide, esp. in difficult circumstances. *v.t.* To act as pilot. **pilot-cloth**, *n.* A heavy blue woolen cloth. **pilot-jacket**, *n.* A pea-jacket. **pilotage**, *n.*

**pimento** (pi-men'tō) [Port. *pimenta*], *n.* Allspice; Jamaica pepper; the W. Indian tree producing it.

**pimpernel** (pim'per-nél) [O.F. *pimprenele*], *n.* A small annual plant with scarlet flowers that close in dark or rainy weather.

**pimple** (pimpl) [?], *n.* A small inflamed swelling on the skin. **pimples**, *pl.*

**pin** (pin) [A.-S. *pin*], *n.* A short, slender, pointed piece of metal used for fastening parts of clothing, papers, etc., together; a peg of metal or wood; a hairpin, a ninepin, etc.; (*fig.*) anything of slight value. *v.t.* To fasten with a pin; to transfix; to make fast, to secure; to bind (down) to a promise or obligation. **pin-money**, *n.* An allowance to a wife for private expenses.

**pinafore** (pin'á-för) [PIN, AFORE], *n.* A sleeveless apron worn by children and women to protect the front of the dress.

**pince-nez** (pans-nā) [F.], *n.* A pair of eye-glasses held in place by a spring clipping the nose.

**pincers** (pin'sérz) [M.E. *pynsors* (PINCH)], *n.pl.* A tool for gripping, crushing, extracting nails, etc.; a nipping or grasping organ, as in crustaceans.

**pinch** (pinch) [O.North.F. *pinchier*], *v.t.* To nip or squeeze so as to cause pain; to remove by nipping; (*fig.*) to afflict, esp. with cold, hunger, etc. *v.i.* To nip or squeeze anything; (*fig.*) to be niggardly; to be straitened. *n.* A sharp nip or squeeze, as with the ends of the fingers; as much as can be taken between finger and thumb; (*fig.*) distress, a dilemma, stress. **at a pinch**: In an urgent case; if hard pressed.

**pinchbeck** (pinch'bek) [inventor (d. 1732)], *n.* An alloy of copper, zinc, etc., formerly used for cheap jewellery; (*fig.*) anything spurious.

**Pindaric** (pin-dār'ik), *a.* Pertaining to the style of Pindar, the Greek lyric poet.

**pine** (1) (pín) [A.-S. *pīn*, L. *pinus*], *n.* A coniferous evergreen tree with needle-shaped leaves; timber from various coniferous trees; a pine-apple. **pine-apple**, *n.* The large multiple fruit of the ananas. **pine-needle**, *n.* The needle-shaped leaf of the pine.

**pine** (2) [A.-S. *pīn*, pain], *v.t.* To languish, waste away; to yearn (for, etc.).

**pinion** (1) (pin'yón) [L. *pinna*, feather], *n.* A wing-feather; a wing; the joint of a bird's wing remotest from the body. *v.t.* To cut the wing to prevent flight; to blind (the arms).

**pinion** (2) [L. *pinna*, pinnacle], *n.* The

smaller of two cog-wheels in gear with each other; a cogged spindle.

**pink** (1) (pink) [?], *n.* A plant largely cultivated in gardens; a pale rose colour; (*fig.*) the supreme excellence, the very height (of); a fox-hunter's scarlet coat. *a.* Of the colour of the garden pink, pale red or rose. **pinkish**, *a.* **pinky**, *a.*

**pink** (2) [M.E. *pinken*], *v.t.* To pierce, to stab; to make small round holes in for ornament.

**pinnace** (pin'ás) [F. *pinasse*], *n.* A man-of-war's boat with six or eight oars.

**pinnacle** (pin'ákl) [as PINION (2)], *n.* A tapering turret on the top of a buttress, etc., or terminating an angle or gable; the apex, the culmination (of).

**pint** (pint) [F. *pinte*], *n.* A measure of capacity, the eighth part of a gallon or 34.659 cub. in.

**pioneer** (pí-ô-nēr') [F. *pionnier*, as PAWN (1)], *n.* A soldier who clears and repairs roads, bridges, etc., for troops on the march; one who prepares or clears the way; an early leader. *v.t.* To act as pioneer to; to lead, conduct.

**pious** (pi'ús) [L. *pius*, orig. dutiful], *a.* Reverencing God; devout; dutiful.

**pip** (pip) [?], *n.* A disease in poultry, etc.; the seed of an apple, orange, etc.; a spot on a playing-card, domino, die, etc.

**pipe** (pip) [A.-S.], *n.* A long tube; a musical wind-instrument formed of a tube; a boatswain's whistle; a signal on this; a shrill note of a bird, etc.; a tube with a bowl for smoking tobacco; a large cask for wine (usu. 105 gallons); (*pl.*) a bagpipe. *v.t.* To play on a pipe; to whistle; to utter in a shrill tone; to call or direct by a pipe or whistle; to trim with cord. *v.i.* To play on a pipe; to whistle. **pipe-clay**, *n.* A fine white clay used for making tobacco-pipes, and for cleaning military accoutrements.

**piping** (pi'ping) [PIPE, -ING], *n.* The action of one who pipes; a shrill whistling sound.

**pipit** (pip'it) [imit.], *n.* A lark-like bird.

**pipkin** (pip'kin) [?], *n.* A small earthen pot.

**pippin** (pip'in) [O.F. *pepin*, pip or seed], *n.* A name for several varieties of apples.

**piquant** (pé'kánt) [as foll.], *a.* Having an agreeably sharp taste; stimulating, racy, sparkling. **piquancy**, *n.*

**pique** (pék) [F. *piquer*, to prick], *v.t.* To irritate; to stimulate or excite (curiosity, etc.); to plume or value (oneself on). *n.* Ill-feeling, irritation, resentment.

**piquet** (pi-ke't) [?], *n.* A game of cards for two persons.

**pirate** (pi'rát) [Gr. *peiran*, to attempt], *n.* A robber on the high seas; a piratical ship; (*fig.*) one who infringes the copyright of another. *v.t.* To plunder; to publish (matter belonging to others) without permission or compensation. **pirat'ic**, *-al*, *a.* **pi'racy**, *n.*

**pirouette** (pi-rú-et') [F.], *n.* A rapid whirling round on the point of one foot. *v.i.* To dance or perform a pirouette.



**piscatory** (pis'kà-tòr-i) [L. *piscātor*, fisher], *a.* Pertaining to fishers or fishing.

**piscator'ial**, *a.*

**piscina** (pi-sē'-, -sī'ná) [L. *piscis*, fish], *n.* A perforated stone basin used in the R.C. service to receive water for purifying the chalice, etc.

**pistachio** (pis-ta'shi-ō) [It.], *n.* The nut of a W. Asiatic tree; the flavour of its kernel.

**pistil** (pis'til) [L. *pistillum*, pestle], *n.* The female organ in flowering plants, comprising the ovary.

**pistol** (pis'tól) [F. *pistole*, orig. dagger, from *Pistoja*, where made], *n.* A small fire-arm for use with one hand. *v.t.* To shoot with a pistol.

\***pistole** (pis-tól') [F.], *n.* A 16th- and 17th-cent. Spanish gold coin worth about 18s.

**piston** (pis'tón) [F., from It. *pistone*, as *PESTLE*], *n.* A solid cylinder exactly fitting a tube in which it can move to and fro, used in steam-engines, pumps, musical wind-instruments, etc. **piston-rod**, *n.* A rod attaching a piston to machinery.

**pit** (pit) [A.-S. *pytt*], *n.* A hole in the ground, esp. of considerable depth to width; a hollow scar; the ground floor of the auditorium in a theatre, esp. behind the stalls; a cockpit. *v.t.* To match, to set in competition (against). **the pit**: The grave; hell. **pitfall**, *n.* A pit slightly covered so that animals may fall in; (*fig.*) a hidden danger. **pitman**, *n.* A collier.

**pit-a-pat** (pit'à-pät) [imit.], *n.* A tapping, a flutter, a palpitation. *adv.* With this sound.

**pitch** (1) (pich) [A.-S. *pic*, from L. *pix*], *n.* A dark resinous substance obtained from tar. *v.t.* To coat or smear with pitch.

**pitch-dark**, *a.* As dark as pitch, very dark.

**pitch-pine**, *n.* A highly resinous pine.

**pitch** (2) [M.E. *pichen*], *v.t.* To fix or plant; to throw, to fling; to toss (hay) with a fork; (*Mus.*) to set to a particular keynote. *v.i.* To encamp; to fall head-long; to plunge at the bow or stern, as opp. to rolling. *n.* Height, intensity; point or degree of elevation or depression or slope; station taken up by a person for buying and selling, residence, etc.; (*Cricket*) the place in which the wickets are placed; (*Mus.*) the degree of acuteness or gravity of a tone. **pitched battle**: A battle for which both sides have made deliberate preparations. **pitchfork**, *n.* A large fork with a long handle, for lifting hay, etc. *v.t.* To lift or throw with or as with a pitchfork.

**pitcher** (1) (pich'ér) [PITCH (2), -ER], *n.* One who or that which pitches, esp. the ball in games.

**pitcher** (2) [O.F. *picher*, as *BEAKER*], *n.* A large vessel, usu. of earthenware, for holding and pouring out liquids.

**pitchy** (pich'i) [PITCH (1), -Y], *a.* Of the nature of or like pitch; dark, dismal.

**piteous** (pit'é-üs) [PITY], *a.* Exciting or deserving pity; lamentable, sad, mournful. **piteously**, *adv.*

**pith** (pith) [A.-S. *piþa*], *n.* A spongy substance in the stems and shoots of plants; the spinal cord; (*fig.*) the essence, the main substance; strength, vigour; cogency, point. **pithy**, *a.* Consisting of, like or abounding in pith; (*fig.*) forcible; condensed, sententious. **pithily**, *adv.*

**pitiable** (pit'i-ábl) [PITY, -ABLE], *a.* Deserving or calling for pity. **pitiful**, *a.* Full of pity, compassionate; calling for pity; contemptible. **pitiless**, *a.* Destitute of pity; unfeeling, hard-hearted.

**pittance** (pit'áns) [?], *n.* A dole, an allowance, esp. of a meagre amount.

**pity** (pit'i) [L. *pietas*, as *PIETY*], *n.* Compassion, sympathy; a subject for pity, a cause of regret, an unfortunate fact. *v.t.* To sympathize with, to commiserate.

**pivot** (piv'ót) [F.], *n.* A pin or bearing on which anything turns or oscillates; (*fig.*) that on which an important issue depends. *v.i.* To turn on a pivot; to hinge (upon). **pivotal**, *a.*

**pixy** (pik'si) [?], *n.* A fairy or elf.

**placable** (plá'kábl, plák'ábl) [as *PLACATE*], *a.* That may be appeased; ready to forgive, complacent. **placabil'ity**, *n.* **placably**, *adv.*

**placard** (plák'ard) [O.F.], *n.* A paper posted up in a public place, a poster. *v.t.* To post placards on; to announce by placards.

**placate** (plá-kát') [L. *placātus*, p.p. of *placāre*], *v.t.* To appease, pacify, conciliate.

**place** (plās) [L. *platea* (*platus*, flat)], *n.* A particular portion of space; a spot; a locality; a city, town, etc.; a building; a residence with its surroundings; an open space in a town; a passage in a book; position in a definite order; room for a person; station in life, official position. *v.t.* To put in a particular place; to arrange in proper places; to appoint to a post; to find a situation for; to assign a definite date, position, etc., to, to locate. **place-hunter**, *n.* One seeking an appointment, esp. under Government. **placement**, *n.* One holding such appointment.

**placer** (plá'sér) [Am. Sp., from *plaza*, place], *n.* An alluvial or other deposit containing minerals; any mineral deposits not classed as veins.

**placid** (plās'id) [L. *placidus*, from *placēre*, to please], *a.* Gentle; calm, serene, untroubled. **placid'ity**, *n.* **placidly**, *adv.*

**placket** (plák'ét) [F. *plaquer*, to lay on], *n.* The opening in a petticoat or skirt.

**plagiarize** (plá'ji-á-ríz) [L. *plagiāre*, to kidnap], *v.t.* To appropriate and give out as one's own (writings, inventions, etc.).

**plagiarism**, *n.* **plagiarist**, *n.* **plagiary**, *n.* One who appropriates the writings or ideas of another and passes them off as his own; literary theft, plagiarism.

**plague** (plág) [L. *plāga*, a stroke], *n.* A

calamity; a pestilence. *v.t.* To visit with plague; to afflict with any evil; to tease, to annoy. **plaguy** (plā'gi), *a.* Vexatious, annoying. **plaguily**, *adv.*

**plaiice** (plās) [O.F. *plāis*], *n.* A flat-fish used for food.

**plaid** (plād) [Gael.], *n.* A long rectangular outer garment of woollen cloth, usu. with a checkered pattern, worn by Highlanders. *a.* Like a plaid in pattern.

**plain** (plān) [L. *plānus*, flat], *a.* Clear, evident; free from difficulties; easy to understand; devoid of ornament; uncoloured; not seasoned highly; homely, unaffected; sincere, frank; ugly. *adv.* Plainly. *n.* A tract of level country.

**plain-spoken**, *a.* Speaking or said without reserve. **plainly**, *adv.* **plainness**, *n.*

**plaint** (plānt) [L. *plāntus*, lamentation], *n.* An accusation, a charge; (*poet.*) a lamentation. **plaintiff**, *n.* One who brings a suit against another, a prosecutor.

**plaintive** (plānt'iv) [as prec.], *a.* Expressive of sorrow or grief. **plaintively**, *adv.*

**plait** (plāt) [L. *plicitum*, folded], *n.* A braid of several strands, esp. a braided tress of hair; a flat fold, a doubling over, as of cloth. *v.t.* To braid, to form into plaits; to fold.

**plan** (plān) [var. of PLAIN], *n.* A delineation by projection on a plane surface; a map on a large scale; a scheme; a project; an outline; method of procedure; habitual method, way, custom. *v.t.* To draw a plan of; to design; to scheme, devise.

**plane** (1) (plān) [Gr. *plananos*, from *planus*, broad], *n.* A spreading tree with broad angular leaves palmately lobed.

**plane** (2) [as foll.], *n.* A tool for smoothing boards, etc. *v.t.* To smooth or dress with a plane; to make flat and even.

**plane** (3) [L. *plānus*, flat], *a.* Level, flat, without depressions or elevations; extending in a plane. *n.* A level surface; an even surface extending uniformly in some direction; an aeroplane; one of the supporting surfaces of this; level (of thought, existence, etc.).

**planet** (plān'ēt) [Gr. *planan*, to lead astray, *planasthai*, to wander], *n.* A heavenly body revolving round the sun, or a satellite of one of these. **plan'etary**, *a.* Pertaining to the planets or the planetary system.

**plank** (plānk) [L. *planca*], *n.* A long piece of sawn timber thicker than a board; (*fig.*) a principle of a political programme. *v.t.* To cover with planks.

**plant** (plant) [A.-S. *plante*], *n.* Any vegetable organism; the tools, machinery, fixtures, etc., used in an industrial concern. *v.t.* To set in the ground for growth; to furnish or lay out with plants; to fix firmly; to settle, found, establish; to deliver (a blow, etc.).

**plantain** (1) (plān'tān) [O.F.], *n.* A low perennial weed with broad flat leaves.

**plantain** (2) [Sp. *plantano*, as PLANE (1)], *n.* A tropical American herbaceous tree closely akin to the banana; its fruit.

**plantation** (plān-tā'shūn) [L. *plantatio*, as PLANT], *n.* A quantity of trees, etc., that have been planted; a large estate for the cultivation of sugar, cotton, coffee, rubber, etc.; act of planting. **planter**, *n.* One who owns or works a plantation; a settler in a colony.

**plaque** (plak) [F.], *n.* A plate or tablet, of metal, porcelain, ivory, etc.

**plash** (plash) [A.-S. *plæsc*], *n.* A large puddle; a splash, the sound made by this. *v.t.* To cause (water) to splash; to sprinkle colouring-matter on (walls), in imitation of granite, etc. *v.i.* To dabble in water; to make a splash. **plashy**, *a.* Watery, marked as if with splashes of colour, etc.

**plasma** (plāz'mā) [Gr., from *plassein*, to mould], *n.* The viscous living matter of a cell, protoplasm; the part of the blood in which the red corpuscles float; **plasmatic**, **plas'mic**, *a.* **plasm-**, *comb. form.*

**plaster** (plas'tēr) [A.-S., Gr. *emplassein*, to daub on], *n.* A mixture of lime, sand, etc., for coating walls, etc.; calcined gypsum or sulphate of lime, mixed with water and moulded into ornaments, etc.; an adhesive application of some curative substance. *v.t.* To cover with plaster.

**plaster of Paris**: Gypsum, esp. calcined.

**plastic** (plās'tik) [Gr. *plastikos*, as prec.], *a.* Having the power of giving form; capable of being moulded; pertaining to modelling or moulding; formative, causing growth; pliant, supple. **plastic'ity**, *n.*

**plat** [PLOT], *n.* A small plot or piece of ground; a bed of flowering-plants.

**plate** (plāt) [O.F., flat], *n.* A flat, thin piece of metal; a piece used for engraving; a print taken from this; a sheet of glass or other material coated with a sensitized film for photography; a cast of a page of type, to be used for printing; a small shallow vessel, now usu. of crockery, for eating from; spoons, forks, knives, cups, dishes, etc., of silver or other metal; a shaped piece of metal or vulcanite, etc., to which artificial teeth are fixed for use; a cup or other article of gold or silver offered as a prize. *v.t.* To overlay with plates of metal for defence, ornament, etc.; to coat with a layer of metal; to make an electrotype or stereotype from (type).

**plate-basket**, *n.* A receptacle for spoons, forks, etc. **plate-glass**, *n.* A superior glass used for mirrors, large windows, etc. **plating**, *n.* Act, art, or process of covering articles with a coating of metal; a coating of gold, silver, or other metal.

**plateau** (plā-tō') [F., as prec.], *n.* (*pl.-eaux*) A table-land, an elevated plain.

**platform** (plāt'fōrm) [F. *plat*, flat, *FORM*], *n.* A flat surface raised above the adjoining level; a raised flooring in a hall, etc.; a raised way beside the line at a railway station, etc.; a solid bed on which guns are mounted; a political programme.

**platinum** (plāt'i-nūm) [Sp., dim. of *plata*,



silver], *n.* A heavy ductile and malleable metal of a silver colour. **platinotype**, *n.* A photographic printing process in which a deposit of platinum gives a positive; a print with this.

**platitude** (plăt'i-tūd) [F.], *n.* Flatness, insipidity, triteness; a trite remark. **platinudinous**, *a.*

**Platonic** (plă-ton'ik), *a.* Pertaining to Plato or to his philosophy.

**platoon** (plă-toon') [F. *peloton*], *n.* (Mil.) A subdivision of a company.

**platter** (plăt'er) [PLATE], *n.* A large shallow dish, often of wood.

**platy-** [Gr. *platus*, broad], *comb. form.* Broad, flat. **platypus** (plăt'i-pūs) [Gr. *platypous* (pous foot)], *n.* The ornithorhynchus or duckbill of Australia.

**plaudit** (plaw'dit) [L. *plaudere*, to applaud], *n.* (usu. in *pl.*) Praise, approval. **plauditory**, *a.*

**plausible** (plaw'zibl) [as *prec.*], *a.* Apparently right, specious, using specious arguments. **plausibility**, *n.*

**play** (plă) [A.-S. *plega*], *n.* Action engaged in for amusement; sport, exercise; playing in a game; style of this; style of execution (as on an instrument); gambling; a drama; conduct towards others (fair or unfair). *v.i.* To move about in a lively manner, to dance, shimmer, etc.; to act freely; to have freedom of movement; to perform a regular operation (of instruments, machinery, guns, etc.); to sport; to perform on a musical instrument; to gamble; to act a part (esp. on a stage). *v.t.* To put in action or operation; to engage in (a game); to make use of as implement in a game; to execute (a trick, etc.); to perform on (a musical instrument); to perform (a play) on the stage; to act (a character); to toy or trifle with. **play-bill**, *n.* A bill announcing or giving the cast of a play. **play-day**, *n.* A holiday. **playhouse**, *n.* A theatre. **playwright**, *n.* A dramatist. **player**, *n.* **playful**, *a.* Sportive; humorous, amusing.

**plea** (plē) [A.-F. *plee* (L. *placēre*, to please)], *n.* A pleading, excuse, apology; a defence.

**pleach** (plēch) [M.E. *plechen*, L. *plectere*, to plait], *v.t.* To interlace, intertwine.

**plead** (plēd) [as PLEA], *v.i.* To speak in support of a claim, or in defence against a claim; to argue for or against; to supplicate earnestly; to address a court on behalf of. *v.t.* To maintain by arguments; to allege in argument; to offer in excuse. **pleader**, *n.* One who pleads in a court of law; one who draws up pleas. **pleading**, *n.* Act of making a plea; imploring; a written statement of a party in a suit at law.

**pleasant** (plez'ant) [as *next*], *a.* Agreeable, affording gratification to the mind or senses. **pleasantly**, *adv.* **pleasantness**, *n.* **pleasantry**, *n.* Facetiousness; a joke, an amusing trick.

**please** (plēz) [M.E. *plese*, O.F. *plesir*, L. *placēre*], *v.t.* To afford pleasure to; to

be agreeable to; to satisfy. *v.i.* To afford gratification; to like, think fit, prefer; (*ellipt.*) may it please you. **if you please**: If it is agreeable to you; with your permission.

**pleasure** (plezh'ūr) [as *prec.*], *n.* Gratification of the mind or senses; enjoyment, delight; a source of gratification; choice, desire. *v.t.* To give pleasure to. **pleasure-ground**, *n.* A park or garden for outdoor entertainments. **pleasurable**, *a.* Giving pleasure.

**pleat** (plēt) [PLAIT], *v.t.* To fold or double over, to crease. *n.* A flattened fold, a crease.

**plebeian** (plē-bē'an) [L. *plebs*, the common people], *a.* Pertaining to the common people; vulgar, low. *n.* One of the common people, esp. in ancient Rome.

**plebiscite** (pleb'i-sit) [L., as *prec.*, *scitum*, decree], *n.* A direct vote of the whole body of citizens on a definite question, a referendum.

**pledge** (plej) [O.F. *plege*, from Teut.], *n.* Anything given by way of guarantee for repayment of money borrowed, or the performance of some obligation; a binding engagement. *v.t.* To give as security; to deposit in pawn; to engage solemnly; to drink a health to. **pledgeable**, *a.*

**Pleiad** (plī'ad) [Gr.], *n.* (*pl.* -ades, -ā-dēs) (*pl.*) A cluster of small stars in the constellation Taurus (seven discernible by the naked eye); (*fig., sing.*) a cluster of brilliant persons.

**plenary** (plē'nā-ri) [L. *plēnus*, full], *a.* Full, entire, absolute.

**plenipotentiary** (plen-i-pō-ten'shā-ri) [L. *plēnus*, full, *potens*, being able], *a.* Invested with full powers; absolute. *n.* An ambassador to a foreign court; with full powers.

**plenitude** (plen'i-tūd) [L. *plēnus*, full], *n.* Fullness; completeness, abundance.

**plenty** (plen'ti) [L. *plēnitus*, as *prec.*], *n.* Abundance; an ample supply; fruitfulness. **plenteous**, *a.* **plentiful**, *a.* **plentifulness**, *n.*

**pleonasm** (plē'ō-nāzm) [Gr. *pleonazein*, to abound], *n.* Redundancy of expression. **pleonas'tic**, *a.*

**plesiosaurus** (plē-si-ō-saw'rūs) [Gr. *plēsios*, near, *sauros*, lizard], *n.* An extinct marine reptile with long neck, small head, and four paddles.

**plethora** (pleth'ō-rā) [Gr. *plethorē*, fullness], *n.* Superabundance, esp. of blood. **plethoric** (plē-thor'ik), *a.* Of full habit of body; superabundant.

**pleura** (ploor'ā) [Gr., side], *n.* (*pl.* -ræ) A thin membrane covering the interior of the thorax and investing the lungs. **pleural**, *a.* **pleurisy**, *n.* Inflammation of the pleura, usu. attended with fever.

**plexus** (plek'sūs) [L. *plexus*, plaited], *n.* (*Anat.*) A network of veins, fibres, or nerves; a network, a complication.

**pliable** (plī'abl) [F., from L. *pliacēre*, to bend], *a.* Easily bent; flexible, pliant;

yielding readily to influence or argument.  
**pliability**, *n.* **pliant**, *a.*  
**pliers** (plí'érz) [as **PLIABLE**], *n.pl.* Small pincers for bending wire, etc.  
**plight** (1) (plít) [A.-S. *plihtan*], *v.t.* To pledge, promise, engage (oneself, one's faith, etc.).  
**plight** (2) [A.-F. *plit*, as **PLAIT**], *n.* Condition, state, esp. one of distress or disgrace.  
**plinth** (plínth) [Gr. *plinthos*, brick], *n.* A square member forming the lower division of a column, etc.  
**pliocene** (plí'ó-sén) [Gr. *pleiōn*, more, *kainos*, new], *a.* Applied to the most modern tertiary deposits.  
**plod** (plod) [?], *v.i.* To walk slowly and laboriously; to trudge; (*fig.*) to toil; to study with steady diligence. *v.t.* To make (one's way) thus. **plodder**, *n.*  
**plodding**, *a.*  
**plot** (plot) [?], *n.* A small piece of ground; a plan of a field, estate, etc.; a scheme or stratagem; the plan of the story in a play, novel, etc. *v.t.* To make a map or diagram of; to lay out in plots; to plan, devise, contrive secretly. *v.i.* To form schemes against another; to conspire.  
**plotter**, *n.*  
**plough** (plou) [A.-S. *plōh*], *n.* An implement for furrowing, and turning over the soil; the Great Bear. *v.t.* To turn up (ground) with a plough; to furrow or groove with a plough; to reject at an examination. **ploughman**, *n.* One who ploughs; a rustic. **ploughshare**, *n.* The blade of a plough.  
**plover** (plūv'ér) [O.F. *pluvier*], *n.* A bird, esp. the golden, yellow, or green plover.  
**pluck** (plūk) [A.-S. *pluccian*], *v.t.* To pull off or out, to pick; to twitch; to strip by pulling out feathers; to reject (at an examination). *n.* Act of plucking; a twitch; the heart, lights, and liver of an animal; courage, spirit. **plucky**, *a.* Having pluck, spirit, or courage.  
**plug** (plūg) [Teut.], *n.* Something used to stop a hole or pipe; a peg, bung; a cake of compressed tobacco. *v.t.* To stop with a plug.  
**plum** (plūm) [A.-S. *plūme*, L. *prunum*], *n.* A fleshy fruit containing a stone; a tree bearing it; a raisin as used in cakes, puddings, etc.; (*fig.*) the best part of anything; (*slang*) £100,000, a fortune.  
**plumage** (ploó'máj) [as **PLUME**], *n.* The feathers of a bird.  
**plumb** (plūm) [L. *plumbum*, lead], *n.* A plummet used to test perpendicularity; a vertical position. *a.* Perpendicular, vertical; downright, sheer, perfect; level. *adv.* Vertically; correctly; completely. *v.t.* To adjust by a plumbline; to make vertical; to measure the depth of with a plummet. **plumb-line**, *n.* The cord by which a plummet is suspended for testing perpendicularity; a vertical line.  
**plumb-rule**, *n.* A mason's rule with a plumb-line attached.  
**plumbago** (plūm-bá'gō) [L. *plumbum*,

lead], *n.* A form of carbon, blacklead, graphite.  
**plumber** (plūm'ér) [L. *plumbārius*, as *prec.*], *n.* One who fits and repairs cisterns, pipes, drains, etc. **plumbing**, *n.*  
**plume** (ploom) [L. *plūma*], *n.* A feather, esp. large or conspicuous; a tuft of feathers, or anything resembling this as ornament.  
**plummet** (plūm'ét) [O.F. *plommet*, dim. of *plomb*, lead], *n.* A weight attached to a line used for sounding or testing perpendicularity; a ball of lead for a plumb-line.  
**plump** (1) (plūmp) [Teut.], *a.* Well-rounded, fat, chubby; well-filled (of a purse).  
**plump** (2) [Teut.], *v.i.* To fall suddenly and heavily; (*fig.*) to give all one's votes to one candidate. *v.t.* To fling or drop suddenly and heavily. *n.* A sudden plunge, a heavy fall; the sound of this. *adv.* Suddenly and heavily; (*fig.*) flatly, bluntly. *a.* Downright, plain.  
**plummy** (ploó'mi) [PLUME, -Y], *a.* Covered with feathers; adorned with plumes; feathery.  
**plunder** (plūn'dér) [G.], *v.t.* To pillage, rob, strip; to embezzle. *n.* Forcible or systematic robbery; spoil, booty.  
**plunderer**, *n.*  
**plunge** (plūnj) [O.F. *plunjer*], *v.t.* To force or thrust into water or other fluid; to immerse. *v.i.* To throw oneself, to dive (into); to rush impetuously (into a place, condition, etc.); to gamble recklessly, get heavily into debt. *n.* Act of plunging; a dive; a sudden and violent movement; (*fig.*) a risky step. **plunger**, *n.* One who plunges; a reckless gambler, a part.  
**pluperfect** (plu-pér'fékt) [L. *plūs quam perfectum*, more than perfect], *a.* (*Gram.*) Expressing action or time prior to some other past time.  
**plural** (ploor'ál) [L. from *plūs plūris*, more], *a.* Denoting or consisting of more than one. *n.* The form of a word which expresses more than one. **pluralism**, *n.* The holding of more than one benefice at the same time. **pluralist**, *n.*  
**plus** (plūs) [L., more], *n.* The sign of addition (+); a positive quantity.  
**plush** (plūsh) [F. *pluche*, L. *pilus*, hair], *n.* A cloth with a pile longer than that of velvet.  
**plutocracy** (plū-tok'rá-si) [Gr. *ploutos*, wealth, -CRACY], *n.* The rule of wealth; a ruling class of the rich; the wealthy classes. **plu'tocrat**, *n.* **plutocrat'ic**, *a.*  
**Plutonian** (plū-tō'ni-án) [Gr. *Ploutōn*, god of the infernal regions], *a.* Pertaining to Pluto or the lower regions; infernal, subterranean; (*Geol.*) igneous. **Pluton'ic**, *a.* Plutonian; pertaining to the theory that most geological changes have been caused by igneous agency.  
**pluvial** (ploó'vi-ál) [L. *pluvia*, rain], *a.* Pertaining to rain; rainy. **plu'vious**, *a.*  
**ply** (1) (pli) [F. *pli*, fold, L. *plicare*, to bend],



*n.* A fold, plait, a strand of (a rope, etc.); a layer.

**ply** (2) [APPLY], *v.t.* To use or employ vigorously or with diligence; to work at; to pursue, urge; to supply (with). *v.i.* To go to and fro regularly; to be employed; to wait for custom.

**pneumatic** (nū-măt'ik) [Gr. *pneuma* -*matos*, wind], *a.* Pertaining to or actuated by air; containing or filled with air. *n.pl.* The science treating of the mechanical properties of air and other gases.

**pneumonia** (nū-mō'ni-ā) [Gr., *pneumōn*, lung], *n.* Acute inflammation of the lungs.

**poach** (1) (pōch) [O.F. *pochier*, from *poche*, pocket], *v.t.* To cook (an egg) by dropping it, when divested of its shell, into boiling water.

**poach** (2) [?], *v.i.* To trespass on (another's lands) to take game, etc.; to take game by illegal methods; to intrude unfairly. *v.t.* To take (game, fish, etc.) from another's preserves. **poacher**, *n.* One who intrudes on preserves to take game.

**pock** (pok) [A.-S. *poc*], *n.* A pustule in an eruptive disease, as small-pox. **pock-pitted**, **pocky**, *a.*

**pocket** (pok'et) [M.E. *poket*, as F. *poche*, POKE (1)], *n.* A small bag, esp. one inserted in the clothing or one to receive the balls at billiards; a measure for hops, etc.; a cavity in rock containing gold or other ore; (*fig.*) pecuniary means. *v.t.* To put into or keep in a pocket; to appropriate; to put up with; to repress (one's feelings); (*Billiards*) to drive (a ball) into a pocket. **pocket-money**, *n.* Money for occasional expenses.

**pod** (pod) [?], *n.* A long seed-vessel, esp. of leguminous plants. *v.t.* To shell (peas, etc.).

**podge** (poj) [?], *n.* A short and stout person. **podgy**, *a.*

**poem** (pō'ēm) [Gr. *poiēma*, from *poiein*, to make], *n.* A metrical composition, esp. of an impassioned and imaginative kind.

**poesy** (pō'ē-si) [Gr. *poiēsis*, as *prec.*], *n.* The art of poetry; (*collect.*) metrical compositions.

**poet** (pō'ēt) [Gr. *poiētes*, maker, poet, as POEM], *n.* A writer of poems, esp. one possessing high powers of imagination and rhythmical expression. **poetas'ter**, *n.* An inferior poet; a pitiful versifier. **poetess**, *n.* **poet'ic**, -*al*, *a.* Pertaining to or suitable for poetry; having the finer qualities of poetry; expressed in or fit to be expressed in poetry. **poetics**, *n.* The theory or principles of poetry.

**poetry** (pō'ē-tri) [L. *poëtria*, from *poëta*, POET], *n.* The art of the poet, the art which expresses the imagination and feelings in sensuous and rhythmical language; imaginative or creative power; a quality that powerfully stirs the imagination; (*collect.*) verse, poems.

**poignant** (poi'nant) [O.F., from L. *pungere*, to prick], *a.* Sharp; pungent; piercing; bitter, painful. **poignancy**, *n.*

**point** (point) [L. *punctus*, pricked], *n.* A mark made by the end of anything sharp, a dot; a punctuation mark; a particular item, place, moment, etc.; stage in progress or increase, as in temperature, price of stocks, etc.; the precise moment for an event, etc.; a unit in reckoning superiority, etc.; a salient quality; the essential matter, the aim, the exact object of discussion, the main purport, the gist; the sharp end of a tool, etc., the tip; a promontory; thread-lace made entirely with the needle; a tapering rail moving on a pivot for switching a train from one line to another; (*fig.*) pungency, effectiveness; (*Print.*) the unit of measurement for type-bodies, .0138 in. *v.t.* To sharpen; to mark with points, to punctuate; to give force or point to; to fill (the joints of masonry) with mortar; to indicate, to direct (a finger at); to indicate the meaning of by a gesture. *v.i.* To direct attention to; to draw attention to game (of a pointer or setter); to aim (at or towards); to face (towards). **point-blank**, *a.* Fired horizontally; (*fig.*) direct, flat, plain. *adv.* With direct aim; (*fig.*) flatly, plainly. **pointsman**, *n.* A man in charge of the switches on a railway. **pointed**, *a.* Having a sharp point; penetrating, cutting; referring to some particular person or thing; emphasized. **pointedness**, *n.* **pointer**, *n.* One who or that which points; the index-hand of a clock; a rod for pointing on a blackboard, etc.; a dog trained to point at game. **pointless**, *a.* Having no point; dull, not apposite.

**poise** (poiz) [O.F. *poise*, from L. *pendere*, to weigh], *v.t.* To balance, to carry in equilibrium; to ponder. *v.i.* To be balanced or in equilibrium; to hover. *n.* Equipoise, equilibrium, a state of indecision, etc.

**poison** (poi'zōn) [as POTION], *n.* A substance that injures or kills an organism into which it is absorbed; anything noxious to health or morality. *v.t.* To put poison in or upon; to administer poison to; (*fig.*) to taint, vitiate, pervert. **poisoner**, *n.* **poisonous**, *a.*

**poke** (1) (pōk) [F. *poche*], *n.* A bag, a sack. **poke** (2) [Teut.], *v.t.* To thrust, to push (against, etc.) with something pointed. *v.i.* (*collog.*) To pry, search. *n.* A thrust, prod, nudge. **poky**, *a.* Cramped, stuffy (of a room, etc.).

**poker** (pō'kēr) [POKE (2)], *n.* An iron rod used to stir a fire; an instrument employed in poker-work; a gambling card-game.

**polar** (pō'lar) [POLE (2)], *a.* Pertaining to or situated near the poles; coming from the regions near the poles; pertaining to a magnetic pole. **polar bear**: A white arctic bear.

**pole** (1) (pōl) [A.-S. *pāl*, PALE (1)], *n.* A long slender piece of wood or metal, as a flagstaff, mast, support for tent, telegraph wires, etc.; the shaft of a large vehicle; a measure of length, 5½ yards.

**pole** (2) [Gr. *polos*, axis], *n.* One of the extremities of the axis on which the earth (or other sphere) revolves; one of the points where the projection of this pierces the celestial sphere and round which the stars appear to revolve; one of the two points where the attractive or repelling force is greatest in a magnet; a terminal of an electric battery, etc.; either of the polar regions. **pole-star**, *n.* A bright star within  $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  of the northern celestial pole.

**Pole** (3), *n.* A native of Poland.

**poleaxe** (pŏl'aks) [POLL (1), AXE], *n.* An axe set on a long handle; one with a hammer at the back, used for slaughtering cattle. *v.t.* To kill with a poleaxe.

**polecats** (pŏl'kāt) [?], *n.* A small carnivorous weasel-like mammal.

**polemic** (pŏ-lem'ik) [Gr. *polemos*, war], *n.* A controversy; a controversialist; (*pl.*) the art or practice of controversial discussion, esp. in theology. **polemical**, *a.*

**police** (pŏ-lēs') [as POLICY (1)], *n.* The executive administration concerned in the preservation of public order; a civil force for the maintenance of order, detection of crime, and apprehension of offenders; (*pl.*) those belonging to this force. *v.t.* To control or maintain order in by means of police; to provide with police. **police court**: A court of summary jurisdiction. **policeman**, *n.* An ordinary member of a police force; a constable.

**polity** (1) (pŏl'i-si) [Gr. *politeta*, from *polis*, city], *n.* Prudence in managing or conducting, esp. State affairs; political wisdom, cunning statecraft; prudent conduct; a course of action or administration.

**policy** (2) [F. *police*], *n.* A document containing a contract of insurance.

**polish** (1) (pŏl'ish) [L. *polire*], *v.t.* To make smooth or glossy, usu. by friction; (*fig.*) to refine, to free from coarseness. *v.i.* To take a polish. *n.* A smooth glossy surface; friction or a substance applied to impart a polish; refinement, elegance of manners.

**Polish** (2) (pŏl'ish), *a.* Pertaining to Poland or its inhabitants. *n.* The language of the Poles.

**polite** (pŏ-lit') [L. *politus*, polished], *a.* Refined in manners; courteous; well-bred; cultivated. **politely**, *adv.* **politeness**, *n.*

**politic** (pŏl-i-tik) [as POLICY (1)], *a.* Prudent and sagacious; judicious, expedient; scheming. *n.pl.* The science or art of civil government; political affairs or views. **political**, *a.* **politician** (-tish'-i-an), *n.* One versed in politics, a statesman; one engaged in or devoted to party politics. **polity**, *n.* The form, system, or constitution of the civil government of a State; the State; a body politic; the form of organization of any institution.

**polka** (pŏl'kă) [?], *n.* A lively dance; music for this.

**poll** (pŏl) [M.E. *polle*], *n.* A human head, esp. the part on which the hair grows; a register of persons, esp. those entitled to vote; the voting at an election, the number of votes polled. *a.* Polled; hornless. *v.t.* To remove the top of (trees, etc.); to crop the hair of; to cut off the horns of; to take the votes of. *v.i.* To give one's vote. **poll-tax**, *n.* One levied on every person. **poll-beast**, **-cow**, **-ox**, *n.* A polled beast, one of a hornless breed.

**pollard** (pŏl'ard) [POLL], *n.* A tree with its top cut off so as to have a dense head of young branches. **polled**, *a.* Lopped. **pollen** (pŏl'en) [L. fine flour], *n.* The fertilizing powder of flowers.

**pollute** (pŏ-lüt') [L. *pollutus*, defiled], *v.t.* To make foul or unclean.

**polo** (pŏ'lŏ) [Tibetan], *n.* A game of Eastern origin resembling hockey but played on horseback.

**polonaise** (pŏl'o-, pŏ'lŏ-nāz) [F., Polish], *n.* A bodice and short skirt in one piece; a slow dance of Polish origin; music for this. **polony** (pŏ-lŏ'ni) [?], *n.* A sausage of partly-cooked pork.

**poltroon** (pŏl-troon') [It. *poltrone*, from *poltro*, sluggard], *n.* An arrant coward; a dastard. **poltroonery**, *n.*

**poly-** [Gr. *polus*, many], *comb. form.* **polyan'thus** [Gr. *anthos*, flower], *n.* (*pl.* -uses) A garden variety of primula.

**polygamy** (pŏ-lig'-a-mi) [POLY-, Gr. *gamos*, marriage], *n.* The practice or condition of having a plurality of wives or husbands at the same time. **polyg'a-mist**, *n.* **polyg'amous**, *a.* **poly'glot** [Gr. *glōtta*, tongue], *a.* Expressed in or speaking many languages. *n.* A book, esp. the Bible, set forth in many languages.

**polygon** [Gr. *gōnia*, angle], *n.* A figure of more than four angles or sides. **polyg'-onal**, *a.* **polyg'ynous** [Gr. *gunē*, woman], *a.* Pertaining to or practising polygyny. **polyg'yny**, *n.* Plurality of wives. **polyhedron** [Gr. *hedra*, a base], *n.* (*pl.* -dra) A solid bounded by many plane sides.

**polyp** (pŏl'ip) [as POLYPUS], *n.* An aquatic animal of low organization, the sea-anemone, etc.

**polypus** (pŏl'i-pūs) [POLY-, Gr. *pous* *podos*, foot], *n.* (*pl.* -pi) A tumour with ramifications growing in any of the mucous cavities; a polyp.

**polysyllabic** (pŏl-i-si-lăb'ik) [POLY-, SYLLABIC], *a.* Consisting of many syllables; characterized by polysyllables. **polysyllable**, *n.*

**polytechnic** (pŏl-i-tek'nik) [POLY-, G. *technē*, art], *a.* Pertaining to or giving instruction in many arts. *n.* A school or educational institution for instruction in arts and science, esp. in their practical application.

**polytheism** (pŏl'i-thē-izm) [POLY-, Gr. *theos*, god], *n.* The doctrine or worship of a plurality of gods. **polytheist**, *n.* **polytheis'tic**, *a.*



**pomade** (pó-mād', -mad') [F. *pommade*, from *pomme*, apple], *n.* Pomatum.

**pomatum** (pó-mă'tüm) [L. *pōmum*, apple], *n.* A perfumed ointment for dressing the hair.

**pomegranate** (pom'grăn-ăt) [POME, L. *grănāta*, seeded], *n.* The fruit of a N. African and W. Asiatic tree, with a thick, tough rind and acid red pulp enveloping numerous seeds; the tree.

**pommel** (pūml) [O.F. *pomel*, L. *pōmum*, apple], *n.* A round ball on the hilt of a sword; the upward projection at the front of a saddle. *v.t.* To beat soundly, as with the handle of a sword; to beat with fists.

**pomp** (pomp) [Gr. *pompē*, procession], *n.* A pageant; splendour, display or parade.

**pom-pom** (pom'pom) [imit.], *n.* An automatic quick-firing gun.

**pompon** (pon-pon) [F.], *n.* An ornament as a tuft or soft ball worn on women's and children's hats and shoes, a soldier's shako, etc.

**pompous** (pom'pūs) [POMP, -OUS], *a.* Displaying pomp; ostentatious, pretentious. **pompous'ity**, *n.*

**poncho** (pon'chō) [S. Am. Sp., from native], *n.* A cloak or cape, with a slit through which the head passes.

**pond** (pond) [?], *n.* A body of still water, usu. artificial, a small lake.

**ponder** (pon'dér) [L. *ponderāre*, from *pondus* -deris, weight], *v.t.* To weigh carefully in the mind; to consider, to reflect upon. *v.i.* To deliberate, to muse (on, over, etc.).

**ponderable** (pon'dér-ăbl) [as prec.], *a.* Capable of being weighed, having appreciable weight. **ponderability**, *n.* **ponderous**, *a.* Very heavy; bulky, unwieldy; (*fig.*) dull; pompous, self-important.

**poniard** (pon'yărd) [F. *poignard*, from *poing*, fist], *n.* A dagger. *v.t.* To stab with this.

**pontiff** (pon'tif) [F. *pontif*, L. *pontifex*, a chief priest in ancient Rome], *n.* The Pope. **pontif'ical**, *a.* Pertaining to or befitting a pope; papal. *n.* A book containing the forms for rites and ceremonies to be performed by bishops; (*pl.*) the vestments and insignia of a pope or a bishop. **pontifically**, *adv.* **pontif'icate**, *v.t.* To celebrate (Mass, etc.) as a bishop. *v.i.* To officiate as a bishop, esp. at Mass. *n.* The dignity, office, or term of office of a pope.

**pontoon** (pôn-toon') [F. *ponton*, from L. *pons* *pontis*, bridge], *n.* A buoyant structure supporting a floating bridge; a caisson; a barge or lighter; a gambling card-game.

**pony** (pō'ni) [O.F. *poulenet*, L. *pullus*, foal], *n.* A small breed of horse; (*slang*) twenty-five pounds.

**poodle** (poodl) [G. *pudeln*, to waddle], *n.* A small dog with long silky hair, often clipped in fanciful style.

**pooh** (poo) [imit.], *int.* An exclamation of contempt or impatience.

**pool** (1) (pool) [A.-S. *pōl*], *n.* A small pond; a deep, still part of a stream; a puddle.

**pool** (2) [?], *n.* The receptacle for the stakes in certain games of cards; the collective amount of stakes, forfeits, etc.; a certain game on a billiard-table; a combination of companies, etc., for manipulating prices. *v.t.* To put (funds, risks, etc.) into a common fund.

**poop** (poop) [O.F. *pupe*, L. *puppis*], *n.* The stern of a ship; a deck over the after part of a spar-deck.

**poor** (poor) [O.F. *povre*, *poure*, L. *pauper*], *a.* Needy, indigent; lacking (in); barren; meagre, inadequate in quantity or quality; unhealthy, uncomfortable; inferior, paltry, contemptible; insignificant, meek; pitiable used as a term of slight contempt or pity.

**poor-box**, *n.* A money-box for charitable contributions. **poorhouse**, *n.* A work-house. **poorly**, *adv.* With poor results; defectively; despicably. *a.* In delicate health; indisposed.

**pop** (pop) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a short, sharp explosive noise; to enter or issue forth quickly and suddenly; to dart. *v.t.* To push or thrust (in, out, up) suddenly; to cause (a thing) to pop. *n.* A short, sharp, explosive noise. **pop-gun**, *n.* A small toy gun shooting a pellet with air compressed by a piston.

**pope** (pōp) [A.-S. *pāpa*, Gr. *pappas*, father], *n.* The bishop of Rome as the head of the R.C. Church; (*fig.*) a person claiming or credited with infallibility; a priest in the Greek Church; a small freshwater fish. **popedom**, *n.* **popery**, *n.* The religion or ecclesiastical system of the Church of Rome (in a hostile sense).

**popinjay** (pop'in-jă) [O.F. *papinjay*], *n.* A parrot; a mark like a parrot shot at by archers; (*fig.*) a conceited fop.

**popish** (pō'pish) [POPE, -ISH], *a.* Pertaining to the Pope or to popery, papistical.

**poplar** (pop'lăr) [L. *pōpulus*], *n.* A large tree of rapid growth, having a soft, light wood.

**poplin** (pop'lin) [It. *papalina*, papal, because made at Avignon], *n.* A silk and worsted fabric with a ribbed surface.

**poppy** (pop'pī) [A.-S. *popig*], *n.* A plant with large showy flowers chiefly scarlet, with a milky juice having narcotic properties.

**populace** (pop'ū-lăs) [L. *populus*, people], *n.* The common people; the masses.

**popular** (pop'ū-lăr) [L. *populāris*, as prec.], *a.* Esteemed by, pertaining to, or carried on by the people; suitable to the people, not expensive, not abstruse; prevailing among the people. **popular'ity**, *n.*

**pop'ularize**, *v.t.* To make popular; to treat in a popular style. **populariza'tion**, *n.* **popularly**, *adv.*

**populate** (pop'ū-lăt) [late L. *populātus*, peopled], *v.t.* To furnish with inhabitants, to people; to inhabit. **popula'tion**, *n.* The inhabitants collectively; the state of a country with respect to the number of its inhabitants.

**populous** (pop'ū-lūs) [L. *populōsus*], *a.* Full of people; thickly populated.

**porcelain** (pōr'slān) [It. *porcellana*, the sea-snail, porcelain], *n.* A fine kind of earthenware; ware made of this.

**porch** (pōrch) [as PORTICO], *n.* A covered structure before an entrance; a covered approach to a doorway.

**porcine** (pōr'sin) [L. *porcus*, hog], *a.* Pertaining to or resembling swine.

**porcupine** (pōr-kū-pīn) [L. *porcus*, hog, *spina*, thorn], *n.* A rodent quadruped covered with erectile, quill-like spines.

**pore** (1) (pōr) [L. *porus*, passage], *n.* A minute opening in the skin for absorption, perspiration, etc.; an aperture in the cuticle of a plant.

**pore** (2) [?], *v.i.* To meditate or study patiently and persistently (over, upon, etc.).

**pork** (pōrk) [L. *porcus*, hog], *n.* The flesh of swine, esp. fresh, as food. **porker**, *n.* A pig raised for killing, esp. a young fattened pig. **porky**, *a.*

**porous** (pōr'ūs) [PORE (1), -OUS], *a.* Having pores or passages for fluids. **porosity**, *n.*

**porphyry** (pōr'fī-ri) [Gr. *porphuros*, purple], *n.* An igneous rock containing feldspar and quartz crystals; a rock quarried in Egypt having a purple ground-mass.

**porpoise** (pōr'pūs) [O.F. *porpeis* (L. *porcus*, hog, *piscis*, fish)], *n.* A gregarious cetacean, about 5 ft. long, with a blunt snout.

**porridge** (pōr'ij) [POTTAGE], *n.* A soft food made by boiling meal till it thickens.

**porringer** (pōr'in-jēr) [corr. of *pottager*, as prec.], *n.* A small bowl for soup or porridge.

**port** (1) (pōrt) [A.-S., from L. *portus*], *n.* A harbour, haven.

**port** (2) (L. *porta*), *n.* A gate, esp. to a walled town or fortress; a port-hole.

**port-hole**, *n.* An aperture in a ship's side for light and air.

**port** (3) [L. *portāre*, to carry], *n.* Carriage, mien, deportment.

**port** (4) [Oporto], *n.* A strong dark-red wine from Portugal.

**port** (5) (pōrt) [?], *n.* The larboard or left-hand side as one looks forward. *a.* Towards or on the larboard. *v.t.* To turn (the helm) to the left side of a ship. *v.i.* To turn to port (of a ship).

**portable** (pōr'tābl) [L. *portābilis*, as PORT (3)], *a.* Capable of being easily carried, esp. about the person. **portability**, *n.*

**portage** (pōr'tāj) [F., as PORT (3)], *n.* Act of carrying, carriage; cost of carriage.

**portal** (pōr'tāl) [as PORT (2)], *n.* A door, gate, gateway; an entrance of an imposing kind.

**portcullis** (pōrt-kūl'is) [M.E. *porte-colys*, O.F. *porte colice*], *n.* A strong framework let down to close the entrance to a castle in case of assault.

**Porte** (pōrt) [F. *Sublime Porte*, sublime gate, trans. of Turkish name of chief Government office], *n.* The Turkish Government.

**portend** (pōr-tend') [L. *portendere*, to stretch], *v.t.* To indicate by previous signs, to presage; to be an omen of. **port'ent**, *n.* An omen, esp. of evil; a prodigy, a marvel. **porten'tous**, *a.*

**porter** (1) (pōr'tēr) [O.F. *portour*, from *porter*, to carry, as PORT (3)], *n.* One who carries parcels, etc., esp. one employed at a railway station; a dark-brown beer. **port'rage**, *n.* Charge for carriage by a porter.

**porter** (2) [O.F. *portier*, as PORT (2)], *n.* A gatekeeper, doorkeeper.

**portfolio** (pōrt-fō'li-ō) [It. *portafogli* (as PORT (3), *fogli*, leaves)], *n.* A portable case for holding papers, drawings, etc.; (*fig.*) the office of a minister of state.

**portico** (pōr'ti-kō) [L. *porticus*, from *porta*, gate], *n.* A colonnade; a porch with columns.

**portion** (pōr'shūn) [L. *portio*], *n.* A part; a share, an allotment; a helping; a dowry. *v.t.* To divide, distribute; to allot, endow. **portionless**, *a.*

**portly** (pōrt'li) [PORT (3), -LY], *a.* Dignified in mien or appearance; stout, corpulent.

**portmanteau** (pōrt-mān'tō) [F. *portemanteau* (PORT (3), MANTLE)], *n.* (*pl.* -eaux) A long leather trunk for carrying apparel, etc., in travelling.

**portrait** (pōr'trāt) [O.F. *pourtrait*, portrayed], *n.* A likeness of a person or animal; a vivid description. **portraitist**, *n.* A portrait-painter. **portraiture**, *n.* Portraits collectively; the art of painting portraits or describing vividly. **portray**, *v.t.* (*fig.*) To describe vividly.

**Portuguese** (pōr-tū-gēz'), *a.* Pertaining to Portugal. *n.* A native or inhabitant (*also pl.*) of Portugal; the Portuguese language.

**posé** (1) (pōz) [F. *poser*, L. *pausāre*, to pause], *v.t.* To place, to cause to take a certain attitude; to affirm. *v.i.* To assume an attitude or character; to appear or set up (as). *n.* An attitude or position, esp. put on for effect.

**pose** (2) [OPPOSE], *v.t.* To puzzle, to cause to be at a loss.

**position** (pō-zish'ūn) [L. *positio*, from *pōnere*, to put], *n.* The state of being placed, manner in which a thing is placed; posture; mental attitude, way of regarding anything; rank; a post, appointment; status, rank.

**positive** (poz'ī-tiv) [as prec., -IVE], *a.* Definitely, authoritatively, or formally laid down; explicit; absolute, not relative; real, actual; certain, undoubted; confident, dogmatic; (*Gram.*) not comparative or superlative; (*Phot.*) exhibiting lights and shades in the same relations as in nature. **positively**, *adv.*

**positivism** (poz'ī-tiv-izm) [prec., -ISM], *n.* The philosophical system of Comte (d. 1857), which recognizes only observed phenomena; the religious system based on this.

**posse** (pos'ī) [L., to be able], *n.* A body or force (of persons).



**possess** (pó-zes') [O.F. *possesser*, L. *possidere*], *v.t.* To own, to have full power over, to control (oneself, one's mind, etc.); to occupy, dominate; to acquire, to hold. **possessed**, *a.* Dominated (by an idea, etc.); controlled (as by a devil), mad. **possession** (pó-zesh'ún), *n.* Act or state of possessing; holding or occupancy; that which is possessed; territory; (*pl.*) property, wealth; **possessive**, *a.* Of or pertaining to possession. **possessor**, *n.* One who possesses anything.

**posset** (pos'et) [M.E. *possytt*, *poshote*, etym. doubtful], *n.* A drink made of hot milk curdled with ale, wine, etc. *\*v.t.* To curdle.

**possible** (pos'ibl) [L. *possibilis* (*posse*, to be able)], *a.* That may happen, be done, or exist; that is not contrary to the nature of things; tolerable, reasonable. **possibility**, *n.* **pos'sibly**, *adv.* By any possible means; by a remote chance.

**post** (1) (póst) [A.-S.], *n.* A piece of timber, metal, etc., set upright; a stake, a stout pole. *v.t.* To fix on a post or in a public place; to fasten bills, etc., upon a wall, etc.

**post** (2) (póst) [L. *positus*, *p.p.* of *ponere*, to set], *n.* A fixed place; a military station; the troops at such station; a trading-place, a situation, appointment; system of letter-conveyance; a courier, messenger; a post-office, a dispatch of mails; (*collect.*) the letters, etc., taken from a post-office or letter-box or delivered at one time; a size of writing-paper, about 18½ in. by 15½; (*Mil.*) a bugle-call announcing nightfall, etc. *adv.* Express, with speed. *v.t.* To station, place in position; to transmit by post; to transfer (accounts) to a ledger, etc. *v.i.* To travel with post-horses; to hurry. **post-chaise**, *n.* A vehicle for travelling by post. **post-free**, *a.* Without charge for postage. **post-haste**, *a., adv., and n.* Great expedition. **postman**, *n.* One who delivers letters brought by post. **postmaster**, *n.* The superintendent of a post-office. **post office**: A place for the receipt and delivery of letters, etc.; the public postal department.

**post-** [L.], *pref.* After, behind, since. **post-classical** (póst-klás'i-kál), *a.* Later than the classical times of Greece and Rome.

**postage** (pós'táj) [POST (2), -AGE], *n.* The fee for conveyance of a letter, etc., by post. **postal**, *a.*

**poster** (pós'tér) [POST (1), -ER], *n.* A large placard or advertising bill; one who posts this.

**posterior** (pos-tér'i-ór) [L.], *a.* Coming or happening after; hinder. *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) The buttocks.

**posterity** (pos-ter'i-ti) [L. *posterius*, as *prec.*], *n.* Those proceeding in the future from any person, descendants, succeeding generations.

**postern** (pós'térn) [O.F. *posterne* (L. *post*, after)], *n.* A small doorway,

**posthumous** (pos'tū-mūs) [L. *postumus*, superl. of *post*, after], *a.* Born after the death of the father; happening after one's decease; published after the death of the author.

**postillon** (pó-stil'yón) [F. *postillon*, as POST (2)], *n.* One who rides on the near horse of the leaders or of a pair drawing a carriage.

**postmeridian** (póst-mé-rid'i-án) [POST-, MERIDIAN], *a.* Of or belonging to the afternoon; late.

**post-mortem** (póst-mór'tém) [L., after death], *a.* Made or occurring after death. *n.* An examination of a dead body.

**post-obit** (póst-ob'it) [L. *post*, after, *obitus*, decease], *a.* Taking effect after death. *n.* A bond securing payment of a sum of money to a lender on the death of a specified person.

**postpone** (póst-pón') [POST-, L. *ponere*, to put], *v.t.* To put off, defer, delay; to regard as of minor importance. **postponement**, *n.*

**postscript** (póst'skript) [POST-, L. *scriptus*, written], *n.* A paragraph added to a letter after the signature.

**postulate** (pos'tū-lát) [L. *postulatus*, demanded], *n.* A position assumed without proof as being self-evident; a fundamental assumption; an indispensable preliminary. *v.t.* To demand, claim, assume without proof, to take as self-evident; to stipulate.

**posture** (pos'tūr) [L. *positus*, from *ponere*, to put], *n.* Pose, attitude; situation, condition, state (of affairs, etc.).

**posy** (pó'zi) [POESY], *n.* A motto or short inscription, esp. in a ring; a nosegay.

**pot** (pót) [A.-S. *potl*], *n.* A round vessel of earthenware or metal, usu. deep relatively to breadth, for holding liquids, etc., used for cooking, drinking, etc.; the quantity this holds; a flower-pot, teapot, etc. *v.t.* To put into, plant, preserve in pots, etc. **pot-house**, *n.* A low public-house.

**potable** (pót'ábl) [L. *pōtāre*, to drink], *a.* Drinkable. *n.* Anything drinkable.

**potash** (pót'ášh) [POT, ASH (1)], *n.* Potassium carbonate in a crude form, orig. obtained from ashes of plants. **potassium** (pó-tás'i-úm), *n.* A bluish or pinkish white metallic element.

**potation** (pó-tá'shún) [L. *pōtāre*, to drink], *n.* The act of drinking; a draught; a beverage; (*usu. pl.*) tipping.

**potato** (pó-tá'tō) [Haitian *batata*], *n.* (*pl. -toes*) A plant with edible farinaceous tubers; a tuber of this.

**poteen** (pé-tén') [Ir. *poitin*], *n.* Irish whisky illicitly distilled.

**potent** (pót'ént) [L. *potens*, being able], *a.* Powerful; having great influence; cogent; strong, intoxicating. **potency**, *n.* **potently**, *adv.* **po'tentate**, *n.* One who possesses great power; a monarch, a ruler. **potential**, *a.* Latent; existing in possibility not in actuality. **potentiality**, *n.*

**pother** (póth'ér) [?], *n.* Bustle, confusion.

**potion** (pō'shūn) [as POTATION], *n.* A drink, a draught, a dose.

**potpourri** (pō-pu-rē') [F., rotten pot], *n.* A mixture of dried and fragrant petals and spices; (*fig.*) a miscellany, medley.

**potsherd** (pot'shērd) [POT-SHERD], *n.* A broken piece of earthenware.

**pottage** (pot'āj) [F. *potage*], *n.* A kind of soup; porridge.

**potter** (1) (pot'ēr) [POT, -ER], *n.* A maker of pottery.

**potter** (2) (pot'ēr) [?], *v.i.* To work in a trifling, ineffective way (at, in, etc.); to idle (about).

**pottery** (pot'ēr-i) [POT], *n.* Earthenware; its making; a place where it is made.

**pottle** (pōtl) [dim. of POT], *n.* A measure of four pints; a large tankard; a vessel for holding fruit.

**pouch** (pouch) [O.F. *poche*, POKE (1)], *n.* A small bag, a detachable pocket.

**poult** (pōlt) [PULLET], *n.* A young partidge, turkey, etc. **poulterer**, *n.* One who deals in poultry.

**poultice** (pōl'tis) [PULSE (2)], *n.* A soft composition for applying to sores or inflamed parts. *v.t.* To apply a poultice to.

**poultry** (pōl'tri) [POULT, -RY], *n.* Domestic fowls, geese, ducks, turkeys, etc.

**pounce** (pouns) [?], *n.* The claw of a bird of prey; an abrupt swoop. *v.t.* To sweep down or spring upon and seize.

**pound** (1) (pound) [A.-S. *pund*, L. *pondo*, rel. to *pendere*, to weigh], *n.* A measure of weight, 12 oz. troy or 16 oz. av.; an English money of account consisting of 20s., a sovereign.

**pound** (2) [A.-S. *pund*, enclosure], *n.* An enclosure for confining stray cattle, etc.; a pen. *v.t.* To confine in a pound.

**pound** (3) [A.-S. *pūnian*], *v.t.* To crush, pulverize, strike heavily; to pommel; to walk heavily along.

**poundage** (pound'āj) [POUND (1), -AGE], *n.* An allowance of so much in the pound; a payment or charge per pound weight.

**pour** (pōr) [?], *v.t.* To cause (liquids, etc.) to flow; to send (forth) in a stream or great numbers. *v.i.* To flow in a stream; to fall copiously (of rain); to rush in great numbers or in a constant stream.

**pourboire** (poor-bwar') [F., for drinking], *n.* A gratuity, a tip.

**pour-parler** (poor-par-lā) [F., to discuss], *n.* A preliminary discussion.

**pout** (pout) [M.E. *pouten*], *v.i.* To thrust out the lips in sullenness, etc.; to be prominent (of lips). *n.* A protrusion of the lips; a fit of sullenness. **pouter**, *n.* One who pouts; a variety of pigeon, from its way of inflating its crop.

**poverty** (pov'ēr-ti) [O.F. *poverte*, as PAUPER], *n.* State of being poor; want, destitution; inferiority.

**powder** (pou'dēr) [F. *poudre*, L. *pulver*], *n.* Any dry substance in fine particles; dust; a medicine, cosmetic, etc., in the form of powder; gunpowder. *v.t.* To reduce to powder; to put powder on; to

sprinkle with fine spots or figures. *v.i.* To become like powder; to use powder for the face or hair. **powder-monkey**, *n.* (*Naut.*) A boy formerly employed to bring powder from the magazine to the guns.

**powdery**, *a.*

**power** (pou'ēr) [O.F. *poër*, from L. *posse*, to be able], *n.* Ability to do; strength, energy; influence, authority (over); right or ability to control; political ascendancy; an influential State; the product obtained by multiplication of a number into itself; mechanical energy as dist. from hand labour; any apparatus for applying energy to mechanism; the magnifying capacity of a lens. **powerful**, *a.* Having great strength or energy; mighty, potent.

**practicable** (prāk'ti-kābl) [as PRACTISE], *a.* Capable of being done, etc., feasible.

**practicability**, *n.* **practicably**, *adv.*

**practical** (prāk'ti-kāl) [as PRACTISE], *a.* Pertaining to, governed by practice, or derived from practice; experienced; pertaining to action not theory; such in effect, virtual. **practically**, *adv.* In a practical manner; virtually, in effect.

**practicality**, *n.*

**practice** (prāk'tis) [as PRACTISE], *n.* Customary action or procedure; habit; systematic exercise of any profession, etc.; professional connexion; actual performance as opp. to theory or intention.

**practise** (prāk'tis) [O.F. *practiser* (F. *pratiquer*), L. *practicus*, Gr. *praktikos*, from *prassein*, to do], *v.t.* To do or perform habitually; to exercise a profession, etc.; to instruct, to exercise, to drill (in a subject). *v.i.* To exercise oneself; to do a thing habitually. **practised**, *a.* **practitioner**, *n.* One who regularly practises any profession, esp. medicine.

**præ-, pre-** [L. *præ*, before], *pref.*

**prætor** (prē'tōr) [L.], *n.* (*Rom. Hist.*) A magistrate in ancient Rome elected yearly. **prætorian**, *a.* Pertaining to a prætor or to a body-guard, esp. the imperial body-guard established by Augustus. *n.* A soldier in this.

**pragmatic** (præg-māt'ik) [Gr. *pragma*, deed, from *prassein*, to do], *a.* Pertaining to the affairs of a State; pragmatical. **pragmatical**, *a.* Given to interfering in the affairs of others; relating to pragmatism. **pragmatism**, *n.* Officialness; treatment of things with regard to causes and effects; the doctrine that our only test of the truth of human cognitions or philosophical principles is their practical results.

**prairie** (prā'ri) [F.], *n.* An extensive tract of level grass-land, usu. destitute of trees, esp. in the western U.S.

**praise** (prāz) [O.F. *preisier*, L. *pretium*, price, value], *v.t.* To express approval and commendation of; to extol, to glorify. *n.* Approbation, encomium; glorifying.

**praisable**, *a.* **praiseworthy**, *a.*

**prance** (prans) [?], *v.i.* To spring or caper on the hind legs,



**prank** [ʔ], *n.* A wild frolic; a practical joke; a gambol, a capricious action.

**prate** (prät) [M.E. *praten*], *v.i.* To chatter, babble, cackle. *n.* Silly talk; unmeaning loquacity. **prater**, *n.*

**prattle** (prätl) [freq. of PRATE], *v.i.* To talk in a childish or foolish manner. *n.* Idle talk; a babbling sound.

**prawn** (prawn) [M.E. *prane*, *prayne*], *n.* A small crustacean like a large shrimp.

**pray** (prā) [O.F. *preier*, L. *precāri*, from *prex*, prayer], *v.t.* To beseech, to entreat, to supplicate; to petition for; to address devoutly and earnestly. *v.i.* To address God with adoration or earnest entreaty; to beseech or petition (for). **prayer** (l) (pr'ér), *n.* One who prays.

**prayer** (2) (prār) [PRECARIOUS], *n.* Act of praying; a solemn petition, esp. to God; a prescribed formula of divine worship; a religious service. **prayerful**, *a.* Given to prayer; devout.

**pre-** [L. *PRÆ*-, before], *pref.*

**preach** (prēch) [O.F. *prechier*, L. *prædicāre*], *v.i.* To deliver a sermon or discourse on some religious subject; to give earnest advice, esp. in an obtrusive way. *v.t.* To proclaim, to expound in a public discourse; to teach or advocate thus. **preacher**, *n.*

**preamble** (prē-ām'bl) [PRE-, L. *ambulāre*, to walk], *n.* An introductory statement, esp. setting forth the reasons and intentions of a statute.

**prebend** (preb'end) [L. *præbēre*, to grant], *n.* The stipend of a canon; the land or tithe yielding this; a prebendaryship. **prebendary**, *n.* The holder of a prebend.

**precarious** (prē-kār'i-tūs) [L. *precārius*, obtained by prayer, from *precāri*, to PRAY], *a.* Depending on the will of another or on chance; not well-established, doubtful.

**precaution** (prē-kaw'shūn) [F. *précaution*, med. L. *præcautio*, (PRÆ-, *cavēre*, to beware)], *n.* Previous caution, prudent foresight.

**precede** (prē-sēd') [PRÆ-, L. *cēdere*, to go], *v.t.* To go before in time, rank, importance; to walk in front of. *v.i.* To have precedence. **precedence** (prē-sē'dēns), *n.* Act or state of preceding; priority; right to a higher position. **precedent** (prē-sē'dēt), *a.* Going before in time, rank, etc. *n.* (pres'ē-dēt) Something serving as an example to be followed in a similar case; a necessary antecedent.

**precentor** (prē-sen'tór) [PRÆ-, L. *cantor*, singer], *n.* The leader of a choir in a cathedral.

**precept** (prē'sept) [L. *præceptum* (PRÆ-, *capere*, to take)], *n.* An injunction respecting conduct; a maxim. **preceptor**, *n.* A teacher; the head of a preceptory. **preceptory**, *n.* A subordinate community of the Knights Templars.

**precession** (prē-sesh'ūn) [as PRECEDE], *n.* Precedence in time or order.

**precinct** (prē'sinkt) [PRE-, L. *cinctus*, girt], *n.* The space enclosed by the boundaries

of a place, esp. a church; (*pl.*) the environs (of).

**precious** (presh'ūs) [L. *pretiosus*, from *pretium*, price], *a.* Of great price or value; highly esteemed, dear; affected, over-refined in manner, etc. **preciosity**, *n.* Over-fastidiousness or affected delicacy, esp. in the use of words.

**precipice** (pres'i-pis) [L. *præcipitium*], *n.* A vertical or very steep cliff.

**precipitate** (prē-sip'i-tāt) [L. *præcipitāre*], *v.t.* To throw headlong; to urge on eagerly, to hasten; (*Chem.*) to cause (a substance) to be deposited from a solution. *v.i.* To fall to the bottom of a vessel (of a substance in solution); to condense and be deposited in drops (of vapour). *a.* (-tāt) Headlong; rushing with haste and violence; hasty, rash. *n.* A solid substance deposited from solution. **precipitation**, *n.*

**precipitous** (prē-sip'i-tūs) [as PRECIPICE], *a.* Like a precipice, very steep; hasty, rash.

**précis** (prā-sē') [F.], *n.* An abstract, summary.

**precise** (prē-sis') [L. *præcisus* (PRÆ-, *cādere*, to cut)], *a.* Definite, exact; strictly observant of rule, punctilious. **precisian** (-sish'ān), *n.* A punctilious person. **precision** (prē-sizh'ūn), *n.*

**preclude** (prē-klood') [PRÆ-, L. *claudere*, to shut], *v.t.* To shut out, exclude; to prevent; to render inoperative. **preclusion**, *n.*

**precocious** (prē-kō'shūs) [PRÆ-, L. *coquere*, to cook], *a.* Developing before the normal time; prematurely developed intellectually; forward, pert. **precocity** (-kos'i-ti), *n.* State of being precocious.

**preconceive** (prē-kōn-sēv') [PRE-, CONCEIVE], *v.t.* To form an opinion of beforehand. **preconception**, *n.* **preconcert**, *v.t.* To agree by previous arrangement.

**precursor**, *n.* A forerunner; one who precedes the approach of anything, a predecessor in office, etc.

**predatory** (pred'ā-tór-i) [L. *prædātor*, plunderer, *præda*, booty], *a.* Plundering; addicted to pillage; living by preying on others (of animals).

**predecease** (prē-dē-sēs') [PRE-, DECEASE], *n.* The death of a person before some other. *v.t.* To die before (a particular person).

**predecessor** (prē-dē-ses-ór) [PRÆ-, L. *dēcessor*, from *dēcedere*, to go away], *n.* One who precedes another in any office, etc.; a thing preceding another thing; an ancestor.

**predestinate** (prē-des'ti-nāt) [PRÆ-, L. *destināre*, to destine], **predestine**, *v.t.* To appoint beforehand by irreversible decree; to pre-ordain; to predetermine. *a.* (-nāt) Ordained beforehand. **predestinarian**, *a.* Pertaining to predestination. *n.* A believer in this. **predestination**, *n.* The act of God in foreordaining some to salvation and some to perdition.

**predetermine** (prē-dē-tēr'min) [PRE-

**DETERMINE**, *v.* To determine beforehand; to foreordain. **predeterminate**, *a.* **predetermination**, *n.*

**predicable** (pred'i-kábl) [as **PREDICATE**], *a.* Capable of being affirmed of something. *n.* Anything that may be predicated of something. **predicability**, *n.*

**predicament** (pré-dik'-mément) [as **prec.**], *n.* That which is predicated, a category; a particular state, condition, etc., esp. an unpleasant one.

**predicate** (pred'i-kât) [PRE-, *L.* *dicātus*, proclaimed], *v.t.* To affirm, to assert as a property, etc. (of a thing). *v.i.* To make an affirmation. *n.* (-kât) That which is affirmed or denied of the subject; (*Gram.*) the entire statement made about the subject. **predica'tion**, *n.* **predic'ative**, *a.*

**predict** (pré-dikt') [PRE-, *L.* *dictus*, said], *v.t.* To tell beforehand; to prophesy. **prediction** (-dik'-shún), *n.* Act of predicting; a prophecy.

**predilection** (pré-dí-lek'-shún) [PRE-, *L.* *dilectio*, as **DILIGENT**], *n.* A prepossession in favour of something, a preference, a partiality.

**predispose** (pré-dis-póz') [PRE-, **DISPOSE**], *v.t.* To dispose or incline beforehand; to make liable to. **predisposition** (-zish'-ún), *n.*

**predominate** (pré-dom'i-nât) [PRE-, **DOMINATE**], *v.i.* To be superior in strength, influence, or authority; to prevail. **predominance**, -*nancy*, *n.* **predominant**, *a.*

**pre-em'inent** [PRE-, **EMINENT**] *a.* Eminent beyond others; superior to all others. **pre-eminence**, *n.*

**pre-emp'tion**, *n.* Act or right of buying before others.

**preen** (prën) [?], *v.t.* To trim (feathers) with the beak (of birds).

**preface** (pref'ás) [PRE-, *L.* *fāri*, to speak], *n.* An introduction; a preamble, prelude. *v.t.* To furnish with a preface; to introduce (with preliminary remarks, etc.). **prefator'ial**, **pref'atory**, *a.*

**prefect** (pré'fekt) [*L.* *præfectus*, an overseer], *n.* (*Rom. Ant.*) A governor, a chief magistrate; in France, the civil governor of a department; a school monitor. **prefector'ial**, *a.* **prefecture**, *n.* The office or jurisdiction of a prefect.

**prefer** (pré-fér') [PRE-, *L.* *ferre*, to bear], *v.t.* To set before, to like better; to bring forward; to promote. **preferable**, *a.*

**preferably**, *adv.* **preference**, *n.* Act of preferring one thing to another; choice; favour displayed towards a person or country before others. **preferen'tial**, *a.*

Giving, receiving, or constituting preference; favouring certain countries. **preferment**, *n.* Promotion.

**prefigure** (pré-fig'úr) [PRE-, **FIGURE**], *v.t.* To represent by antecedent figures; to picture to oneself beforehand. **prefigura'tion**, *n.*

**prefix** (pré-fiks') [PRE-, **FIX**], *v.t.* To put in front of; to attach at the beginning. *n.* (pré'fiks) A letter or syllable put at

the beginning of a word to modify the meaning.

**pregnant** (preg'nánt) [*L.* *prægnans* (PRE-, *gnāsci*, to be born)], *a.* Being with young; full of meaning, significant. **pregnancy**, *n.*

**prehensile** (pré-hen'síl) [*L.* *prehensus*, laid hold of], *a.* Grasping; adapted to seizing or grasping, as the tails of monkeys.

**prehistoric** (pré-his-tor'ik) [PRE-, **HISTORIC**], *a.* Pertaining to time prior to that known to history.

**prejudice** (prej'ú-dis) [*L.* *præjudicium* (*jūdex*, judge)], *n.* Opinion formed without due consideration; damage arising from unfair judgment or action. *v.t.* To bias; to affect injuriously, esp. to impair the validity of a right, etc. **prejudicial** (-dish'ál), *a.* Causing prejudice or injury; detrimental.

**prelate** (pré'lát) [PRE-, *L.* *lātus*, borne], *n.* A high ecclesiastical dignitary as archbishop, bishop, etc. **prelacy**, *n.* **prelat'ic**, *a.*

**preliminary** (pré-lim'i-ná-ri) [PRE-, *L.* *līmen*, threshold], *a.* Introductory. *n.* Something introductory; (*pl.*) preparatory arrangements, etc.

**prelude** (prel'úd) [PRE-, *L.* *lādere*, to play], *n.* Something introductory or preparatory to that which follows. *v.t.* To perform or serve as a prelude to.

**premature** (prem'á-tūr) [PRE-, **MATURE**], *a.* Ripe or mature too soon; happening, etc., before the proper time.

**premeditate** (pré-med'i-tāt) [PRE-, **MEDIATE**], *v.t.* To meditate on or plan and contrive beforehand. *v.i.* To deliberate previously. **premedita'tion**, *n.*

**premier** (pré'mi-ér) [F., as **PRIMARY**], *n.* The prime minister of Great Britain or a British colony. **premiership**, *n.*

**premise** (prem'is) [PRE-, *L.* *missus*, sent], *n.* A proposition from which another is inferred; (*pl.*) land, buildings, and appurtenances. *v.t.* (pré-míz') To put forward as preparatory; to lay down as an antecedent proposition or condition.

**premium** (pré'mi-úm) [PRE-, *L.* *emere*, to buy], *n.* A reward; a sum paid in addition, a bonus; a fee for instruction in a craft, profession, etc.; a payment made for insurance; selling price above nominal value.

**premonition** (pré-mó-nish'ún) [PRE-, *L.* *monēre*, to warn], *n.* Previous warning or notice. **premon'itory**, *a.*

**preoccupy** (pré-ok'ū-pí) [PRE-, **OCCUPY**], *v.t.* To take possession of beforehand or before another; to engross (the mind, etc.).

**pre-ordain** (pré-or-dán') [PRE-, **ORDAIN**], *v.t.* To ordain beforehand. **pre-ordina'tion**, *n.*

**prepaid** (pré-pād') [PRE-, **PAID**], *a.* Paid in advance (as postage, etc.).

**prepare** (pré-pār') [PRE-, *L.* *parāre*, to make ready], *v.* To make ready; to bring into a suitable condition, to fit for a certain purpose. **prepara'tion**, *n.* **prepar'atory**, *a.* Tending or serving to prepare; introductory (to).



**prepay** (prê-pâ') [PRE-, PAY (1)], *v.t.* To pay in advance. **prepayment**, *n.*

**prepen** (prê-pens') [O.F. *purpenser*], *a.* Premeditated, deliberate.

**preponderate** (prê-pon'dér-ât) [PRE-, L. *ponderâre*, to ponder], *v.i.* To be superior or to outweigh in power, influence, etc. **preponderance**, *n.* **preponderant**, *a.*

**preposition** (prê-ô-zish'ûn) [PRE-, L. *positus*, put], *n.* A word used to express the relations of a word to another word. **prepositional**, *a.*

**prepossess** (prê-pô-zes') [PRE-, POSSESS], *v.t.* To occupy beforehand; to bias (esp. favourably); to preoccupy (of an idea, etc.). **prepossessing**, *a.* Biasing; attractive.

**preposterous** (prê-pos'tér-ûs) [PRE-, L. *posterus*, coming after], *a.* Contrary to nature or common sense; foolish, absurd. **preposterously**, *adv.*

**prerogative** (prê-roğ'â-tiv) [PRE-, L. *rogâtus*, asked], *n.* An exclusive right vested in a particular person or body.

**presage** (pres'âj) [PRE-, L. *sâgire*, to perceive quickly], *n.* Something that foretells a future event an omen; presentiment. *v.t.* (prê-sâj') To foreshadow, betoken; to forebode.

**presbyter** (pres'bi-tér) [Gr. *presbuteros*, elder], *n.* An elder; a minister of a presbytery. **Presbyterian**, *n.* An adherent of Presbyterianism. *a.* Pertaining to Church government by presbyters; governed by presbyters; denoting a Church governed by elders, including ministers, all equal in rank. **Presbyterianism**, *n.* **pres'bytery**, *n.* A body of elders.

**prescient** (pres'h'i-ént) [PRE-, L. *sciens*, knowing], *a.* Foreknowing, far-seeing. **prescience**, *n.*

**prescribe** (prê-skrîb') [PRE-, L. *scribere*, to write], *v.t.* To lay down with authority; (*Med.*) to direct to be used as a remedy. *v.i.* To write directions for medical treatment. **prescrip'tion**, *n.* Act of prescribing; that which is prescribed; (*Law*) long-continued use or possession, as giving right or title. **prescriptive**, *a.* Acquired or authorized by long use.

**presence** (pres'êns) [as PRESENT], *n.* Quality or state of being present; situation face to face with a person or persons; approach to a person of high rank; mien, deportment.

**present** (1) (prez'ênt) [L. *praesentem*, nom. -ens, pres. p. of *praesse* (PRE-, *esse*, to be)], *a.* Being in a place referred to; being in view, at hand, or under consideration; now existing; (*Gram.*) expressing what is actually going on. *n.* The present time; (*Gram.*) the present tense; (*pl.*) these writings, this document itself.

**present** (2) (prê-zent') [as prec.], *v.t.* To introduce to the acquaintance or presence of; to exhibit, to offer to the sight; to point (a gun, etc.); to give in a ceremonious way. *n.* (prez'ênt) That which is pre-

sented, a gift. **presen'table**, *a.* Fit to be presented; of suitable appearance.

**presenta'tion**, *n.* Act of presenting; a formal offering; a gift; a theatrical representation; a formal introduction to a superior personage or a sovereign; act or right of presenting to a benefice.

**presentiment** (prê-zen'ti-mént) [PRE-, SENTIMENT], *n.* Vague anticipation of an impending event, esp. of evil, a foreboding.

**presently** (prez'ênt-li) [PRESENT (1), -LY], *adv.* Soon, shortly; "at once, immediately.

**presentment** (prê-zen't'mént) [PRESENT (2), -MENT], *n.* Act of presenting; a theatrical representation, a likeness, semblance.

**preserve** (prê-zêrv') [PRE-, L. *servâre*, to keep], *v.t.* To keep safe, to save; to maintain in good condition; to keep intact or from decay or decomposition; to keep for private use by preventing poaching, etc. *n.* Fruit, etc., prepared with preservative substances; a place where game is preserved. **preserva'tion**, *n.* **preserv'ative**, *a.* Having the power of preserving from injury, decay, or corruption. *n.* That which preserves. **preserver**, *n.*

**preside** (prê-zîd') [PRE-, L. *sedere*, to sit], *v.i.* To act as director, chairman, or president; to superintend. **presidency**, *n.* Office, jurisdiction, or term of office of a president. **president**, *n.* One who presides over a body of persons; the chief magistrate of the government in a modern republic. **presiden'tial**, *a.*

**press** (1) (pres) [L. *pressûre*], *v.t.* To push down against with steady force; to squeeze, crush, compress; to crowd upon; to urge. *v.i.* To exert pressure, bear heavily; to be urgent; to crowd. *n.* The act of pressing, urging, or crowding; a throng; urgency, hurry; a cupboard for storing things; an instrument for compressing any substance; (*collect.*) printed (esp. periodical) literature. **pressman**, *n.* One who works a printing-press; a journalist. **pressing**, *a.* Urgent, important.

**press** (2) [L. *praestûre* (PRE-, *stûre*, to come forward, to stand)], *v.t.* To force into naval or military service. **press-gang**, *n.* A detachment of men employed to impress men.

**pressure** (pres'h'ûr) [L. *pressûra*], *n.* Act of pressing; state of being pressed; a force steadily exerted by one body upon or against another; amount of this; (*fig.*) urgency, rush; straits, trouble; oppression; compulsion.

**prestige** (pres-têzh') [L. *praestîgium*, glamour], *n.* Influence derived from former fame, achievements, etc.

**presto** (pres'tô) [It.], *adv.* (*Mus.*) Quickly. *a.* Quick.

**presume** (prê-zûm') [PRE-, L. *sûmere*, to take], *v.t.* To venture on without leave; to take for granted. *v.i.* To form overconfident or arrogant opinions; to behave with assurance. **presumable**, *a.* pre-

**sumably, presumedly, adv. presuming, a.** Presumptuous. **presumption** (-zump'shùn), *n.* **presumptive, a.** Giving grounds for or based on presumption. **presumptuous** (prè-zump'tû-ús) [as prec.], *a.* Full of presumption; forward; venturesome.

**pretend** (prè-tend') [PRE-, *L. tendere*, to stretch], *v.t.* To assume the appearance of; to feign; to simulate. *v.i.* To make believe; to put forward a claim (to). **pretence', n.** A claim; a false profession; a pretext; show, ostentation; act of feigning. **pretender, n.** **pretension, n.** Assumption of a claim, true or false. **pretentious, a.**

**preter-** [*L. præter*, past, beyond], *pref.* Beyond; beyond the range of; more than. **preterhuman** (prè-tér-hû'mán), *a.* More than human, superhuman.

**preterit** (prèt'ér-it) [*L. præteritus*, gone by], *a.* (*Gram.*) Denoting completed action or existence in past time. *n.* The preterit tense.

**praternatural** (prè-tér-nât'û-rál) [PRETER-, *NATURAL*], *a.* Beyond what is natural; out of the regular course of nature.

**pretext** (prè'tekst) [PRE-, *L. textus*, woven], *n.* An excuse; an ostensible motive.

**pretty** (prit'i) [A.-S. *prætig*, from *præt*, trickery], *a.* Having beauty of a slight kind; attractive, but lacking in the perfect proportions of beauty. *adv.* Tolerably, moderately. **prettily, adv.** Daintily; pleasingly to the eye, ear, etc. **prettiness, n.**

**prevail** (prè-vâl') [PRE-, *L. valēre*, to be strong], *v.i.* To have the mastery or victory (over); to have or gain influence or effect (upon); to be in vogue. **prevailance, n.** Act of prevailing; superiority; frequency, currency. **prevalent, a.**

**prevaricate** (prè-vâr'i-kât) [*L. prævaricātus*, straddled, shuffled], *v.i.* To shuffle, quibble; to act evasively. **prevarication, n.**

**prevent** (prè-vent') [*L. præventus*, p.p. of *prævenire*, to precede], *v.t.* To hinder, thwart; to go before, to precede. **preventable, -ible, a.** Capable of prevention. **preventative** [PREVENTIVE].

**prevention, n.** Act of preventing; obstruction. **preventive, a.** Tending to hinder. *n.* That which prevents; a medicine or precaution to ward off disease.

**previous** (prè'vi-ús) [*L. PRÆ, via*, way], *a.* Going before, prior (to). **previously, adv.** **previousness, n.**

**prevision** (prè-vizh'ùn) [PRE-, *VISION*], *n.* Foresight.

**prey** (prâ) [*L. præda*, booty], *n.* That which may be seized and devoured by animals; spoil, plunder. *v.i.* To take booty; to take food by violence.

**price** (pris) [O.F. *pris*, *L. pretium*, as PRAISE], *n.* The amount for which a thing is sold; estimation, value. *v.t.* To value, appraise; to ask the price of. **priceless, a.** Invaluable, inestimable.

**prick** (prik) [A.-S. *prica*], *n.* Act of

pricking; state or sensation of being pricked; a puncture; a small mark made by or as by pricking; a pointed instrument. *v.t.* To puncture; to cause (the ears) to point upwards. *v.i.* To ride rapidly, to spur on. **prick-eared, a.** Having erect or pointed ears (of dogs, etc.).

**prickle** (prik) [A.-S. *pricel*], *n.* A small, sharp point; a thorn-like growth. *v.t.* To give a pricking sensation to. *v.i.* To have such a sensation. **prickly, a.** Full of prickles; itching, stinging.

**pride** (prid) [A.-S. *prýto*], *n.* Inordinate self-esteem; insolence, arrogance; sense of dignity, self-respect; generous elation or a source of this.

**priest** (prêst) [A.-S. *præost*, as PRESBYTER], *n.* One who officiates in sacred rites, esp. by offering sacrifice; a minister below a bishop and above a deacon. **priestcraft, n.** Priestly policy based on material interests. **priest-ridden, a.** Dominated or swayed by priests. **priesthood, n.** **priestly, a.**

**prig** (prig) [?], *n.* A conceited or didactic person; a thief. *v.t.* To steal. **priggish, a.** Conceited, affectedly precise, formal.

**prim** (prim) [?], *a.* Formal, affectedly proper, demure. **primly, adv.**

**prima** (prê'mâ) [It.], *a.* First, principal. **prima donna** (don'â): A chief female singer in an opera.

**primacy** (prî'mâ-si) [*L. primātus*, as PRIME (1)], *n.* The dignity or office of a primate.

**prima facie** (prî-mâ-fâ'shi-ê) [*L.*], *adv.* At first sight, on the first impression.

**primal** (prî'mâl) [as PRIME (1)], *a.* Primary, primitive; fundamental.

**primary** (prî'mâ-ri) [*L. primārius*, as PRIME (1)], *a.* First in time, order, importance, or origin; radical, fundamental; chief; lowest in development, elementary. *n.* That which stands first in order, rank, or importance; a planet.

**primate** (prî'mât) [as PRIME (1)], *n.* The chief prelate in a national episcopal church, an archbishop. **primatial** (-mâ'shâl), *a.*

**primates** (prî-mâ'têz) [pl. of prec.], *n.pl.* The highest order of mammals, comprising man, monkeys, and lemurs.

**prime** (1) (prim) [*L. primus*, first], *a.* First in time, rank, excellence, or importance; chief; first-rate; primary; in full vigour; divisible by no integral factors except itself and unity. *n.* Period or state of highest perfection; the best part.

**prime** (2) [?], *v.t.* To prepare (a gun) for firing; to supply (with information or with liquor); to lay the first coat of paint, etc., on.

**primer** (prim'ér, prî'mér) [as PRIMARY], *n.* An elementary reading book; a short introductory book; (prim'ér) one of two sizes of type, great primer and long primer.

**primeval** (prî-mê'vâl) [PRIME (1), *L. ævum*, age], *a.* Belonging to the earliest ages, primitive.

**priming** (prî'ming) [PRIME (2), -ING], *n.*



Act of preparing a fire-arm for discharge; the powder for a flint gun, or for connecting a blasting-charge with the fuse; a first layer of paint, etc.

**primitive** (prim'i-tiv) [L. *primitivus*, as PRIME (1)], *a.* Pertaining to the earliest periods; ancient, original; (*Gram.*) radical, not derivative; plain, old-fashioned. **primitively**, *adv.*

**primogeniture** (pri-mô-jen'i-tûr) [PRIME, F. *geniteur*], *n.* Seniority by birth amongst children of the same parents; the system under which, in cases of intestacy, the eldest son succeeds.

**primordial** (pri-môr'di-âl) [L. *primus*, prime, *ordiri*, to begin], *a.* First in order, primary; existing at or from the beginning. *n.* A first principle or element.

**primrose** (prim'rôz) [L. *prima rôsa*, early rose], *n.* A common British wild plant, flowering in early spring. *a.* Like a primrose; of a pale yellow colour; flowery.

**prince** (prins) [L. *princeps*], *n.* The ruler of a principality or small state; a son or grandson of a monarch. **prince of the Church**: A cardinal. **prince royal**, *n.* The eldest son of a sovereign. **princedom**, *n.* The rank or jurisdiction of a prince.

**princelet**, **princeling**, *n.* A petty prince. **princely**, *a.* Pertaining to or befitting a prince; stately, dignified. **princess**, *n.*

**principal** (prin'si-pâl) [L. *principâlis*, as *prec.*], *a.* Chief, main; first in rank, authority, importance, etc. *n.* A president, governor, head of a college, etc.; a chief actor, the chief party; a person employing another as agent; a capital sum invested or lent. **principal'ity**, *n.* The territory or jurisdiction of a prince; the country from which he derives his title; (*pl.*) one of the orders of angels. **prin'cipally**, *adv.* Chiefly, mainly, for the most part.

**principle** (prin'sipl) [as PRINCE], *n.* A fundamental cause, doctrine or tenet; a comprehensive truth or proposition; a rule of action or conduct deliberately adopted; a law of nature.

**print** (print) [O.F. *preinte*, from *preint*, p.p. of *preindre*, L. *premere*, to press], *n.* A mark made by pressure, an impression, esp. from type; printed matter; an engraving, a newspaper, etc.; printed cloth; a positive image produced from a negative. *v.t.* To mark by pressure; to take an impression of, to stamp; to make copies of by pressure, as from inked types, etc.; to publish. *v.i.* To practise the art of printing; to publish. **printer**, *n.* One engaged in printing. **printing**, *n.* Act, process, or practice of impressing letters, etc., on paper, etc., the business of a printer. **printing-press**, *n.* A printing-machine.

**prior** (1) (pri'ôr) [L.], *a.* Former, preceding; earlier. *adv.* Previously. *n.* A superior of a monastic house next below an abbot. **prioress**, *n.* **prior'ity**, *n.* State of being prior (in time, rank,

etc.). **priory**, *n.* A religious house governed by a prior or prioress.

**prise** (priz) [PRIZE (2)], *v.t.* To wrench; to force open with a lever.

**prism** (prizm) [Gr. *prisma*, from *prizein*, to saw], *n.* A solid having similar, equal, and parallel plane ends, its sides forming similar parallelograms; a transparent solid of this form used in optics. **prismat'ic**, *a.*

**prison** (priz'ôn) [O.F. *prison*, L. *prensio*, from *prehendere*, to seize], *n.* A place of confinement for criminals; confinement, captivity. *v.t.* To imprison. **prisoner**, *n.* One confined in a prison; a captive.

**pristine** (pris'tin) [L. *pristinus*], *a.* Pertaining to an early state; ancient, primitive.

**private** (pri'vât) [L. *privâtus*, set apart], *a.* Not public; secluded; confidential; not official; personal, one's own; secretive. *n.* A soldier in the ranks. **privacy** (pri'vâ-si, priv'â-si), *n.*

**privateer** (pri-vâ-têr) [prec., -EER], *n.* A privately owned ship commissioned for war; one who engages in privateering.

**privation** (pri-vâ'shûn) [L. *privatio*, as PRIVATE], *n.* Deprivation or lack of what is necessary; want; negation (of). **priv'ative**, *a.* Causing or expressing privation or absence of a quality, etc., negative.

**privet** (priv'êt) [?], *n.* An evergreen, white-flowered shrub used for hedges.

**privilege** (priv'i-lêj) [L. *privilegium*], *n.* A benefit, right, or immunity; favour, a special advantage; an exemption pertaining to an office. *v.t.* To invest with a privilege. **privileged**, *a.*

**privy** (priv'i) [as PRIVATE], *a.* Hidden, clandestine, private. *n.* A latrine, a necessary. **Privy Council**: The private council of the British sovereign. **privily**, *adv.* Secretly, privately. **privacy**, *n.* The state of being privy to (certain facts, etc.).

**prize** (1) (priz) [O.F. *pris*, price], *n.* The reward of merit or superiority in a competition, exhibition, etc. *v.t.* To value highly, to esteem. **prize-fight**, *n.* A boxing-match for stakes.

**prize** (2) [F. *prise*, a taking], *n.* That which is taken from an enemy in war, esp. a ship.

**pro** (prô) [L.], *prep.* For. **pro and con** [L. *pro et contra*]: For and against; on both sides.

**pro-** [L. *pro*, before, in front of, in favour of, in the place of, on account of], *pref.*

**probability** (prob-â-bil'i-ti) [as *fol.*], *n.* Quality of being probable; likelihood.

**probable** (prob'âbl) [L., as PROVE], *a.* Having more evidence for than against, likely. **probably**, *adv.*

**probate** (prô'bât) [L. *probâtus*, proven], *n.* The official proving or a certified copy of a will.

**probation** (prô-bâ'shûn) [L. *probatio*, as *prec.*], *n.* A proving or testing of character, ability, etc.; a period of trial; a

- method of dealing with young criminals; evidence, proof. **probational**, *a.* **probationary**, *a.* Undergoing probation. **probationer**, *n.* One on probation; an offender under probation.
- probe** (prôb) [as PROOF], *n.* A surgical instrument for exploring cavities, wounds, etc. *v.t.* To search or examine (a wound, ulcer, etc.) with a probe; (*fig.*) to scrutinize thoroughly
- probity** (prôb'i-ti) [F. *probité*, L. *probus*, good], *n.* Tried honesty, sincerity; rectitude.
- problem** (prôblém) [Gr. *problēma*], *n.* A question proposed for solution, or involving doubt or difficulty. **problematic**, *-ai*, *a.* Doubtful, questionable. **problematically**, *adv.*
- proboscis** (prô-bos'is) [Gr. *proboskis*], *n.* (*pl.* -ides, -i-dēz) The trunk of an elephant, snout of a tapir, etc.; the elongated mouth of some insects.
- procedure** (prô-sē'dyūr) [PROCEED, -URE], *n.* Act or manner of proceeding; a course of action.
- proceed** (prô-sēd') [PRO-, L. *cēdere*, to go], *v.i.* To go on; to advance; to carry on a series of actions; to take steps; to issue, to originate; to take a degree. **proceeding**, *n.* Progress; a line of conduct, a transaction; (*pl.*) steps in the prosecution of an action at law; (*pl.*) the records of a learned society. **proceeds**, *n.pl.* Material results, profits.
- process** (prô'ses) [PRO-, L. *cessus*, gone], *n.* A course or method of proceeding; a progressive movement or state of activity; the course of proceedings in an action at law; a writ commencing this.
- procession** (prô-sesh'ūn) [as prec.], *n.* A train of persons proceeding in formal march.
- proclaim** (prô-klām') [PRO-, L. *clāmāre*, to cry out], *v.t.* To announce or declare publicly or openly, to publish; to outlaw.
- proclamation**, *n.*
- proclivity** (prô-kliv'i-ti) [PRO-, L. *clivus*, slope], *n.* Tendency, bent.
- procrastinate** (prô-krās'ti-nāt) [PRO-, L. *crastinus*, pertaining to to-morrow], *v.* To put off action; to be dilatory; to defer. **procrastination**, *n.*
- procreate** (prô'krē-āt) [PRO-, L. *creātus*, created], *v.t.* To generate, to beget.
- procreation**, *n.*
- proctor** (prôkt'ôr) [PROCURATOR], *n.* A University official maintaining order and discipline; one employed to manage another's cause, esp. in an ecclesiastical court. **proctorial**, *a.*
- procumbent** (prô-kūm'bent) [PRO-, L. *cumbens*, lying down], *a.* Lying down on the face, prone.
- procurator** (prô-kū-rā-shūn) [as PROCURE], *n.* Action on behalf of another, function of attorney, a proxy.
- procurator** (prô-kū-rā-tôr) [as foll.], *n.* One who manages another's affairs, an agent, attorney.
- procure** (prôk-ūr') [PRO-, L. *cūrāre*, to see to], *v.t.* To obtain, to acquire, to gain.
- procurable**, *a.*
- prod** (prod) [?], *v.t.* To poke with a pointed instrument.
- prod-** [PRO-, before vowels], *pref.*
- prodigal** (prod'i-gāl) [PROD-, L. *agere*, to drive], *a.* Given to extravagant expenditure; lavish (of). *n.* A spendthrift. **prodigality**, *n.* Extravagance; lavishness, waste. **prodigally**, *adv.*
- prodigy** (prod'i-ji) [L. *prodigium*, portent], *n.* Something wonderful or extraordinary; a person with extraordinary gifts or qualities; a monstrosity. **prodigious** (prô-dij'ūs), *a.*
- produce** (prô-dūs') [PRO-, L. *dūcere*, to lead], *v.t.* To bring into view; to exhibit; to bring into existence; to yield, to manufacture; to cause; (*Geom.*) to continue (a line) in the same direction. *n.* (prôd'ūs) That which is produced or yielded; result.
- producible**, *a.*
- product** (prôd'ukt) [as prec.], *n.* That which is produced by natural processes, labour, art, or mental application; effect, result; number resulting from multiplication. **production**, *n.* Act of producing, esp. as opposed to consumption; a product. **productive**, *a.* Producing; fertile.
- proem** (prô'ēm) [PRO-, Gr. *oimos*, way, or *oimē*, song], *n.* A preface, introduction, prelude.
- profane** (prô-fān') [PRO-, L. *fānum*, temple], *a.* Not sacred, secular; irreverent, blasphemous. *v.t.* To treat with irreverence; to desecrate, pollute. **profanation** (prô-fā-nā'shūn), *n.* **profanity** (-fān'i-ti), *n.* The use of profane language.
- profess** (prô-fes') [PRO-, L. *fātēri*, to confess], *v.t.* To avow publicly; to affirm one's belief in or allegiance to; to teach (a subject) as a professor. *v.i.* To make protestations or show of. **profes'sedly**, *adv.* By profession; avowedly; ostensibly. **profession** (-fesh'ūn), *n.* Act of professing; an avowal; a protestation, a pretence; a vocation, esp. one involving high qualifications; the body of persons engaged in such a vocation. **professional**, *a.* Pertaining to a profession, as opp. to amateur. *n.* A member of a profession; one who makes his living by some art, sport, etc. **professionalism**, *n.* **professor**, *n.* One who makes profession, esp. of a religious faith; a public teacher in a University. **professoriate**, **professorship**, *n.* **professorial**, *a.*
- proffer** (prôf'ēr) [PRO-, L. *offerre*, to offer], *v.t.* To offer or tender. *n.* An offer.
- proficient** (prô-fish'ent) [as PROFIT], *a.* Skilled in any art, science, etc., expert. *n.* An adept, an expert. **proficiency**, *n.*
- profile** (prôfil) [PRO-, L. *filāre*, to spin], *n.* An outline; a side view, esp. of the human face.
- profit** (prôf'it) [prōfēctus, advanced], *n.* Any benefit resulting from labour; excess of receipts over outlay, gain. *v.t.* To benefit, be of advantage to. *v.i.* To



receive benefit or advantage (by or from). **profitable**, *a.* Yielding or bringing profit; beneficial, useful. **profiteer**, *n.* One who, esp. at a time of national stress, makes undue profit at the expense of the public. **profiteering**, *n.* **profitless**, *a.* **profligate** (prɒf'li-gát) [L. *prōfligātus*, cast down], *a.* Abandoned to vice, dissolute; wildly extravagant. *n.* A profligate person. **profligacy**, *n.* **profound** (prɒf'ound) [PRO-, L. *fundus*, bottom], *a.* Having great insight or knowledge; requiring great study, abstruse, deep; reaching to or coming from a great depth; very low (as an obelance). *n.* An abyss; chaos. **profundity**, *n.* **profuse** (prɒ-fūs) [PRO-, L. *fusus*, poured], *a.* Poured forth lavishly, copious; extravagant. **profusion**, *n.* **progenitor** (prɒj'en'i-tór) [PRO-, L. *genitor*, a parent], *n.* An ancestor in the direct line; (*fig.*) an original. **progeny** (prɒj'ni) [L. *progenies*, as prec.], *n.* Offspring, descendants. **prognosis** (prog-nō'sis) [PRO-, Gr. *gignōskein*, to know], *n.* (*pl.* -oses) An opinion as to the probable result, esp. of an illness. **prognostic** (prog-nos'tik) [as prec.], *n.* An omen, a token; a forecast; (*Med.*) a symptom. *a.* Foreshowing. **prognosticate**, *v.t.* To foreshadow, presage, betoken. **prognostication**, *n.* **programme** (prɒ'grám) [Gr. *programma* (PRO-, *graphein*, to write)], *n.* A list of items of an entertainment, etc.; a plan of proceedings to be carried out. **progress** (prɒ'grɛs, prog'rɛs) [PRO-, L. *gressus*, walked], *n.* A going forward; movement onward, advance, development. *v.i.* (-gres') To advance; to be carried on; to develop. **progression** (-grɛsh'ún), *n.* Motion onward; regular or proportional advance. **progressional**, *a.* **progressive**, *a.* and *n.* A progressive person, esp. in municipal politics. **progressively**, *adv.* **prohibit** (prɒ-hib'it) [PRO-, L. *habēre*, to have], *v.t.* To forbid authoritatively, to prevent. **prohibition**, *n.* Act of or order prohibiting. **prohibitive**, *a.* **project** (prɒj'ekt) [PRO-, L. *jectus*, thrown], *n.* A scheme, design. *v.t.* (prɒ-jekt') To throw forward; to cause to jut out; to contrive, plan; (*Geom.*) to make a projection of. *v.i.* To jut out, protrude. **projectile**, *a.* Impelling forward; adapted to be projected. *n.* A missile, esp. from a heavy gun. **projection**, *n.* Act or state of projecting, throwing, or impelling; a part that projects; act of planning; the geometrical projecting of a figure; the representation of the terrestrial or celestial sphere on a plane surface. **prolegomenon** (prɒ-lé-gom'é-nón) [PRO-, Gr. *legein*, to say], *n.* (*usu. in pl.*, -ena) An introductory or preliminary discourse. **proletarian** (prɒ-lé-tár'i-án) [L. *prōletārius*, one of the lowest class], *a.* Pertaining to the common people. *n.* A member of the proletariat. **proletariat**, *n.* Those with-

out property, the wage-earners, the labouring-classes.

**prolific** (prɒ-lif'ik) [L. *prōles*, offspring], *a.* Fruitful, productive; abounding (in).

**prolix** (prɒ-lik's) [PRO-, L. *liquere*, to flow], *a.* Wordy; tedious, diffuse. **prolixity**, *n.* Wordiness, diffuseness.

**prologue** (prɒ'log) [PRO-, Gr. *logos*, speech], *n.* An introductory discourse, a poem introducing a play.

**prolong** (prɒ-long') [PRO-, LONG (1)], *v.t.* To lengthen, to extend in duration or distance. *n.* Act of lengthening; a lengthening in time or space.

**promenade** (prom-é-nad') [F., from L. *prōmināre*, to drive], *n.* A walk, drive, etc., for pleasure; a public walk. *v.i.* To take a walk, etc., for pleasure, exercise, or show.

**prominent** (prom'i-nént) [L. *prominens*, projecting], *a.* Standing out, jutting; conspicuous; distinguished. **prominence**, *n.*

**promiscuous** (prɒ-mis'kū-ús) [PRO-, L. *miscere*, to mix], *a.* Mixed together in a disorderly manner; of different kinds mingled confusedly; indiscriminate; (*colloq.*) fortuitous. **promiscuity**, *n.*

**promise** (prom'is) [PRO-, L. *missus*, sent], *n.* An engagement to do or forbear from doing; that which is promised; ground of expectation. *v.t.* To engage to do or not do; to give good grounds for expecting. *v.i.* To bind oneself by a promise. **promising**, *a.* Giving grounds for hope; favourable. **promissory**, *a.* Containing a promise, esp. a promise to pay money.

**promontory** (prom'ón-tór-i) [PRO-, L. *mons*, mount], *n.* A headland. **promontoried**, *a.*

**promote** (prɒ-mót') [PRO-, L. *mōtus*, moved], *v.t.* To advance, to contribute to the increase or advancement of; to foster, encourage; to raise to a higher position; to organize and float (a company, etc.).

**prompt** (prompt) [L. *promptus* (PRO-, *emptus*, taken)], *a.* Ready to act as occasion demands; done with alacrity. *v.t.* To instigate; to suggest to the mind, to inspire; to assist (actor, etc.) by suggesting the words forgotten. **promptitude**, *n.*

**promulgate** (prom'ul-gát) [L. *prōmulgāre*], *v.t.* To make known to the public; to publish abroad. **promulgation**, *n.* **promulgator**, *n.*

**prone** (prɒn) [L. *pronus*], *a.* Leaning forward; lying with the face downward; prostrate; disposed, inclined.

**prong** (prɒŋ) [?], *n.* A forked instrument; one of the spikes of a fork.

**pronominal** (prɒ-nom'i-nál) [as PRONOUN], *a.* Pertaining to or of the nature of a pronoun.

**pronoun** (prɒ'noun) [PRO-, NOUN], *n.* A word used in place of a noun.

**pronounce** (prɒ-nouns') [PRO-, L. *nuntiāre*, to announce], *v.* To utter articulately, formally, or rhetorically; to declare, to affirm. **pronounceable**, *a.* **pronounced**, *a.* Strongly marked, emphatic; conspicuous. **pronouncement**, *n.*

**pronunciation** (pró-nūn-si-á'shún) [as prec.], *n.* Act or mode of pronouncing words, etc.; art or act of public speaking.

**proof** (proof) [L. *probāre*, to prove], *n.* Act of proving, a test; demonstration; convincing evidence; state of having been proved; a standard degree of strength in spirit; a trial impression from type or an engraved plate. *a.* Proved, tested; impenetrable; of a certain degree of alcoholic strength. *v.t.* To make proof, esp. water-proof.

**prop** (prop) [?], *n.* A support, esp. a temporary one; a person supporting a cause. *v.t.* To support or hold up with or by a prop.

**propagate** (prop-á-gāt) [L. *prōpāgātus*, extended], *v.t.* To cause to multiply; to reproduce; to diffuse, disseminate; to transmit. *v.i.* To be reproduced or multiplied; to have offspring. **propaganda**, *n.* Any organization or scheme for propagating doctrines, systems, etc.; effort directed to this end. **propagandist**, *n.* One devoted to or engaged in propaganda.

**propagation**, *n.* Act of propagating; dissemination. **propagator**, *n.*

**propel** (pró-pel') [PRO-, L. *pellere*, to drive], *v.t.* To drive or cause to move forward. **propellent**, *n.* That which propels, esp. an explosive. **propeller**, *n.* One who or that which propels; a rotating device with two to four blades for propelling a vessel through water or air.

**propensity** (pró-pen'si-ti) [PRO-, L. *pensus*, hung], *n.* Natural tendency, inclination.

**proper** (prop-ér) [L. *proprius*, one's own], *a.* Belonging exclusively or peculiarly to; designating an individual, place, etc. (of nouns); correct, suitable, becoming; real, genuine. **properly**, *adv.* Suitably; justly, correctly, accurately; quite.

**property** (prop-ér-ti) [as prec.], *n.* Peculiar or inherent quality; that which is owned; possessions, an estate; ownership; (*pl.*) articles required for a play.

**propertied**, *a.* Possessed of property, esp. land.

**prophecy** (prof'é-si) [Gr. *prophēteia*], *n.* A prediction; prediction of future events; gift of prophesying.

**prophecy** (prof'é-si) [as foll.], *v.t.* To predict, herald. *v.i.* To utter prophecies.

**prophet** (prof'et) [Gr. *prophētēs* (PRO-, *phē-*, stem of *phanai*, to speak)], *n.* One who foretells future events, esp. under divine inspiration; a religious leader; (*fig.*) a preacher of a cause, etc. **prophetess**, *n.* **prophet'ic**, -al, *a.* Pertaining to prophecy; predictive, anticipative.

**propinquity** (pró-ping'kwi-ti) [L. *propinquus*, near], *n.* Nearness in time, space, or relationship; similarity.

**propitiate** (pró-pish'i-āt) [L. *propitiūs*, propitious], *v.t.* To appease; to render favourable. **propitiation**, *n.* Act of propitiating; atonement. **propitiatory**, *a.* Intended or serving to propitiate. *n.*

A propitiation; the mercy-seat of the Jews. **propitious**, *a.* Favourable; disposed to be kind or gracious; auspicious.

**proportion** (pró-pór'shún) [PRO-, PORTION], *n.* Comparative relation of one part or thing to another; ratio; suitable adaptation of parts, etc.; a share; (*pl.*) dimensions; the rule by which from three quantities a fourth may be found bearing the same ratio to the third as the second to the first. *v.t.* To adjust in suitable proportion; to apportion. **proportional**, *a.* **proportionate**, *a.* In proportion (to). *v.t.* To make proportionate or proportional. **proportionately**, *adv.*

**propose** (pró-póz') [F. *proposer* (*cp.* COMPOSE)], *v.t.* To offer for consideration; to nominate for election; to put forward, to intend. *v.i.* To make an offer, esp. of marriage. **proposal** (-póz'al), *n.*

**proposition** (prop-ó-zish'ún) [*prōpositio*, as foll.], *n.* That which is propounded; an assertion; a formal statement of a theorem; a scheme proposed.

**propound** (pró-pound') [PRO-, L. *pōnere*, to put], *v.t.* To set forth for consideration, to propose; (*Law*) to bring forward for probate.

**proprietor** (pró-pri'é-tór) [L. *propriētarius*, as PROPERTY], *n.* An owner, one who has the exclusive legal right to anything. **proprietary**, *a.* Pertaining to a proprietor. **proprietor'ial**, *a.* **proprietorship**, *n.*

**propriety** (pró-pri'é-ti) [F. *propriété*, as prec.], *n.* Fitness, rightness; correctness of behaviour.

**propulsion** (pró-pūl'shún) [as PROPEL], *n.* Act of propelling; an impulse.

**prorogue** (pró-róg') [L. *prōrogāre*, to defer], *v.t.* To end the meetings of Parliament without dissolving. **prorogation**, *n.*

**pros-** [Gr.], *pref.* To; before, in addition.

**prosaic** (pró-sā'ik) [as PROSE], *a.* Pertaining to prose; unimaginative, dull.

**proscribe** (pró-skrīb') [PRO-, L. *scribere*, to write], *v.t.* To outlaw; to exile; to denounce as dangerous; to interdict.

**proscription**, *n.* **proscriptive**, *a.*

**prose** (próz) [L. *prōsa oratio*, straightforward discourse], *n.* Ordinary language, opp. to verse. *v.i.* To write or talk in a dull, tedious manner.

**prosecute** (pros'é-kūt) [PRO-, L. *secūtus*, followed], *v.t.* To follow up with a view to accomplish; to carry on (work, etc.); to take legal proceedings against. *v.i.* To act as a prosecutor. **prosecution**, *n.* Act of prosecuting; the instituting and carrying on of a suit; the prosecutors collectively. **prosecutor**, *n.* **prosecutrix**, *n.*

**proselyte** (pros-é-lit) [Gr. *prosēlutos*], *n.* A new convert. **proselytize**, *v.t.* and *i.*

**prosody** (pros'ó-di) [Gr. *prosōdia*], *n.* The science of versification.

**prospect** (pros'pekt) [as foll.], *n.* An extensive view; the way a house, etc., fronts; mental outlook; expectation. *v.* (*próspekt*) To explore, esp. for minerals;



to promise (a good or poor yield). **prospec'tive**, *a.* Pertaining to the future; probable. **prospec'tor**, *n.* One who searches for minerals or mining sites.

**prospectus** (pró-spek'tús) [L., a look-out (PRO-, *spectus*, looked)], *n.* A circular announcing the objects and plans of a commercial scheme, work, etc.

**prosper** (pros'pér) [L. *favourable*], *v.t.* To make successful or fortunate. *v.i.* To thrive. **prosperous**, *a.* **prosper'ity**, *n.*

**prostitute** (pros'ti-tút) [PRO-, L. *statuere*, to place], *v.t.* To offer for lewd, base, or unworthy purposes; to devote to base uses. *a.* Prostituted. *n.* A woman who offers herself for hire. **prostitu'tion**, *n.*

**prostrate** (pros'trát) [PRO-, L. *stratus*, laid flat], *a.* Lying in a horizontal position, in a posture of humility; overcome, exhausted. *v.t.* To lay flat; to cast (oneself) down before; to overthrow; to reduce to physical exhaustion. **prostra'tion**, *n.*

**prosy** (pró'zi) [PROSE, -y], *a.* Dull, tedious, tiresome. **prosil'y**, *adv.* **prosiness**, *n.*

**prot-** [PROTO-], *pref.* **protagonist** (pró-täg'ó-níst) [Gr. *prôtágônistês* (*agônistês*, actor)], *n.* The leading character in a Greek play; an advocate, champion, etc.

**protean** (pró'té-án, pró-té'an) [Proteus, a Greek deity who could change his shape], *a.* Readily assuming different shapes or aspects; changeable.

**protect** (pró-tek't') [PRO-, L. *tectus*, covered], *v.t.* To shield, or keep safe (from danger, etc.); to support (industries) against foreign competition by imposing duties on imports. **protec'tion**, *n.* Act of protecting; state of being protected; a covering, shield, or defence; a passport. **protectionist**, *n.* and *a.* **protective**, *a.*

**protector** (pró-tek'tór) [as prec.], *n.* One who protects; one in charge during the minority, incapacity, etc., of a sovereign. **protec'torate**, *n.* Partial control of a weak State by a more powerful one; territory under such protection; the office of protector of a kingdom; the period of this.

**protégé** (prot-á-zhá) [F.], *n.* (*fem.* -gée, -zhá) One under the protection of another.

**proteid** (pró'téid) [as foll.], *n.* A protein.

**protein** (pró'té-in) [Gr. *prôtos*, first], *n.* An unstable organic compound found in all organic bodies and forming an essential constituent of animal foods.

**protest** (pró-test') [PRO-, L. *testāri*, to declare], *v.i.* To make a solemn affirmation; to make formal opposition. *v.t.* To affirm or declare formally; to make a formal declaration that payment of (a bill) has been demanded and refused. *n.* (pró'test) Act of protesting; a solemn declaration of opinion, usu. of dissent. **protesta'tion**, *n.* A solemn affirmation or declaration, esp. of dissent; a vow, promise.

**Protestant** (prot'és-tánt) [F., *pres. p.* of *protester*, to protest], *n.* One of the party

adhering to Luther, who (1529) protested against submission to the R.C. Church; a member of a church upholding the principles of the Reformation. *a.* Pertaining to the Protestants.

**proto-** [Gr. *prôtos*, first], *comb. form.* Chief; earliest, original, primitive.

**protocol** (pró'tó-kol) [Gr. *protokollon*, the first leaf glued to a MS.], *n.* The original draft of an official document, esp. of a treaty.

**protoplasm** (pró'tó-plázm) [PROTO-, Gr. *plasma*, a moulded thing], *n.* The substance constituting the living matter from which all living organisms are developed.

**prototype** (pró'tó-tip) [PROTO-, TYPE], *n.* A primary type or model, an exemplar.

**protract** (pró-trákt') [PRO-, L. *tractus*, drawn], *v.t.* To extend, to prolong; to draw (a plan, etc.) to scale. **protractedly**, *adv.* Tediously. **protractile**, *a.* Capable of extension. **protraction**, *n.* **protractor**, *n.* An instrument for laying down angles on paper.

**protrude** (pró-trood') [PRO-, L. *trādere*, to thrust], *v.t.* To thrust forward; to cause to issue. *v.i.* To project. **protru'sion**, *n.* **protrusive**, *a.*

**protuberant** (pró-tū'bér-ánt) [PRO-, TUBER], *a.* Bulging out, prominent. **protuberance**, *n.*

**proud** (proud) [A.-S. *prāt*], *a.* Having inordinate self-esteem; haughty; having a due sense of dignity; feeling honoured, gratified; (*fig.*) grand, imposing; inspired by or inspiring pride, noble, grand (of deeds, etc.). **proudly**, *adv.*

**prove** (proov) [L. *probāre*, to test, to approve], *v.t.* (*p.p.* proved, proovd, proven, prō'ven) To make trial of; to put to a test. *v.i.* To be found by experience or trial; to turn out to be. **provable**, *a.* **provably**, *adv.* **prover**, *n.*

**provenance** (prov'é-náns) [F., from L. *provenire* (PRO-, *venire*, to come)], *n.* Origin, source.

**provender** (prov'en-dér) [O.F.], *n.* Dry food for beasts, fodder.

**proverb** (prov'erb) [PRO-, L. *verbum*, word], *n.* A short, pithy sentence, containing some proved truth. **proverbial**, *a.* **proverbially**, *adv.*

**provide** (pró-vid') [PRO-, L. *vidēre*, to see], *v.t.* To procure or prepare beforehand; to equip (with); to stipulate. *v.i.* To make preparation or provision (for or against); to furnish means of subsistence (for). **provided**, **providing**, *conj.* On the condition (that).

**providence** (prov'i-déns) [L. *próvidentia*, as prec.], *n.* Foresight; economy, prudence; the care of God over His creatures; God or nature as exercising such care. **provident**, *a.* **providential** (den'shál), *a.* Due to or effected by divine providence; lucky, opportune. **providen'tially**, *adv.* **providently**, *adv.*

**province** (prov'ins) [L. *próvincia*], *n.* Anciently, a territory outside Italy under a Roman governor; a large administrative

**division of a country**; the territory under an archbishop, (*pl.*) districts at a distance from the metropolis; proper sphere of action, business, etc. **provincial** (-vin'shal), *n.* One who belongs to a province or the provinces; (*Eccles.*) the superior of an order, etc., in a province. **provincialism**, *n.* Quality of being provincial; a mode of speech, etc., peculiar to the provinces. **provincially**, *adv.*

**provision** (prô-vizh'ân) [as PROVIDE], *n.* Act of providing, a precautionary measure; a stipulation; (*pl.*) victuals. *v.t.* To provide with provisions. **provisional**, *a.* Provided for present need; temporary. **provisionally**, *adv.*

**proviso** (prô-vi'zô) [L., being provided that], *n.* A provisional condition, a stipulation.

**provisory** (prô-vi'zô-ri) [as PROVIDE], *a.* Conditional; provisional. **provisoryly**, *adv.*

**provoke** (prô-vôk') [PRO-, L. *vocâre*, to call], *v.t.* To rouse; to stimulate to action, anger, etc., to exasperate. **provocation** (prov-ô-kâ'shùn), *n.* **provocative**, *a.* provoking, *a.*

**provost** (prov'ôst) [A.-S. *prôfost*], *n.* The head of a college or a chapter; a cathedral dignitary corresponding to a dean; (*Sc.*) the chief magistrate in a burgh. **Provost-Marshal**, *n.* A commissioned officer, the head of the military police in a camp, etc.

**prow** (prou) [F. *proue*], *n.* The fore part of a vessel, the stern, the bow.

**prowess** (prou'es) [O.F. *prouesse*], *n.* Valour.

**prowl** (proul) [?], *v.* To rove about stealthily as in search of prey. *n.* Prowling.

**proximate** (prok'si-mât) [L. *proximus*, nearest], *a.* Next; immediately preceding or following. **proxim'ity**, *n.* Immediate nearness in place, time, relation, etc. **proximo** (prok'si-mô), *a.* In the month succeeding the present.

**proxy** (prok'si) [L. *procuratio*, management], *n.* One deputed to act for another; a document authorizing this; a vote given under this authority.

**prude** (prood) [F.], *n.* A woman who affects great modesty or propriety.

**prudery**, *n.* prudish, *a.*

**prudent** (proo'dent) [L. *prûdens*, as PROVIDENT], *a.* Discreet, circumspect, careful of consequences. **prudence**, *n.* **prudent'ial**, *a.* Worldly-wise, mercenary. **prudently**, *adv.*

**prune** (1) (proon) [F.], *n.* The dried fruit of various kinds of plum; the colour of this, dark reddish-purple.

**prune** (2) [O.F. *proignier*], *v.t.* To lop off superfluous branches, etc.; to free from anything superfluous. **pruning-hook**, **-knife**, **-shears**, *n.* Instruments of various forms for pruning trees, etc.

**prunella** (prû-nel'â) [?], *n.* A smooth dark woollen stuff used for the uppers of shoes and formerly for clergymen's gowns.

**prurient** (proor'i-ënt) [L. *prûriens*, itch-

ing], *a.* Disposed to lewd ideas; characterized by a morbid curiosity. **prurience**, **-ency**, *n.* **pruriently**, *adv.*

**Prussian** (prüsh'ân), *a.* Pertaining to Prussia. *n.* A native of Prussia. **Prussianism**, *n.* A characteristic of the Prussians, esp. excessive militarism. **Prussianize**, *v.t.* **prussic**, *a.* Derived from

Prussian blue, applied to hydrocyanic acid. **pry** (pri) [?], *v.i.* To look inquisitively; to search or inquire impertinently (into).

**psalm** (sam) [Gr. *psalmos*, from *psallein*, to sing to the harp], *n.* A sacred song or hymn. **psalmist**, *n.* A composer of psalms, esp. David. **psalmody**, *n.* Art or practice of singing psalms; psalms collectively. **psalmodist**, *n.* A composer or singer of psalms. **psalter** (sawlt'er), *n.* The Book of Psalms; a book containing the Psalms for use in divine service.

**psaltery** (sawlt'er-i) [Gr. *psaltêrion*, cp. prec.], *n.* A mediæval stringed instrument, like the dulcimer but played by plucking.

**pseud-**, **pseudo-** [Gr., from *pseudês*, false], *comb. form.* False, spurious; closely resembling.

**pseudonym** (sû'dô-nim) [PSEUD-, Gr. *onoma*, name], *n.* A fictitious name, a *nom de guerre*. **pseudonymous**, *a.*

**pshaw** (pshaw), *int.* An exclamation of contempt, impatience, etc.

**psych-** [PSYCHO-], *comb. form.*

**psychic** (sî'kik) [as foll.], *a.* Pertaining to the human soul, spirit, or mind, or to phenomena that appear to be outside the domain of physical law. *n.* A spiritualistic medium. **psychical**, *a.*

**psycho-** [Gr. *psuchê*, breath, life, soul], *comb. form.* Mental; psychical. **psychoanalysis** (sî-kô-ân-â'i-sis), *n.* Mental analysis applied as a therapeutic method in cases of mental or nervous disease. **psycho-an'alist**, *n.*

**psychology** (sî-kol'ô-jî) [PSYCHO-, -LOGY], *n.* The science of the human mind; a system of mental laws and phenomena. **psycholog'ical**, *a.* Pertaining or relating to psychology. **psychol'ogist**, *n.*

**ptarmigan** (tar'mi-gân) [Gael. *tarmachan*], *n.* A bird allied to the grouse.

**pter-**, **pteri-**, **ptero-** [Gr. *pteron*, feather, a wing], *comb. form.* Winged. **pterodactyl** (ter-ô-dâk'til) [Gr. *daktulos*, finger], *n.* An extinct winged reptile resembling a large bat.

**ptomaine** (tô'mân) [Gr. *ptôma*, corpse], *n.* An alkaloid possessing highly poisonous qualities, derived from decaying animal and vegetable matter.

**puberty** (pû'bér-tî) [L. *pûber*, youth], *n.* The age at which persons become capable of begetting or bearing children. **pubes'cence**, *n.* The state or age of puberty. **pubes'cent**, *a.*

**public** (pûb'lik) [L. *pûblicus*, from *populus*, people], *a.* Pertaining to the people as a whole; open to all; done, existing, or such as may be observed by all; open,



- notorious. *n.* The people in general; any particular section of the people. **public-house**, *n.* A house licensed for the retail of intoxicating liquors. **publican** (pŭb'-li-kán), *n.* (*Rom. Hist.*) A collector of the revenues; a keeper of a public-house. **publica'tion**, *n.* Act of making public, or of publishing a book, periodical, musical composition, etc.; a work published. **publicity** (-lis'i-ti), *n.* **pub'licly**, *adv.* **publish** (pŭb'lish) [*L. publicāre*, as prec.], *v.t.* To make public, to promulgate; to ask (the banns of marriage); to print and offer for sale. **publisher**, *n.* **pucker** (pŭk'ér) [?], *v.t.* To gather into small folds. *n.* A fold, a wrinkle. **pudding** (pud'ing) [?], *n.* Animal or vegetable food baked or boiled with flour or other farinaceous basis or covering; a large sausage. **puddle** (pŭdl) [*A.-S. pudd*, a ditch], *n.* A small muddy pool; clay and sand worked together to form a watertight lining. **puerile** (pŭ'ér-il) [*L. puer*, boy], *a.* Childish; suited for children, trivial. **pueril'-ity**, *n.* **puerperal** (pŭ-ér'pér-ál) [*L. puer*, boy, -*parus*, bringing forth], *a.* Pertaining to childbirth. **puff** (puf) [imit.], *v.i.* To emit or expel air, etc., in short blasts; to breathe hard. *v.t.* To emit with a short sudden blast; to blow away thus; to praise in an exaggerated way. *n.* A short, sudden blast of breath, smoke, steam, etc.; a small amount emitted at one puff; a cake, tart, etc., of light consistency; a light pad or tuft for applying powder to the skin; (*fig.*) an exaggerated or misleading advertisement, etc. **puff-ball**, *n.* A fungus, the spore-case of which emits dry, dust-like spores. **puffiness**, *n.* **puffin** (pŭf'in) [?], *n.* A sea-bird of the auk family. **pug** (1) (pŭg) [?], *n.* A dwarf variety of bulldog or mastiff; a fox; an upper servant. **pug-nose**, *n.* A short squat nose. **pugilism** (pŭ'jil-izm) [*L. pugil*, boxer], *n.* The art or science of fighting with the fists, boxing. **pugilist**, *n.* A boxer, a prize-fighter. **pugilis'tic**, *a.* **pugnacious** (pŭg-nā'shús) [*L. pugnāre*, to fight], *a.* Inclined to fight; quarrelsome. **pugnacity** (-nās'i-ti), *n.* **puisne** (pŭ'ni) [*O.F. puis*, after, *né*, born], *a.* Junior (applied to judges); more recent. *n.* A puisne judge. **puissant** (pŭ'i-sánt) [*F.*], *a.* Powerful, mighty. **puissance**, *n.* **pule** (pŭl) [?], *v.i.* To cry plaintively, to whine, whimper. **puling**, *a.* and *n.* **pull** (pul) [*A.-S. pullian*], *v.t.* To draw towards; to haul, tug; to pluck; to row (a boat); (*Print*) to take a proof. *v.i.* To give a pull; to tug; to strain against the bit (of a horse); to suck (at a pipe). *n.* Act of pulling; a draught, a swig; (*Print.*) a proof; (*slang*) unfair or illegitimate influence. **pullet** (pul'èt) [*O.F. polete*, late *L. pulla*, hen], *n.* A young fowl. **pulley** (pul'i) [*O.F. polie*], *n.* A wheel with a grooved rim, mounted in a block, for a cord to run over, for raising weights or to increase a power. **Pullman** (pul'mán) [George M. Pullman (d. 1897), designer], *n.* A Pullman car, a luxurious railway saloon or sleeping-car. **pulmonary** (pŭl'mò-nár-i) [*L. pulmo* -*mōnis*, lung], *a.* Pertaining to or affecting the lungs. **pulp** (pŭlp) [*L. pulpa*], *n.* Any soft, moist, coherent mass; the fleshy portion of a fruit; the mixture from which paper is made. *v.t.* To convert into pulp. **pulpy**, *a.* Resembling pulp. **pulpit** (pul'pit) [*L. pulpitum*], *n.* An elevated stand for a preacher. *a.* Pertaining to preaching. **pulsate** (pŭl'sāt) [*L. pulsāus*, beaten], *v.i.* To beat rhythmically, to throb. **pulsa'tion**, *n.* Action of pulsating; the movement of the pulse. **pulse** (1) (pŭls) [*L. pulsus*, driven], *n.* The rhythmic beating of the arteries or heart; a beat of these; a pulsation, a vibration. **pulse** (2) (pŭls) [*L. puls*, pottage of meal, etc.], *n.* Leguminous plants or their seeds. **pulverize** (pŭl'vér-iz) [*L. pulvis* -*veris* dust], *v.t.* To reduce to fine powder; (*fig.*) to demolish. **puma** (pŭ'má) [*Peruv.*], *n.* The cougar, a large feline carnivorous animal of N. and S. America. **pumice** (pŭm'is) [*L. pŭmex*, -*icem*], *n.* A porous kind of lava, used for cleansing and polishing. **pump** (1) (pŭmp) [*M.E. and G., pumpe*, *F. pompe*], *n.* A machine for raising water or other liquid, or for exhausting or compressing air; act of pumping. *v.t.* To raise or remove or free from water with a pump; to put out of breath (*usu. in p.p.*); (*fig.*) to elicit information by artful interrogations. *v.i.* To work a pump. **pump** (2) [?], *n.* A light slipper. **pumpkin** (pŭmp'kin) [*Gr. pēpon*], *n.* The large globular fruit of *Cucurbita pepo*; the plant bearing this. **pun** (pŭn) [?], *n.* Use of a word in two different senses or of words similar in sound but different in meaning. *v.i.* To make a pun. **punster**, *n.* One addicted to pun-making. **punch** (1) (pŭnch) [?], *n.* A tool for making holes, indenting, forcing bolts out of holes, etc.; a tool for stamping a die; a blow with the fist. *v.t.* To stamp, indent, or perforate with a punch; to strike with the fist. **punch** (2) [*Hindi panch*, five (ingredients)], *n.* A beverage of wine or spirit, water or milk, lemons, sugar, spice, etc. **Punch** (3) [short for *punchinello*, *It. polichinello*, a character in Neapolitan low comedy], *n.* The chief character in the puppet-show of Punch and Judy; a grotesque hump-backed man; a short, fat fellow; a buffoon; a stout-built carthorse.

**punchoon** (pŭn'chŏn) [?], *n.* A large cask holding from 72 to 120 gallons.

**punctilio** (pŭnk-tī'lī-ŏ) [Sp. *puntillo*, dim. of *punto*, point], *n.* A nice point in conduct, etc.; precision in etiquette. **punctilious**, *a.* Precise; strictly observant of ceremony or etiquette.

**punctual** (pŭnk-tŭ-ál) [med. L. *punctuālis*, from *punctus*, a point], *a.* Observant and exact in matters of time; done, etc., exactly at the proper time. **punctuality**, *n.* **punctually**, *adv.*

**punctuate** (pŭnk-tŭ-āt) [L. *punctuāre*, as prec.], *v.t.* To mark with stops, divide into sentences, clauses, etc. **punctuation**, *n.*

**puncture** (pŭnk'chŭr) [L. *punctūra*, as prec.], *n.* A small hole made with something pointed; act of pricking. *v.t.* To make a puncture in; to pierce or prick. *v.i.* To sustain a puncture (of a tyre, etc.).

**pundit** (pŭn'dit) [Hindī *pandit*, learned], *n.* A learned Hindu; any learned person or pretender to learning.

**pungent** (pŭn'jént) [L. *pungens*, pricking], *a.* Sharply affecting the senses, esp. of smell or taste; pricking; keen, caustic. **pungency**, *n.*

**Punic** (pŭ'nik) [L. *Pānicus*, Gr. *Phoinix*, Phœnician], *a.* Pertaining to the Carthaginians; (*fig.*) treacherous, faithless.

**punish** (pŭn'ish) [L. *pānīre*], *v.t.* To inflict a penalty on; to chastise; to inflict pain or injury on, to maul. **punishable**, *a.* **punishment**, *n.* **punitive**, (pŭ'ni-tiv), *a.* Awarding or inflicting punishment; retributive.

**punkah** (pŭng'ká) [Hind. *pankhā*], *n.* A large fan hung from the ceiling worked by a cord.

**punt** (pŭnt) [A.-S.], *n.* A shallow, flat-bottomed, square-ended boat propelled with a pole. *v.* To propel a punt thus.

**puny** (pŭ'ni) [PUISNE], *a.* Undersized, weak, poorly developed; petty. **puniness**, *n.*

**pup** (pŭp) [PUPPY], *n.* A puppy. *v.t.* To bring forth pups.

**pupa** (pŭ'pá) [L.], *n.* (*pl.* -pæ) A chrysalis.

**pupil** (1) (pŭ'pil) [L. *pāpillus*], *n.* One under the care of a teacher, a scholar; (*Law*) a ward; the circular opening of the iris through which rays of light pass to the retina. **pupilage**, *n.* State of being a pupil; one's minority.

**puppet** (pŭp'et) [O.F. *poupette*, dim. from L. *puppa*, a doll], *n.* A small image representing a human being, moved by wires in a mock drama; (*fig.*) a mere tool.

**puppy** (pŭp'ī) [?], *n.* A young dog; (*fig.*) a coxcomb, a fop. -hood, *n.*

**pur-** [L. *por-*, PRO-], *pref.*

**purblind** (pĕr'blīnd) [PUR-, BLIND], *a.* Partially blind, near-sighted.

**purchase** (pĕrchás) [PUR-, CHASE (1)], *v.t.* To buy; to acquire at the expense of some sacrifice, exertion, etc. *n.* Act

of buying; that which is bought; any mode of acquiring property other than by inheritance; (*Mech.*) advantage gained by mechanism, leverage; an appliance furnishing this. **purchaser**, *n.*

**pure** (pŭr) [L. *pŭrus*], *a.* Unmixed, clear, clean; mere, absolute; innocent, unsullied, chaste; (of sciences) theoretical, not applied. **purely**, *adv.* **pureness**, *n.*

**purgation** (pŭr-gá'shŭn) [as PURGE], *n.* Act of purging, purification; act of clearing oneself by oath or ordeal. **pur'gative**, *a.* Having the quality of cleansing. *n.* An aperient.

**purgatory** (pĕr'gá-tŏr-ī) [L. *purgatŏrium*, as foll.], *n.* A place or state of spiritual purging, esp. one succeeding the present life (R.O. Church); any place of temporary suffering. *a.* Cleansing, purifying. **pur-gator'ial**, *a.*

**purge** (pĕrj) [L. *purgāre*], *v.t.* To cleanse or purify.

**purify** (pŭr'ī-fī) [PURE-FY], *v.t.* To make pure, to cleanse; to free from sin, pollution, etc.; to clear of corruptions. **purification**, *n.* **purificatory**, *a.*

**purist** (pŭr'ist) [PURE, -IST], *n.* One advocating or affecting purity, esp. in the choice of words. **purism**, *n.*

**Puritan** (pŭr'ī-tán) [PURITY, -AN], *n.* One practising or advocating extreme strictness in conduct or religion (usu. in deprecation), esp. a Protestant dissenter from the Eng. Church in the 16th or 17th cents. *a.* Pertaining to the Puritans. **puritan'ic**, -al, *a.* **Pur'itanism**, *n.*

**purity** (pŭr'ī-tī) [L. *puritas*, as PURE], *n.* State of being pure; freedom from pollution or adulteration; innocence, chastity.

**purl** (1) (pĕrl) [?], *n.* An inversion of the stitches in knitting. *v.t.* To decorate with purl.

**purl** (2) [?], *n.* Hot spiced gin and beer.

**purl** (3) [Scand.], *v.t.* To flow with a soft gurgling or murmuring sound. *n.* A gentle murmur as of a stream.

**purlieu** (pĕr'lŭ) [O.F. *puralee* (PUR-, ALLEY)], *n.* The bounds within which one ranges; (*pl.*) outskirts, environs.

**purloin** (pŭr-loin') [O.F. *purloigner* (PUR-, L. *longe*, far)], *v.t.* To steal.

**purple** (pĕrpl) [A.-S. *purpure*, L. *purpura*], *a.* Of the colour of red and blue blended, the former predominating; (*fig.*) imperial. *n.* A purple pigment or dye; (*fig.*) imperial or regal power.

**purport** (pŭr-pŏrt') [O.F. *purporteur* (PUR-, L. *portāre*, to carry)], *v.t.* To imply, signify; to profess. *n.* (pĕr'pŏrt) Meaning; object.

**purpose** (pĕr'pŏs) [L. *prŏpositus*, as PRO-POUND], *n.* Aim, object, design; meaning; effect, result. *v.* To intend, to design. **purposely**, *adv.* Of set purpose, intentionally.

**purr** (pĕr) [imit.], *n.* A murmur as of a cat when pleased. *v.t.* To make this sound.

**purse** (pĕrs) [A.-S. *purs*, Gr. *bursa*, leather], *n.* A small bag for money; (*fig.*) money,



resources. *v.* To wrinkle, to pucker.  
**purse-proud**, *a.* Proud of one's wealth.  
**purser**, *n.* An officer on board ship in charge of the provisions, pay, etc. **pursiness** [PURSY], *n.*

**pursue** (pŭr-sŭ) [PRO-, *L. sequere*, to follow], *v.t.* To follow with intent to seize, gain, or obtain; to go in accordance with; to follow up, to prosecute; to attend persistently (of consequences, etc.). *v.i.* To follow, to go in pursuit; to proceed, continue. **pursuance**, *n.* **pursuant**, *a.* and *adv.* In accordance, conformable (to). **pursuer**, *n.* **pursuit**, *n.* Act of pursuing, a following; a prosecution, an endeavour to attain some end; any employment, occupation, business, or recreation that one follows persistently.

**pursuivant** (pĕr'swi-vănt) [O.F. *porsivant*, as prec.], *n.* An attendant on a herald.

**pursy** (pĕr'si) [O.F. *polsif* as PULSE (1)], *a.* Short-winded; fat. **pursiness**, *n.*

**purulent** (pŭr'ŭ-lĕnt) [L. *pŭrulentus*, as PUS], *a.* Consisting of or discharging pus. **purulence**, *n.*

**purvey** (pŭr-vă) [as PROVIDE], *v.t.* To provide, esp. provisions. *v.i.* To make provision; to act as purveyor. **purveyance**, *n.* The providing of provisions; provisions supplied; the old royal prerogative of impressing provisions, horses, etc. **purveyor**, *n.* A caterer, esp. on a large scale.

**pus** (pŭs) [L.], *n.* The matter secreted from inflamed tissues, the product of supuration.

**push** (push) [L. *pulsare*, to pulsate], *v.t.* To press against with force; to urge forward, to impel, to drive, to carry on vigorously. *v.i.* To exert pressure (against, etc.); to press forward; to thrust or butt (against). *n.* Act of pushing, a thrust, shove; a vigorous effort, an onset, an exigency, a crisis; self-assertion. **pusher**, *n.* **pushing**, *a.* Enterprising, energetic.

**pusillanimous** (pŭ-si-lăn'i-mŭs) [L. *pusillus*, petty, *animus*, soul], *a.* Destitute of firmness, fainthearted. **pusillanim'ity**, *n.* Cowardice.

**puss** (pus) [?], *n.* A cat; a hare.

**pustule** (pŭs'tŭl) [L. *pustula*], *n.* A pimple containing pus; a small excrescence, a blister. **pustular**, *a.*

**put** (put) [late A.-S. *putian*], *v.t.* To place in some position; to bring into some particular condition; to present, to express, to state; to apply, to set.

**putative** (pŭ'tă-tiv) [L. *putare*, to think], *a.* Reputed; commonly regarded as.

**putrefy** (pŭ'trĕ-fi) [L. *putrĕre*, to be rotten, -FY], *v.i.* To become putrid, to rot; to fester. **putrefac'tion**, *n.* **pu'trefactive**, *a.* **putres'cent**, *a.* **putrescence**, *n.*

**putrid** (pŭ'trid) [as prec.], *a.* In a state of decomposition; tainted, foul. **putrid'ity**, **pu'tridness**, *n.*

**putt** (pŭt) [var. of PUT], *v.t.* (Golf) To strike the ball so as to get it into the hole. *n.* This stroke. **putter**, *n.* A short, stiff golf-club, used for putting.

**puttee** (pŭt'i) [Hindī *puti*, bandage], *n.* A strip of cloth wound round the leg as a gaiter.

**putty** (pŭt'i) [F. *potée*, potful], *n.* Whiting and linseed-oil used as a cement in glazing. *v.t.* To fix or fill up with putty.

**puzzle** (pŭzl) [?], *n.* A state of perplexity; a perplexing problem, toy, riddle, etc. *v.t.* To perplex, to mystify. *v.i.* To be bewildered. **puzzlement**, *n.*

**pygmy** (pig'mi) [Gr. *pygmaios*, dwarfish, from *pygmē*, length from elbow to knuckles], *n.* A dwarf, a small man, anything very diminutive. *a.* Dwarfish.

**pyjamas** (pi-jă'măz) [Pers. and Hind. *pâe*, by, *jāmāh*, garment], *n.pl.* A sleeping-suit of a loose jacket and trousers.

**pylon** (pi'lŏn) [Gr. *pylō*, gate], *n.* An imposing gateway; a post or turret marking out the course in an aerodrome.

**pylorus** (pi-lŏr'ŭs) [Gr. *pylōros*, gate-keeper], *n.* The contracted end of the stomach leading into the small intestine.

**pyramid** (pi-ră-mid) [L. *pyramis -idis*], *n.* A solid body, or a monumental structure of masonry, with a square base and triangular sloping sides meeting at the apex; a pile of this shape; a game played on a billiard-table with fifteen coloured balls and a cue-ball. **pyram'idal**, *a.*

**pyre** (pir) [as PYRO-], *n.* A funeral pile for burning a dead body; any pile of combustibles.

**pyretic** (pi-ret'ik) [Gr. *pyretos*, fever], *a.* Relating to fever; remedial in fever. *n.* A pyretic medicine.

**pyrites** (pi-rĭ'tĕz) [Gr. *pyritēs*, pertaining to fire], *n.* One of two common sulphides, yellow or copper pyrites, or iron pyrites.

**pyro-** [Gr. *pur puros*, fire], *comb. form.*

**pyrography** [-GRAPHY], *n.* Poker-work.

**pyrotechnic** (pi-rŏ-tek'nĭk) [PYRO-, Gr. *technē*, art], *a.* Pertaining to fireworks or their manufacture; resembling a firework show, brilliant, dazzling. *n.pl.* The art of making fireworks; a display of fireworks.

**pyrrhic** (1) (pi-r'ik) [Gr. *Purrrhichos*, inventor], *n.* and *a.* A warlike dance among the ancient Greeks; a metrical foot of two short syllables.

**Pyrrhic** (2) [Gr. *Purrrhos*, Pyrrhus], *a.* Pertaining to Pyrrhus, esp. of a victory that is as costly as a defeat, like that of Pyrrhus, king of Epirus, over the Romans at Asculum (279 B.C.).

**python** (pi'thŏn) [Gr., from *Puthō*, former name of Delphi], *n.* A gigantic serpent slain by Apollo near Delphi; a large non-venomous serpent that crushes its prey; a familiar spirit; one possessed by this, a soothsayer. **pythoness**, *n.* A woman having the gift of prophecy, a witch; the priestess of Apollo at Delphi who delivered the oracles.

**pyx** (piks) [Gr. *pyxis*, a box], *n.* (Eccles.) The covered vessel in which the host is kept.

## Q

**qua** (kwā) [L., *conj.* In the character of, as.

**quack** (1) (kwāk) [*imit.*], *v.i.* To cry like a duck; to chatter, to brag. *n.* The cry of a duck.

**quack** (2) [short for *quacksilver*], *n.* A pretender to knowledge or skill, esp. in medicine; an ignorant practitioner, a charlatan. *a.* Pertaining to quacks or quackery. **quackery**, *n.*

**quad** (kwod) [abbr.], *n.* A quadrangle as of a college, etc.; a quadrat. *v.t.* To insert blocks (in a line of type).

**quadr-** [QUADRI-], *comb. form.*

**Quadragesima** (kwod-rā-jēs'i-mā) [L. *quadragesimus*, fortieth], *n.* The first Sunday in Lent (which consists of forty days).

**quadrangle** (kwod'rāngl) [QUADR-, ANGLE], *n.* A plane figure having four angles and four sides; four-sided court surrounded by buildings. **quadrangular**, *a.*

**quadrant** (kwod'rānt) [L. *quadrans*, as QUADRI-], *n.* The fourth part of the circumference of a circle, an arc of 90°; a quarter of a sphere; a quarter-circle graduated for taking angular measurements.

**quadrante** (kwod'rāt) [L. *quadrātus*, squared], *a.* Square, rectangular. *v.i.* (-rāt) To square, to match, to correspond.

**quadratic**, *a.* Involving the second and no higher power of the variable or unknown quantity. *n.pl.* The part of algebra dealing with quadratic equations. *n.* Act of squaring or finding a square equal in area to a given curved figure.

**quadrennial** (kwod-ren'i-āl) [QUADR-, L. *annus*, year], *a.* Comprising or lasting four years; recurring every four years.

**quadri-** [L., rel. to *quatuor*, four], *comb. form.* Four.

**quadriga** (kwod-rī'gā) [QUADRI-, L. *jugum*, yoke], *n.* (*pl.* -gæ) A Roman two-wheeled chariot drawn by four horses abreast.

**quadrilateral** (kwod-ri-lāt'er-āl) [QUADRI-, LATERAL], *a.* Having four sides and four angles. *n.* A quadrangular figure or area.

**quadrille** (kwā-dril') [Sp. *cuadrillo*, a squadron, *cuadra*, square], *n.* A square dance for four couples; music for this; a four-handed card-game fashionable in the 18th cent.

**quadrillion** (kwā-dril'yōn) [QUADRI-, MILLION], *n.* The number produced by raising a million to its fourth power, 1 followed by 24 ciphers; (*Am. and F.*) the fifth power of a thousand, 1 and 15 ciphers.

**quadroon** (kwod-roon') [Sp. *cuarteron*, from *cuarto*, fourth], *n.* The offspring of a mulatto and a white; one of quarter negro and three-quarters white blood.

**quadruped** (kwod'rū-ped) [L. *quadrupes*, *pes pedis*, foot], *n.* A four-footed animal.

**quadruple** (kwod'rupl) [QUADRI-, L. -*plus*, -fold], *a.* Fourfold; consisting of four parts; involving four members, units, etc., or quantity of. *n.* Four times as much or as many. *v.* To become or make fourfold as much; to increase or multiply fourfold. **quadruplicate**, *a.* Fourfold. *v.t.* To make fourfold. **quadruplica-tion**, *n.*

**quaff** (kwaf) [?], *v.* To drink in large draughts; to drink copiously. *n.* A copious draught.

**quagga** (kwāg'ā) [native], *n.* A S. African quadruped, intermediate between the ass and the zebra.

**quagmire**, *n.* A quaking bog, a marsh.

**quail** (1) (kwāl) [?], *v.i.* To shrink, be cowed, lose heart.

**quail** (2) [O.F. *quaille*], *n.* A small migratory bird allied to the partridge.

**quaint** (kwānt) [O.F. *cointe*, L. *cognitus*, known], *a.* Odd, pleasing by virtue of strangeness or fancifulness; whimsical, singular.

**quake** (kwāk) [A.-S. *cuacian*], *v.i.* To shake, quiver, to rock, vibrate. *n.* A tremulous motion, a shudder. **quaky**, *a.* **quakiness**, *n.*

**Quaker** (kwā'kér) [prec., orig. applied in derision (1650)], *n.* A member of the Society of Friends. **Quakeress**, *n.* **Quakerism**, *n.*

**qualify** (kwol'i-fi) [L. *quālis*, such, -FY], *v.t.* To furnish with the requisite qualities, to make competent, fit, or legally capable (to be, do, etc.); to modify, to limit; to moderate, mitigate; to dilute. *v.i.* To become qualified or fit; to make oneself competent, suitable, etc. **qualifica-tion**, *n.* Act of qualifying or state of being qualified; modification, limitation of meaning, partial negation restricting completeness; any quality fitting a person or thing (for an office, etc.); a condition that must be fulfilled.

**quality** (kwol'i-ti) [as prec.], *n.* Relative nature or kind, distinguishing character; that which gives individuality; particular capacity, value, efficacy, degree of excellence. **qualitative**, *a.* Pertaining to quality, opp. to quantitative

**qualm** (kwawm) [?], *n.* A sensation of nausea, fear, or uneasiness.

**quandary** (kwon'dār-i) [?], *n.* A state of difficulty; an awkward predicament.

**quantify** (kwon'ti-fi) [L. *quantus*, how much, -FY], *v.t.* To determine or express the quantity of. **quantifica-tion**, *n.* **quan-titative**, *a.* Pertaining to or concerned with quantity.

**quantity** (kwon'ti-ti) [L. *quantitas*, as prec.], *n.* That property in virtue of which anything may be measured; extent, measure, volume, a number; (*pl.*) large quantities, abundance; the duration of a syllable.

**quantum** (kwon'tum) [L., neut. of *quantus*, as prec.], *n.* A quantity, an amount; a share.

**quarantine** (kwor'ān-tēn) [L. *quadrāginta*,



**forty**, *n.* The period of isolation (usu. 40 days) imposed on ships coming from places infected with contagious disease; the enforced isolation of infected persons, ships, goods, houses, etc. *v.t.* To isolate or put in quarantine.

**quarrel** (1) (kwor'el) [O.F. *quarel*, dim. from med. L. *quadrus*, square], *n.* A short, heavy square-headed arrow, formerly used with the cross-bow.

**quarrel** (2) [L. *querēla*, complaint], *n.* A breach of friendship; a noisy or violent dispute, a brawl; a cause of complaint or dispute. *v.i.* To fall out; to dispute violently, to wrangle; to take exception, find fault (with). **quarrelsome**, *a.* Inclined to quarrel, contentious; easily provoked.

**quarry** (1) (kwor'i) [L. *quadrāre*, to square], *n.* A place whence stone, slates, etc., are dug, blasted, etc. *v.t.* To dig or take from a quarry. **quarrier**, *n.* A workman employed in a quarry.

**quarry** (2) [L. *corium*, skin], *n.* Any animal pursued for prey, game.

**quart** (kwört) [L. *quartus*, fourth], *n.* The fourth part of a gallon, two pints.

**quartan** (kwör'tan) [L. *quartānus*, fourth], *a.* Occurring every fourth day, applied to a fever; recurring every third or, inclusively, every fourth day.

**quarter** (kwör'ter) [as QUART], *n.* A fourth part of anything; three calendar months, 28 lb., 8 bushels, 25 cents., etc.; a limb, a haunch; one of the divisions of an heraldic shield; the fourth part of a period of the moon; a particular direction or region, locality; a division of a town; (*pl.*) allotted position or station, esp. for troops; place of lodging or abode; appointed stations of a crew; exemption from death to a surrendered enemy. *v.t.* To divide into four equal parts; to provide (esp. soldiers) with lodgings and food.

**quarter-day**, *n.* The day beginning each quarter of the year (25th March, 24th June, 29th Sept., and 25th Dec.), on which payments are due, etc. **quarter-deck**, *n.* The upper deck from stern to main-mast, usu. assigned to officers and cabin passengers. **Quartermaster**, *n.* A regimental officer who provides quarters, lays out camps, issues rations, clothing, ammunition, etc.; (*Nav.*) a petty officer in charge of the steering, stowage, etc. **quartering**, *n.* (*Her.*) The grouping of several coats of arms on a shield; one of the coats so quartered. **quarterly**, *a.* Occurring or done every quarter of a year. *adv.* Once in each quarter.

**quatern** (kwör'tern) [as prec.], *n.* A quarter of various measures, as a pint, peck, or pound. **quatern-loaf**, *n.* A 4 lb. loaf.

**quartet** (kwör-tet') [as prec.], *n.* A musical composition for four voices or instruments.

**quarto** (kwör'tō) [L., in a fourth part], *n.* A size obtained by folding a sheet twice, making eight pages (4to); a book, etc.,

having such pages. *a.* Having the sheet folded into four leaves.

**quartz** (kwörts) [?], *n.* A mineral consisting of pure silica or silicon dioxide.

**quash** (kwosh) [L. *quassāre*], *v.t.* To annul or make void; to put an end to, to suppress.

**quasi** (kwā'si) [L., as if], *conj.* As if. *pref.* Apparent, not real; not quite, as *quasi-historical*, *quasi-public*.

**quassia** (kwosh'ä) [after *Quassi*, a negro who used its bark in fever], *n.* A S. American and W. Indian tree yielding a bitter oil used as a tonic.

**quaternary** (kwä-tér'nä-ri) [L. *quaterni*, four at a time], *a.* Consisting of four; fourth in order; applied to the most recent strata or those above the tertiary. *n.* A set of four.

**quatorzain** (kät'ör-zän) [F. *quatorze*, fourteen], *n.* A stanza of fourteen lines, esp. an irregular sonnet.

**quatrain** (kwot'rän) [L. *quātuor*, four], *n.* A stanza of four lines, usu. rhyming alternately.

**quatrefoil** (kät'er-foil) [as prec., FOIL (1)], *n.* A figure in ornamental tracery divided by cusps into four foils; a leaf composed of four lobes.

**quaver** (kwä'vēr) [rel. to QUAKE], *v.t.* To quiver, to vibrate; to sing or play with tremulous modulations. *v.t.* To utter with a tremulous sound. *n.* A rapid vibration of the voice, a trill; a shakiness in speaking; a note equal to half a crotchet.

**quay** (kō) [A.-F. *kaie*, O.F. *kay*], *n.* A landing-place, usu. of masonry, for loading or unloading ships. **quayage**, *n.* Charge for use of a quay.

**quean** (kwēn) [A.-S. *cwene*, woman], *n.* A slut, a hussy.

**queasy** (kwē'zi) [?], *a.* Sick at the stomach, affected with or tending to cause nausea; squeamish.

**queen** (kwēn) [A.-S. *cwēn*, cp. QUEAN], *n.* The wife or widow of a king; a female sovereign; a court-card; the most powerful piece in chess; a fully-developed female bee. *v.t.* To make (a woman or pawn) into a queen. *v.t.* To act the queen; (*Chess*) to become a queen. **queendom**,

**queenhood**, **queenship**, *n.* **queenly**, *a.* **queer** (kwēr) [?], *a.* Odd; singular, droll; questionable, suspicious; out of sorts.

**queerish**, *a.* **queerly**, *adv.*

**quell** (kwel) [A.-S. *cuellan*, to kill], *v.t.* To suppress, subdue; to allay.

**quench** (kwench) [A.-S. *cuencan*], *v.t.* To put out, esp. with water; to allay, to slake; to suppress. **quenchless**, *a.*

**querist** (kwēr'ist) [as QUERY], *n.* One who asks questions, an inquirer.

**quern** (kwērn) [A.-S. *cwearn*], *n.* A simple hand-mill for grinding corn or spices.

**querulous** (kwēr'ū-lūs) [L. *queri*, to complain], *a.* Discontented, peevish, fretful.

**query** (kwēr'i) [L. *querere*, to ask], *n.* A question; a point to be answered; a mark of interrogation. *v.t.* To put a question; to express a doubt. *v.t.* To call in question.

**quest** (kwest) [O.F. *queste*, as prec.], *n.* Act of seeking, a search; an expedition in pursuit of some object; the object of such enterprise.

**question** (kwes'chôn) [L. *questiônis*, as prec.], *n.* Act of asking, inquiry; an interrogative sentence; a problem; a subject under discussion; a difference, doubt, uncertainty. *v.t.* To interrogate, to examine by asking questions; to raise objections to. *v.i.* To ask a question; to doubt. **questionable**, *a.* Open to doubt or suspicion.

**queue** (kû) [F., from L. *cauda*, tail], *n.* A plaited tail hanging at the back of the head, a pigtail; a file of persons, vehicles, etc., waiting for admittance.

**quibble** (kwibl) [?], *n.* An equivocation; a trivial or sophistical argument or distinction; a pun. *v.i.* To evade the point in question; to pun. **quibbler**, *n.*

**quick** (kwik) [A.-S. *cwic*], *a.* Alive, living; pregnant, ready, alert, prompt to feel or act; irritable, rash, precipitate; swift. *adv.* In a short space, at a rapid rate. *n.* Living persons; sensitive flesh, esp. under the nails. **quick-frirer**, *n.* **quicklime**, *n.* Burned lime not yet slaked. **quicksand**, *n.* Loose wet sand easily engulfing persons, animals, etc. **quickest**, *a.* Composed of living plants, esp. hawthorn bushes (of a hedge). **quick'silver**, *n.* Mercury; (*fig.*) a mobile temperament. **quicken**, *v.t.* To give or restore life or animation to; to stimulate, inspire, refresh. *v.i.* To come to life; to move with increased rapidity. *n.* The rowan or mountain-ash. **quickly**, *adv.* **quickness**, *n.*

**quid** (kwid) [CUD], *n.* A piece of tobacco for chewing.

**quiddity** (kwid'i-ti) [L. *quidditas*], *n.* The essence of a thing; a quibble, a trifling subtlety.

**quidnunc** (kwid'nünk) [L., what now?], *n.* One who is curious to know or pretends to know everything that goes on: a gossip.

**quiescent** (kwi-es'ént) [L. *quiescens*, as QUIET], *a.* At rest, inert, dormant; tranquil, calm. **quiescence**, *n.*

**quiet** (kwí'ét) [L. *quiētus*, p.p. of *quiescere*, to rest], *a.* In a state of rest; calm, placid, tranquil; silent, hushed; gentle; not glaring or showy; secluded. *n.* A state of rest; tranquillity; silence, stillness, peace. *v.t.* To bring to a state of rest; to soothe. **quietly**, *adv.* **quietness**, *n.* **quietus** (kwi-é'tús) [L.], *n.* A final settlement; (*fig.*) release from life, death.

**quill** (kwil) [?], *n.* The hollow stem of a feather; one of the large feathers of a bird's wing or tail; a pen, float, tooth-pick, etc., made from such; a spine of a porcupine. *v.t.* To wind on a quill.

**quillet** (kwil'ét) [?], *n.* A quibble, quirk.

**quilt** (kwilt) [L. *culcita*, cushion], *n.* A padded bed-cover, a counterpane. *v.t.* To cover with padded material; to stitch two pieces of cloth together with soft material between them.

**quince** (kwins) [L. *cydonium*, from *Cydonia*, in Crete], *n.* A hard, acid, yellowish fruit for flavouring and for preserves, etc.

**quincunx** (kwín'kunks) [L. *quinque*, five, *uncia*, OUNCE], *n.* An arrangement of five things in a square or rectangle, one being in the middle.

**quinine** (kwi-nên') [Quichua *Xina*, bark], *n.* A bitter alkaloid obtained from cinchona barks, used as a febrifuge, tonic, etc.

**quinguagesima** (kwín-kwá-jes'i-má) [L., fiftieth], *n.* The Sunday next before Lent, about fifty days before Easter.

**quinque-**, **quinqui-** [L. *quinque*, five], *comb. form.* **quinguelateral** (kwín-kwé-lát'ér-ál) [LATERAL], *a.* Having five sides. *n.* A five-sided thing.

**quinsy** (kwín'zi) [Gr. *kunanchē* (*kun-*, *kuon*, dog, *anchein*, to throttle)], *n.* Inflammatory sore throat, esp. with suppuration of the tonsils.

**quintain** (kwín'tán) [O.F. *quintaine*], *n.* A post, or a figure on a post, to be tilted at.

**quintessence** (kwín-tes'éns) [L. *quinta essentia*, fifth essence], *n.* The highest essence, that coming after the four elements forming the substance of the heavenly bodies; the pure essence of any substance. **quintessential** (kwín-tè-sen'shál), *a.*

**quintet** (kwín-tet') [F. from L. *quintus*, fifth], *n.* A musical composition for five voices or instruments; a group of five persons or things.

**quintillion** (kwín-tíl'yón) [L. *quintus*, after BILLION], *n.* The fifth power of a million, 1 followed by 30 ciphers; (*F. and Am.*) the sixth power of a thousand, 1 followed by 18 ciphers.

**quintuple** (kwín'tüpl) [L. *quintus*, fifth, after QUADRUPLE], *a.* Fivefold. *n.* A fivefold thing, group, etc. *v.* To multiply or increase fivefold.

**quip** (kwip) [L. *quippe*, forsooth], *n.* A sarcastic sally; a witty retort or saying.

**quire** (1) (kwír) [O.F. *quær* (*F. cahier*), L. *quaterni*, four each], *n.* Twenty-four sheets of paper; a pamphlet.

**quire** (2) [CHOIR].

**quirk** (kwérk) [?], *n.* An artful trick, a shift; a quibble.

**quit** (kwit) as [QUIET], *v.t.* To renounce, abandon; to leave, depart from, to desist from; to liberate; (*n.*) to behave. *v.i.* To leave, to depart. *a.* Clear; absolved; rid (of). **quittance**, *n.* A discharge from a debt or obligation; a receipt.

**quite** (kwit) [M.E. *quyt*, free, as QUIET], *adv.* Completely, entirely, to the fullest extent, perfectly; (*colloq.*) very, considerably.

**quiver** (1) (kwiv'ére) [O.F. *cuivre*], *n.* A portable case for arrows. **quiverful**, *n.*

**quiver** (2) (kwiv'ére) [imit.], *v.i.* To tremble with a rapid motion; to shake, shiver. *n.* A quivering motion.

**quixotic** (kwik-sot'ik) [Don *Quixote*, hero of Cervantes' romance], *a.* Extravagantly romantic; aiming at lofty but impracticable ideals. **quixotically**, *adv.* **quixotism**, -try, *n.*



**quiz** (kwiz) [?], *n.* Something designed to puzzle or turn one into ridicule, a hoax; an odd-looking person. *v.t.* To banter, make fun of. *v.i.* To behave in a bantering or mocking way.

**quoin** (koin) [var. of COIN], *n.* A corner-stone; the external angle of a building, etc.

**quoit** (koit, kwoit) [?], *n.* A flattish circular ring of iron for throwing at a mark; (*pl.*) the game of throwing these.

**quondam** (kwon'dām) [L., formerly], *a.* Having formerly been, sometime, former.

**quorum** (kwōr'ūm) [L., of whom], *n.* The minimum number of a committee, etc., that must be present to transact business.

**quota** (kwō'tā) [L. *quota* (*pars*), how great (a part)], *n.* A proportional share, part, or contribution.

**quote** (kwōt) [L. *quotāre*], *v.t.* To adduce or cite from (an author, etc.); to repeat the words of (a passage in a book, etc.); to name the current price of. **quotable**, *a.* **quotation**, *n.* Act of quoting; a passage quoted; a price quoted or current.

**quoth** (kwōth) [past of obs. *quethe*, A.-S. *cwethan*, to speak], *v.t.* 1st and 3rd past. Said, spoke.

**quotidian** (kwō-tid'i-ān) [L. *quotidiē*, daily], *a.* Daily; recurring every day; commonplace.

**quotient** (kwō'shēnt) [L. *quotiens*, how many times], *n.* Result of dividing one quantity by another.

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**rabbet** (rāb'ēt) [O.F. *rabat*, as REBATE], *v.t.* To cut a groove in the edge of a board so that it may receive the edge of another cut to fit it; to unite in this way. *n.* Such a groove or slot; a joint so made.

**rabbi** (rāb'i) [Heb. my master], *n.* A Jewish teacher of the law, esp. one ordained. **rabbini'c**, -al, *a.* Pertaining to the rabbis, their opinions, learning, or language.

**rabbit** (rāb'it) [?], *n.* A burrowing rodent, allied to the hare.

**rabble** (rābl) [M.E. *rabel*], *n.* A noisy crowd, a mob; the common people. **rabblement**, *n.*

**rabid** (rāb'id) [L. *rabēre*, to rage], *a.* Mad, raging; excessively zealous or enthusiastic, unreasoning; affected with rabies. **rabid'ity**, *n.* **rabidly**, *adv.*

**rabies** (rā'bi-ēs) [L., as prec.], *n.* Madness arising from the bite of a rabid animal, hydrophobia.

**race** (1) (rās) [A.-S. *ræs*], *n.* A rapid current, esp. in the sea or a tidal river; the channel of a stream; a contest of speed between horses, runners, ships, vehicles, etc.; a course or career; a channel along which a piece of mechanism glides to and fro. *v.i.* To move swiftly; to go at full speed; to contend in a race (with); to attend races. *v.t.* To cause to contend in a race; to contend against in speed. **race** (2) [F. *race*], *n.* A group of persons,

animals, or plants sprung from a common stock.

**racial** (rā'shāl) [RACE (2), -IAL], *a.* Pertaining or in regard to race or lineage. **racially**, *adv.*

**rack** (1) (rāk) [Tent.], *v.t.* To stretch or strain, esp. on the rack; to torture, to injure; (*fig.*) to puzzle (one's brains); to extort (rent) to the utmost possible extent. *n.* A framework on which a victim was tortured, his wrists and ankles being tied to rollers which were turned so as to stretch him; a grating or framework of metal or wooden bars for holding fodder for cattle, etc. **rack-rent**, *n.* An exorbitant rent.

**rack** (2) [Scand.], *n.* Light vapoury clouds, cloud-drift.

**racket** (1) (rāk'ēt) [F. *raquette*], *n.* A bat with a network of catgut, with which players at tennis, etc., strike the ball; (*pl.*) a game resembling tennis, played against a wall in a four-walled court.

**racket** (2) [?], *n.* A clamour, a din, a fuss; a frolic, uproarious gaiety, or dissipation. *v.t.* To make a din; to frolic, to live a gay life, to knockabout.

**racoön** (rā-koon') [Algonkin], *n.* A N. American carnivore allied to the bears.

**racy** (rā'si) [RACE (2), -Y], *a.* Having the characteristic qualities in high degree; strongly flavoured; lively, spirited.

**racily**, *adv.* **raciness**, *n.*

**radial** (rā'di-āl) [as RADIUS], *a.* Pertaining to, or resembling a ray or radii; extending from a centre, divergent. **radian**, *n.* An arc equal in length to the radius of its circle; the angle subtending such an arc.

**radiant** (rā'di-ānt) [L. *radians*, shooting forth rays], *a.* Emitting rays of light or heat; issuing in rays; beaming (with joy, love, etc.); brilliant. **radiance**, *n.* **radiantly**, *adv.*

**radiate** (rā'di-āt) [L. *radiātus*, p.p. of *radiāre*, to shoot forth rays], *v.i.* To emit rays of light or heat; to send out or to issue in rays from a central point. *v.t.* To send forth in all directions, to disseminate. *a.* Having rays or parts diverging from a centre; radially arranged, marked, etc. **radia'tion**, *n.* Act of radiating; transmission of heat, light, etc., from one body to another without raising the temperature of the intervening medium. **ra'diator**, *n.* That which radiates; pipes, etc., charged with hot air, water, or steam for heating a building.

**radical** (rād'i-kāl) [L. *radix* -*icis*, root], *a.* Pertaining to the root or source; fundamental, original, basic; thorough-going, extreme; pertaining to the Radical party. *n.* One promoting extreme measures or holding advanced views. **radicalism**, *n.* **radically**, *adv.* Thoroughly, fundamentally.

**radio-** [RADIUS or RADIUM], *comb. form.* Radiate, pertaining to rays or radiation, or to radium. **radio**, *n.* and *a.* Pertaining to or transmitted by wireless telegraphy. **radio-telegram**, *n.*

**radish** (răd'ish) [F. *radis*], *n.* A plant, the root of which is eaten as a salad.

**radium** (ră'di-ŭm) [as foll., -IUM], *n.* A highly radioactive metallic element resembling barium, obtained from pitchblende.

**radius** (ră'di-ŭs) [L., rod, spoke, ray], *n.* (*pl.* -di) The shorter of the two long bones of the forearm; the straight line from the centre of a circle or sphere to any point in the circumference; the length of this; a radiating line, a spoke.

**raffle** (răf) [F. *raffle*, a game with dice], *n.* A lottery in which persons each subscribe a like sum for an article to be disposed of by lot. *v.t.* To dispose of thus.

**raft** (raft) [Icel. *raflr*], *n.* Logs fastened together for floating; a flat framework of planks used as a substitute for a boat in shipwreck.

**rafter** (raf'tér) [A.-S. *ræfter*], *n.* A sloping piece of timber supporting a roof.

**rag** (răg) [Scand.], *n.* A fragment of cloth, tattered or shabby clothes; a remnant, a scrap; (*pl.*) tattered or shabby clothes. **ragamuffin**, *n.* A ragged, beggarly fellow. **ragtag and bobtail**: The riff-raff, the rabble. **ragtime**, *n.* Irregular syncopated time in music.

**rage** (ră) [as RABIES], *n.* Violent anger, fury; a violent desire (for); intense emotion, passion; an object of temporary enthusiasm. *v.t.* To storm, to be furious with anger; to be at the highest state of vehemence, intensity, or activity. **ragging**, *a.* Acting with violence; furious, vehement.

**ragged** (răg'éd) [RAG], *a.* Rough, shaggy; jagged or uneven; disjointed, irregular, imperfect; dissonant; worn into rags, tattered; shabby, miserable in appearance.

**ragout** (ră-goo') [F. *ragoûter*, to bring one's taste back], *n.* A highly seasoned stew.

**raid** (răd) [A.-S. *rād*, road], *n.* A predatory incursion, a foray; a sudden invasion, descent, or attack. *v.t.* To make a raid upon.

**rail** (1) (răl) [L. *rēgula*, rule], *n.* A bar of wood or metal or series of bars resting on supports, forming part of a fence, banisters, etc.; one of a continuous line of bars, forming the track of a railway, tramway, etc.; the railway. *v.t.* To enclose or furnish with rails; to send by rail. **railroad, railway**, *n.* A road laid with a track formed of rails of iron or steel along which trains are driven. **railing**, *n.* A fence made of rails; materials for railings.

**rail** (2) [F. *railer*], *v.i.* To use abusive language; to scoff (at or against). **rail-lery**, *n.* Good-humoured ridicule, banter. **raiment** (ră'měnt) [ARRAY, -MENT], *n.* Dress, clothes.

**rain** (răn) [A.-S. *regn*], *n.* The moisture of the atmosphere falling in drops; a fall of such drops; a shower of anything. *v.i.* To fall in drops from the clouds; to fall in showers like rain. *v.t.* To pour down (rain); to send down in showers

like rain. **rainbow**, *n.* A luminous arch showing the prismatic colours, appearing opposite the sun during rain. *a.* Many-coloured. **rainfall**, *n.* The amount of rain which falls in a particular district in a given period; a shower of rain. **rain-gauge**, *n.* An instrument for measuring the amount of rain falling on a given surface. **rainy**, *a.* Characterized by much rain; showery.

**raise** (răz) [Icel. *reisa*], *v.t.* To cause to rise or to stand up, to set upright; to restore to life, to excite; to erect, construct; to rear, to breed; to produce; to collect, to levy (money) etc.; to increase the amount of. **to raise a blockade or siege**: To relinquish the attempt to take a place by blockade or siege.

**raisin** (răzn) [O.F. *raisin*], *n.* A dried grape.

**raj** (raj) [Hindi], *n.* Sovereignty, rule.

**Rajah, Raja** (ra'já) [Hindi], *n.* An Indian king or prince, a title of a noble.

**rake** (1) (răk) [A.-S. *raca*], *n.* A long-handled implement with a toothed crossbar, used for drawing loose material together, smoothing soil, etc.; a dissolute or immoral man, a libertine. *v.t.* To collect or search with a rake; to scrape, smooth, clean, etc. (soil) with a rake; to fire along the length of, to enfilade. **raking**, *n.* Act of using a rake; amount of ground or quantity of material raked; that which is raked together (*usu. in pl.*)

**rakish** (1), *a.* Dissolute, given to debauchery.

**rake** (2) [?], *n.* Slope, esp. backward; projection of the stem or stern of a vessel beyond the extremities of the keel. *v.* To slope backwards. **rakish** (2), *a.* (*Naut.*) With masts sharply inclined; smart looking with a suggestion of the pirate.

**rally** (1) (răl'i) [F. *rallier* (RE-, ALLY)], *v.t.* To bring (disordered troops) together again; to reanimate, to pull together. *v.i.* To reassemble, esp. after a reverse or rout; to recover tone or spirit. *n.* Act of rallying; (*Lawn-tennis, etc.*) rapid return of strokes.

**rally** (2) (răl'i) [RAIL (2)], *v.t.* To banter, chaff.

**ram** (răm) [A.-S.], *n.* A male sheep; a battering-ram; a battleship armed with a steel beak for cutting into a hostile vessel; such a beak: a rammer. *v.t.* To beat, drive, or force (down, into, etc.) by heavy blows. **ramrod**, *n.* A rod for forcing down the charge of a muzzle-loading gun.

**ramble** (rămbl) [?], *v.i.* To walk about aimlessly, to rove; to be incoherent in speech, writing, etc. *n.* A roaming about without a definite object, a stroll.

**rambler**, *n.* One who rambles about; a variety of climbing-rose. **rambling**, *a.*

**ramify** (răm'i-fi) [L. *ramus*, branch, -FY], *v.i.* To divide, to branch out, to send out offshoots. *v.t.* To cause to divide into branches, etc. **ramification**, *n.*



**ramose** (rá-mōs'), [L. *rāmus*, branch], *a.* Branching; branched; full of branches.

**ramp** (rāmp) [O.F. *ramper*, to climb], *v.i.* To rear on the hind-legs (of an heraldic lion); to rage, to storm; (*Arch.*) to ascend or descend to another level (of a wall).

*n.* A slope leading from one level to another; a sloping part in the top of a hand-rail, etc.

**rampage** (rāmpāj) [?], *v.i.* To dash about, to storm, rage, behave violently.

*n.* Boisterous, excited, or violent behaviour. **rampageous** (-pāj'jūs), *a.*

**rampant** (rāmp'ant) [F., pres.p., as *RAMP*], *a.* Standing upright on the hind legs (of the heraldic lion); aggressive, wild, luxuriant (of weeds).

**rampart** (rāmp'art) [F. *rempart*, from *remparer*, to fortify], *n.* An embankment round a fortified place; (*fig.*) a defence.

**ramshackle** (rām'shākl) [prob. as *RANSACK*], *a.* In a crazy state, tumble-down.

**ranch** (ranch) [Sp. *rancho*, mess, a party eating together], *n.* (*Am.*) A farm for rearing cattle and horses.

**rancid** (rān'sid) [L. *rancidus*], *a.* Having the taste or smell of stale oil or fat.

**rancid'ity**, *n.*

**rancour** (rāng'kór) [L. *rancor*], *n.* n-  
veterate spite, resentment, or enmity.

**rancorous**, *a.*

**random** (rān'dóm) [F. *randir*, to press forward], *n.* Great speed or impetuosity.

*a.* Done without calculation or method; left to chance.

**ranee** (ra'nē) [Hindi], *n.* A Hindu queen.

**range** (rānj) [as *RANK* (1)], *v.t.* To set in a row; to arrange in definite order, etc.; to roam or sail along or about. *v.i.* To extend or reach; (*Ordinance*) to carry (a specified distance) in a particular direction; to rank; to vary (from one specified point to another); to roam, to rove, to sail (along, etc.). *n.* A row, rank, or series; a tract, esp. of grazing or hunting-ground; the area, scope, or sphere of power, variation, etc.; the extreme horizontal distance attainable by a gun or a projectile; the distance between a gun and the object aimed at; a shooting-ground; a cooking-stove or kitchen grate. **ranger**, *n.* A rover, a wanderer; the superintendent of a royal forest or park.

**rank** (1) (rānk) [F. *ranc* (now *rang*)], *n.* A line, a row, esp. of soldiers ranged side by side; order; high station, dignity; relative position, degree of excellence, etc. *v.t.* To draw up in rank; to classify, to give a (specified) rank to. *v.i.* To hold a (specified) rank; to have a position (among, with, etc.). **rank and file**: Common soldiers; (*fig.*) the lower orders.

**ranker**, *n.* A commissioned officer promoted from the ranks.

**rank** (2) [A.-S. *ranc*], *a.* Luxuriant in growth, over-abundant; coarse, rancid, offensive; flagrant, arrant, utter; obscene. **rankly**, *adv.*

**rankle** (rānkł) [O.F. *rancler*, from *rancle*,

sore], *v.i.* To fester (of a wound, etc.); to be inflamed, to irritate.

**ransack** (rān'sāk) [Icel. *ranr*, house, *sækja*, to seek], *v.t.* To search thoroughly; to plunder.

**ransom** (rān'sóm) [O.F. *ranson* as *REDEMPTION*], *n.* Release in return for a payment; a sum paid for such release or for goods captured by an enemy. *v.t.* To redeem from captivity or obtain the restoration of (property) by payment; to hold to ransom; to release in return for a ransom.

**rant** (rānt) [M. Dut. *randten*, G. *ranzen*, to dance about], *v.i.* To use loud, bombastic language; to declaim in a noisy fashion. *n.* Bombastic or violent declamation; inflated talk.

**ranunculus** (rà-nūn'kū-lūs) [L., dim. of *rāna*, frog], *n.* A genus of plants including the buttercup. **ranunculaceous**, *a.*

**rap** (rāp) [imit.], *v.t.* To strike with a slight, sharp blow; to utter in an abrupt way. *v.i.* To strike a sharp blow, esp. at a door. *n.* A slight, sharp blow; a sound such as is made thus.

**rapacious** (rà-pā'shūs) [L. *rapere*, to seize], *a.* Grasping, extortionate; predatory; living on food seized by force (of animals). **rapacity** (rà-pās'i-ti), *n.*

**rape** (1) (rāp) [prob. as prec.], *v.t.* To seize, to force (a woman). *n.* A carrying away by force; carnal knowledge of a woman against her will.

**rape** (2) (rāp) [L. *rāpum*, turnip], *n.* A plant allied to the turnip; a plant grown for its seed which yields oil, cole-seed.

**rapid** (rāp'id) [L. *rapidus*, from *rapere*, to seize], *a.* Very swift; done, acting, or moving in a very short time; descending steeply. *n.* (*usu. pl.*) A sudden descent in a stream. **rapid'ity**, *n.* **rapidly**, *adv.*

**rapier** (rā'pi-ēr) [F. *rapière*], *n.* A light, narrow sword, used in thrusting.

**rapine** (rāp'in) [L. *rapere*, to seize], *n.* Act of carrying off by force; plunder, spoliation.

**rapparee** (rāp-ā-rē') [Ir. *rapaire*], *n.* An Irish freebooter of the 17th and 18th cents.

**rappee** (rà-pē') [F. *rapé*, rasped], *n.* A coarse kind of snuff.

**rapprochement** (ra-prōsh-man) [F.], *n.* Reconciliation, re-establishment of friendly relations, esp. between nations.

**rapt** (rāpt) [L. *raptus*, seized], *a.* Carried away by one's thoughts or emotions, enraptured, absorbed.

**rapture** (rāp'tyūr) [RAPT, -URE], *n.* Ecstasy, transport; (*pl.*) a fit of delight.

**rapturous**, *a.* **rapturously**, *adv.*

**rare** (1) (rār) [L. *rārus*], *a.* Of sparse, thin, or porous substance, not dense; seldom occurring, not often met with, scarce, uncommon; singularly good, choice. **rarely**, *adv.* **rareness**, *n.*

**rare** (2) [A.-S. *hrēr*], *a.* Half-cooked, underdone.

**rarefy** (rār'ē-fī) [L. *rārus*, rare, -FY], *v.t.* To make rare or less dense and solid; to refine, to make less gross. *v.i.* To become less dense. **rarefaction**, *n.*

**rarity** (rār'i-ti) [F. *rarité*, L. *rāritas* as RARE (1)], *n.* Rareness; tenuity; a rare thing.

**rascal** (ras'kál) [O.F. *rascaille*, rabble], *n.* A mean rogue, a tricky fellow, a knave, a scamp. *a.* Worthless, low. **rascal'ity**, *n.* **ras'cally**, *a.*

**rash** (1) (rāsh) [Teut.], *a.* Hasty, precipitate, venturesome; thoughtless. **rashly**, *adv.*

**rash** (2) (rāsh) [?], *n.* An eruption of spots on the skin.

**rasher** (rāsh'ér) [?], *n.* A thin slice of bacon or ham for frying.

**rasp** (rasp) [O.F. *rasper*], *v.t.* To scrape or grate with a coarse, rough implement; to file with a rasp; (*fig.*) to irritate. *v.i.* To rub, to grate; to make a grating sound. *n.* A coarse file for scraping.

**raspberry** (raz'bér-i) [?], *n.* A garden shrub allied to the bramble; its fruit.

**rat** (rát) [A.-S. *ræt*], *n.* A large rodent of the mouse family; one who deserts his party, a turncoat. *v.t.* To hunt or kill rats (*esp.* with dogs).

**ratafia** (rát-à-fé'á) [F.], *n.* A cordial flavoured with the kernels of cherry, almond, etc.

**ratchet** (rāch'ét) [?], *n.* A wheel or bar with inclined angular teeth, between which a pawl drops, permitting motion in one direction only; the pawl itself. **ratchet-wheel**, *n.* A wheel with toothed edge.

**rate** (1) (rát) [O.F., from L. *ratus*, thought, judged], *n.* Proportional measure, ratio, comparative amount, degree, etc.; a standard; price, value, relative speed, etc.; a levy for local purposes. *v.t.* To estimate the relative worth, rank, etc., of. *v.i.* To be ranked (as). **at any rate**: In any case; even so. **ratepayer**, *n.* One who is liable to pay municipal rates. **rateable** (rá'tábl), *a.* Liable to be rated, subject to assessment for municipal rates; proportional. **-rater**, *n.* (*in comb.*) A ship or yacht of a specified rate. **rating** (1), *n.* Act of assessing; the grade of a seaman as stated in the ship's books.

**rate** (2) [?], *v.* To chide angrily, to scold, to storm (at). **rating** (2), *n.* A harsh reprimand.

**ratel** (rá'tél) [S.Afr.Dut.], *n.* A nocturnal animal allied to the badger.

**rath** (rath), **\*rathe** (rāth) [A.-S. *hrathe*], *adv.* Early, soon. *a.* Coming early or before the usual time.

**rather** (ra'thér) [compar. of RATHER], *adv.* Sooner, more readily, preferably; with more reason, more properly, more accurately; in a greater degree; slightly, somewhat.

**ratify** (rát'i-fi) [L. *ratus*, rate, -FY], *v.t.* To confirm, to make valid. **ratifica'tion**, *n.*

**ratio** (rá'shi-ō) [L., as RATE (1)], *n.* Relation of one quantity to another of the same kind.

**ratiocinate** (rāsh-i-os'í-nāt) [L. *ratiō-cinātus*, as prec.], *v.i.* To reason or argue. **ratiocina'tion**, *n.*

**ration** (rāsh'ún) [F., from L. RATIO], *n.* Allowance of food for a given time, esp. in the army or navy; a portion of provisions, etc., allowed to one individual. *v.t.* To supply with rations; to put on fixed rations.

**rational** (rāsh'ó-nál) [as prec.], *a.* Having the faculty of reasoning; agreeable to reasoning; based on what can be tested by reason. **rationalism** (rāsh'ó-ná-lizm), *n.* The determination of questions of belief by the reason, rejecting supernatural revelation. **rationalist**, *n.* **rationalis'tic**, *a.* **rational'ity**, *n.* Quality of being rational; power of reasoning; reasonableness. **rationalize**, *v.t.* To render reasonable; (*Math.*) to clear (an equation, etc.) of radical signs.

**ratline**, **ratling** (rát'lin, -ling) [?], *n.* One of the small ropes extended across the shrouds on each side of a mast, forming rungs.

**rattan** (rá-tăn') [Malay *rōtan*], *n.* The pliable stem of certain E. Indian climbing palms; a walking-stick of this.

**rattle** (rátl) [M.E. *rātelen*], *v.i.* To make a rapid succession of sharp noises; to talk rapidly or foolishly; to run, ride, or drive rapidly; *v.t.* To cause to make a rattling noise; to utter, play, etc. (off, away), rapidly; to cause to move with a clatter; to drive fast. *n.* A rapid succession of sharp noises; an instrument with which such sounds are made; a rattling noise in the throat; empty talk, chatter; a chatterer; racket, boisterous gaiety; the tail of the rattlesnake; a plant having seeds that rattle in their cases. **rattlesnake**, *n.* An American snake, the tail of which is furnished with a rattle. **rattling**, *a.*

**raucous** (raw'kūs) [L. *raucus*], *a.* Hoarse, rough in sound. **raucously**, *adv.*

**ravage** (ráv'áj) [as RAVISH], *n.* Ruin, havoc; (*pl.*) devastating effects. *v.t.* To devastate; to pillage. *v.i.* To make havoc.

**rave** (ráv) [?], *v.i.* To be delirious, to talk wildly, or irrationally; to act furiously, to rage; to go into raptures (about).

**ravel** (rávl) [?], *v.t.* To entangle, confuse, involve; to untwist, to disentangle; to fray. *v.i.* To become tangled; to become unwoven; to fray (out).

**raven** (1) (rávn) [A.-S. *hræfn*], *n.* A large, black, omnivorous bird of the crow family. *a.* Glossy black.

**raven** (2) (rávn) [O.F. *raviner*, as RAVINE], *v.t.* To devour with voracity. *v.i.* To plunder; to prowl after prey; to be ravenous.

**ravenous** (ráv'è-nūs) [as prec.], *a.* Voracious, famished; furiously rapacious, eager for gratification. **ravenously**, *adv.*

**ravine** (rá-vén') [F., as prec.], *n.* A long, deep hollow caused by a torrent, a gorge.

**ravish** (ráv'ish) [F. *ravir*, L. *rapere*, to snatch], *v.t.* To enrapture, transport (with pleasure, etc.); to violate, to rape.

**ravisher**, *n.* One who ravishes, rapes, or carries off by force. **ravishing**, *a.* En-



chanting, charming, filling one with rapture. **ravishment**, *n.*

**raw** (raw) [A.-S. *hrēaw*], *a.* Uncooked; not wrought or manufactured; untrained, inexperienced, immature, fresh; having the flesh exposed, galled; cold and damp, bleak.

**ray** (1) (rā) [O.F. *rai*, L. *RADIUS*], *n.* A beam of light proceeding from a radiant point; a straight line along which radiant energy is propagated; (*fig.*) a gleam, a vestige; one of a series of radiating lines. *v.* To radiate; to issue or shine forth in rays.

**ray** (2) [L. *raia*], *n.* A large cartilaginous fish allied to the sharks.

**raze** (rāz) [F. *raser*, *rāsus*, scraped], *v.t.* To erase, obliterate; to level with the ground, to destroy.

**razor** (rā'zór) [as prec.], *n.* A cutting instrument for shaving off hair.

**re** (1) (rā) [see *GAMUT*], *n.* The second note of a major scale, esp. of C major, D.

**re** (2) (rē) [L.], *prep.* In the matter of.

**re-** [L., back, again], *pref.* Back, back again; after; un-; mutually; again and again, anew; in opposition; off, away, down.

**reach** (1) (rēch) [A.-S. *rēcan* (cp. Dut. *reiken*, G. *reichen*)], *v.t.* To stretch out; to extend; to attain to, arrive at, to affect; to hand, to pass. *v.i.* To reach or stretch out the hand; to put forth one's powers, to be extended so as to touch, to have extent in time, space, etc.; to attain (to). *n.* Act or power of reaching; extent, range, attainment; a stretch of water between two bends.

**react** (rē-ākt') [RE-, ACT], *v.i.* To act in response (to a stimulus, etc.); to have a reciprocal effect; to tend in an opposite manner. *v.t.* To act again. **reaction**, *n.* Reciprocal action; response to stimulation; chemical action of one substance upon another; the force exerted upon the agent by a body acted upon; contrary action; action in an opposite direction, esp. in politics. **reactionary**, *a.* Tending towards reaction, retrograde, conservative. *n.* A reactionary person.

**read** (rēd) [A.-S. *rēdan*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* read, red) To perceive and understand the meaning of (characters, symbols, significant features, etc.), to peruse; to reproduce mentally, vocally, or instrumentally (words, notes, etc., conveyed by symbols); to discover by observation, to explain; to see through; to ascertain or study by reading. *v.i.* To follow or interpret the meaning of a book, etc.; to render written music (well, easily, etc.); to mean (in a certain way, etc.); to sound (well, ill, etc.) when perused or uttered. **readable**, *a.* Worth reading; legible. **reader**, *n.* One who reads, esp. much. **reading**, *a.* Addicted to reading, studious. *n.* The act, practice, or art of reading; literary research; a public recital at which selections are read aloud; an interpretation, a rendering.

**readjust** (rē-ād-jūst') [RE-, ADJUST], *v.t.* To arrange or adjust afresh.

**ready** (red'i) [A.-S. *geræde*], *a.* Prepared, fit for use or action; willing, about (to); prompt; expert, facile; handy, quickly available. *n.* The position in which a fire-arm is held before presenting and aiming; (*slang*) money, actual cash ready to be put down. **ready-made**, *a.* Not made to order (esp. of clothing). **readily**, *adv.* Without trouble, easily; willingly. **readiness**, *n.* State of being ready, preparedness; willingness, ease, aptitude, quickness in acting.

**real** (1) (rē'al) [L. *realis*, from *rēs*, thing], *a.* Actually existing; not imaginary, theoretical, or nominal; not counterfeit; having substantial existence; (*Law*) consisting of lands or houses, opp. to personal. **really**, *adv.* In fact, in reality; (*colloq.*) I assure you.

**real** (2) (rā'al) [Sp.], *n.* (*pl.* *reales*, *rā-a'lēz*) A Spanish silver coin worth about 2½d.

**realism** (rē'a-lizm) [REAL (1), -ISM], *n.* The practice of representing objects, persons, scenes, etc., as they are or as they appear to the painter, novelist, etc., opp. to idealism and romanticism. **realist**, *n.* **realis'tic**, *a.*

**reality** (rē'al'i-ti) [REAL (1), -ITY], *n.* The quality of being real, actuality, that which underlies appearances; the real nature (of). **reality** (rē'al-ti), *n.* (*Law*) Real property.

**realize** (rē'a-liz) [REAL (1), -IZE], *v.t.* To apprehend clearly and vividly; to bring into actual existence, give reality to; to impress on the mind as real, to make realistic; to convert into money; to bring in, as a price. **realizable**, *a.* **realiza'tion**, *n.*

**realm** (relm) [O.F. *realme*], *n.* A kingdom; (*fig.*) domain, region, sphere.

**ream** (rēm) [Arab. *rizmah*, bundle], *n.* 480 sheets or twenty quires of paper.

**reap** (rēp) [A.-S. *rīpan*], *v.t.* To cut with a scythe, etc.; to gather in (a harvest). *v.i.* To perform the act of reaping; to receive the consequences of labour, deeds, etc. **reaper**, *n.* One who reaps; a reaping-machine.

**rear** (1) (rēr) [A.-S. *rēran*], *v.t.* To raise, to elevate to an upright position; to build, to erect; to bring up, to breed, to educate; to raise, to cultivate. *v.i.* To stand on the hind legs (of a horse).

**rear** (2) [ARREAR], *n.* The back part, the hindmost division of an armed force; a position at the back. **rear-guard**, *n.* A body of troops protecting the rear of an army.

**reason** (rē'zón) [O.F. *raisun*, as *RATIO*], *n.* That which is adduced to support or serves as a ground or motive; that which accounts for anything; the intellectual faculties, the logical faculty; judgment, sanity; the exercise of the rational powers. *v.i.* To use the faculty of reason; to argue with intention of persuading; to

reach conclusions by way of inferences. *v.t.* To debate or examine by means of the reason or reasons and inferences; to assume or prove by way of argument; to persuade or dissuade thus. **reasonable**, *a.* Endowed with or governed by reason; rational; sensible, proper; fair, not extortionate. **reasonably**, *adv.* **reasoning**, *n.* The act of drawing conclusions from premises or of using the reason; argumentation.

**reassure** (rē-ā-shoor'), *v.t.* To assure again; to restore to confidence, give fresh courage to; to reinsure. **reassuring**, *a.* **rebate** (ré-bāt') [RE-, ABATE], *v.t.* To make a deduction from, to diminish; to make blunt. *n.* (ré'bāt) A deduction, a discount.

**rebel** (reb'él) [L. *rebellis*, rebellious (RE-, *bellum*, war)], *a.* Rebellious; pertaining to rebels. *n.* One who forcibly resists the established government or renounces allegiance thereto. *v.i.* (ré-bel') To engage in rebellion (against); to revolt (against authority or control); (*fig.*) to feel repugnance (against). **rebellion** (ré-bel'yón), *n.* Organized resistance to the established government; opposition to any authority. **rebellious**, *a.* Difficult to control.

**rebound** (ré-bound') [O.F. *rebondir*], *v.i.* To bound back, to recoil; to react. *n.* The act of rebounding, a recoil; reaction (of feeling, etc.).

**rebuff** (ré-būf') [It. *ribuffo* (*buffo*, puff)], *n.* A rejection, a check; a snub; a defeat. *v.t.* To give a rebuff to, to repel.

**rebuke** (ré-būk') [O.F. *rebuchier* (RE-, *bucher*, to beat)], *v.t.* To reprove, to reprimand; to censure. *n.* Act of rebuking; a reproof. **rebukingly**, *adv.*

**rebus** (ré'būs) [L., abl. pl. of *rēs*, thing], *n.* A picture or figure representing enigmatically a word or phrase.

**rebut** (ré-būt') [O.F. *rebouter*], *v.t.* To check, to repel; (*Law*) to refute by plea or argument.

**recalcitrant** (ré-kāl'si-tránt) [L. *recalcitrans* (RE-, *calcitrare*, to strike with the heel)], *a.* Refractory, obstinately refusing submission. *n.* A recalcitrant person. **recalcitrance**, *-cy*, *n.*

**recall** (ré-kawl') [RE-, CALL], *v.t.* To call back; to bring to mind, to recollect; to renew; to annul, to take back. *n.* A summons to return; a signal calling back soldiers, a ship, etc.; the power of revoking or annulling.

**recant** (ré-kánt') [L. *recantare*], *v.t.* To retract, abjure; to disavow. *v.i.* To renounce opinions or beliefs, esp. with acknowledgment of error. **recantation**, *n.* **recapitulate** (ré-kā-pit'ū-lāt) [RE-, CAPITULATE], *v.t.* To repeat in brief, to sum up, to summarize. **recapitulation**, *n.*

**recede** (ré-sēd') [RE-, L. *cedere*, to go], *v.i.* To go back; to be gradually lost to view; to incline or trend backwards or away; to retreat.

**receipt** (ré-sēt') [A.-F. *receite*, L. *recepta*,

received], *n.* Act or fact of receiving or being received; that which is received, esp. money; a written acknowledgment of money, etc., received; a recipe. *v.t.* To give a receipt for.

**receive** (ré-sēv') [L. *recipere*], *v.t.* To obtain or take as a thing offered; to be supplied with, to acquire; to welcome, to entertain as guest; to accept stolen goods. *v.i.* To hold a reception. **receivable**, *a.* **receiver**, *n.* One who receives, esp. stolen goods; a part of a telephonic or telegraphic apparatus for receiving messages or current; an officer administering the property of bankrupts.

**recent** (ré-sént) [L. *recens-entem*], *a.* Pertaining to time not long past, lately; late (of existence); modern, newly begun. **recency**, *n.* **recently**, *adv.*

**receptacle** (ré-sep'tākī) [L. *receptaculum*, as RECEIVE], *n.* That which receives or contains; a vessel or place of deposit.

**reception** (ré-sep'shún) [L. *receptio*, as RECEIVE], *n.* Act of receiving; state of being received; receipt, acceptance, admission; the receiving of guests, new members of a society, etc.; a formal welcome; an occasion of ceremonious receiving of visitors; mental acceptance or admission (of a theory, etc.). **receptive**, *a.* Having capacity to receive, esp. impressions, ideas, etc. **receptivity**, *n.*

**recess** (ré-sēs') [L. *recessus*, as RECEDE], *n.* Suspension of business, a vacation; a part that recedes, a niche, an alcove; a secluded place.

**réchauffé** (ré-shō-fā) [F. warmed up again], *n.* A dish warmed up again; a rehash.

**recherché** (ré-shār'shā) [RE-, F. *cherché*, sought], *a.* (*fem.* -chéé) Out of the common; choice.

**recipe** (res'i-pi) [L., imper. of *recipere*, to RECEIVE], *n.* A formula for compounding medicines, dishes, cakes, etc., a receipt; a means for effecting some result.

**recipient** (ré-sip'i-ént) [as prec.], *a.* Receptive. *n.* One who receives.

**reciprocal** (ré-sip'rō-kál) [L. *reciprocus*], *a.* Acting or given in return, mutual; interchangeable, complementary. **reciprocally**, *adv.* **reciprocate**, *v.i.* To move backwards and forwards; to return an equivalent. *v.t.* To give alternating or backward-and-forward motion to; to interchange; to give in return. **reciproca'tion**, *n.* Act of reciprocating; giving and returning. **reciprocity** (res-i-pros'i-ti), *n.* State of being reciprocal; mutual action or the principle of give-and-take, esp. international interchange of commercial privileges.

**recite** (ré-sit') [RE-, CITE], *v.t.* To repeat from memory; to rehearse (facts, etc., in a legal document); to quote; to enumerate. *v.i.* To give a recitation. **reciter**, *n.* One who recites; a book of selections for reciting. **reci'tal**, *n.* Act of reciting; an enumeration of facts or particulars, a story; a public giving of recitations; a musical performance, esp.



by one person or of the works of one person.  
**recitation**, *n.* The delivery of a composition committed to memory; a composition intended for recital. **recitative** (res-i-tá-têv'), *n.* (*Mus.*) A style of rendering vocal passages intermediate between singing and speaking; a piece to be sung in recitative.

**reck** (rek) [A.-S. *reccan*], *v.t.* To care, to heed. **reckless**, *a.* Heedless; rash; regardless, indifferent, neglectful (of).

**reckon** (rek'ón) [A.-S. *gereccenian*], *v.t.* To count, calculate, compute; to account, to esteem, to consider (to be). *v.i.* To settle accounts with; to rely, to count, to place dependence (upon). **reckoner**, *n.* **reckoning**, *n.* Act of counting; a statement of accounts, a bill; a settling of accounts; (*Naut.*) a calculation of a ship's position.

**reclaim** (rè-klām') [RE-, CLAIM], *v.t.* To bring back from error, etc.; to tame, civilize, bring under cultivation; to demand back, to recall. **reclaimable**, *a.* **reclamation** (rek-lá-mā'shún), *n.*

**recline** (rè-klín') [RE-, L. *clināre*, to lean], *v.t.* To lay or lean (one's body, head, etc.) back. *v.i.* To assume a leaning or recumbent posture, to lie down or lean back.

**recluse** (rè-kloos') [O.F. *reclus*, L. *reclusus*, shut up], *a.* Retired from the world; sequestered. *n.* One who lives apart from the world, esp. a religious devotee.

**recognition** (rek-óg-nish'ún) [L. *recognitio*, as RECOGNIZE], *n.* Act of recognising or acknowledging; avowal.

**recognizance** (rè-kon'i-záns) [as foll.], *n.* (*Law*) A bond entered into before a magistrate to perform a specified act; a sum deposited as pledge for this.

**recognize** (rek'óg-níz) [RE-, L. *cognoscere*, to know], *v.t.* To know again; to recall the identity of; to acknowledge, to admit the truth of. **recognizable**, *a.*

**recoil** (ré-koil') [O.F. *reculer*], *v.i.* To start or shrink back; to rebound; to retreat. *n.* Act of recoiling; a rebound; the feeling of shrinking back, as in fear or disgust.

**recollect** (rè-kó-lekt') [RE-, COLLECT], *v.t.* To gather together again; to collect or compose (one's thoughts, etc.); to rally, recover; (rek-ó-lekt') to recall to memory, to remember. *v.i.* To come together again; (rek-ó-lekt') to succeed in remembering. **recollection**, *n.* Act or power of recalling to the mind; a reminiscence; the period over which one's memory extends.

**recommend** (rek-ò-mend') [RE-, COMMEND], *v.t.* To commend to another, esp. to represent as suitable; to advise a certain course of action, etc.; to render acceptable (of qualities). **recommendation**, *n.*

**recompense** (rek'óm-pens) [RE-, L. *compensāre*, to compensate], *v.t.* To requite, to repay (a person, a service, an injury, etc.); to compensate (for), make up (for).

*n.* Something given as a reward, compensation, requital, or satisfaction (for a service, injury, etc.).

**reconcile** (rek'ón-sil) [RE-, L. *conciliāre*, to conciliate], *v.t.* To restore to friendship; to make acquiescent or submissive (to); to harmonize, make compatible (with); to settle (differences, etc.). **reconcilable**, *a.* **reconciliation** (-sil-i-ā'shún), *n.* **reconciliatory**, *a.*

**recondite** (rek'ón-dit) [RE-, L. *conditus*, hidden], *a.* Abstruse, little known, obscure.

**reconnaissance**, (rè-kon'á-sáns) [F., as foll.], *n.* Act of reconnoitring, a preliminary survey to ascertain the position of the enemy, the strategic features, etc.; a detachment performing this duty.

**reconnoitre** (rek-ó-noi'tér) [F., now *reconnaître*, as RECOGNIZE], *v.t.* To make a preliminary examination or survey of. *v.i.* To make a reconnaissance. **reconnoitrer**, *n.*

**reconsider** [RE-, CONSIDER], *v.t.* To consider again; to review, to revise. **reconsideration**, *n.*

**record** (rè-kórd') [L. *recordāre* (RE-, *cordis*, heart)], *v.t.* To set down permanent evidence of, to imprint deeply on the mind. *n.* (rek'órd) A written or other permanent account or statement; a register, a report, minutes of proceedings, a series of marks made by a recording instrument; a device used in a mechanical musical instrument to reproduce a tune, etc.; the past history of a person's career; a memento of a person, event, etc. **recorder** (rè-kór'dér), *n.* One who or that which records; a magistrate presiding over quarter-sessions.

**recount** (rè-kount') [RE-, COUNT (1)], *v.t.* To relate in detail, to narrate; (rè-kount') to count over again. *n.* A new count.

**recoup** (rè-koop') [RE-, F. *couper*, to cut], *v.t.* To indemnify (oneself) for a loss or expenditure; to compensate.

**recourse** (rè-körs') [RE-, L. *cursus*, course], *n.* Resorting to as for help; a source of help. **to have recourse to**: To go to for advice, help, etc.

**recover** (ré-küv'ér) [O.F. *recover*, as RECUPERATE], *v.t.* To regain, win back; to retrieve; (*Law*) to obtain by legal process. *v.i.* To regain a former state, esp. after sickness, misfortune, etc.; (*Law*) to be successful in a suit. **recoverable**, *a.* **recovery**, *n.* Act of recovering or state of having recovered; restoration to health; (*Law*) the obtaining of the right to something by judgment of a court.

**re-cover** (ré-küv'ér) [RE-, COVER], *v.t.* To cover again, to put a new covering on.

**recreant** (rek'rè-ánt) [O.F., yielding in trial by combat], *a.* Craven, cowardly. *n.* One who has begged for mercy, an apostate, a deserter.

**recreate** (rek'rè-ât) [RE-, L. *creātus*, created], *v.t.* To refresh after toil; to entertain, amuse. *v.i.* To take recrea-

tion. **recrea'tion**, *n.* **recrea'tional**, **rec'reative**, *a.*  
**recriminate** (rè-krim'i-nāt) [RE-, CRIMIN-ATE], *v.i.* To bring counter-charges against. *v.t.* To accuse in return. **re-crimination**, *n.* **recrim'inatory**, *a.*  
**recrudesce** (rè-krù-des') (RE-, L. *crūdescere*, to become raw), *v.i.* To break out, or become sore again. **recrudes-cence**, *n.* State of becoming sore again; a relapse, a breaking-out again; a re-appearance.  
**recruit** (rè-kroot') [F. *recruter* (RE-, *croître*, to grow)], *v.t.* To enlist (soldiers or sailors); to supply (an army, etc.) with recruits, to replenish, to fill up gaps, etc.: to refresh, to reinvigorate, *v.i.* To seek to recover health; to act as a recruiting-officer. *n.* A newly enlisted man.  
**rectangle** (rek'tāngl) [L. *rectus*, straight, *ANGLE*], *n.* A plane rectilinear quadrilateral figure with four right angles.  
**rectang'ular**, *a.* Shaped like a rectangle; placed at right angles.  
**rectify** (rek'ti-fi) [L. *rectus*, right, -FY], *v.t.* To set right, amend, adjust; to reform.  
**rectifica'tion**, *n.*  
**rectilinear**, **l-lineal** (rek-ti-lin'è-ār, -āl) [L., as *prec.*, *linea*, line], *n.* Consisting of or bounded by straight lines.  
**rectitude** (rek'ti-tūd) [L. *rectus*, right], *n.* Uprightness, conformity to truth and justice.  
**rector** (rek'tór) [L., ruler], *n.* A parson whose tithes are not inappropriate; the head of a religious institution, University, etc. **rectorship**, *n.* **rector'ial**, *a.* **recto-ry** (rek'tór-i), *n.* The benefice of a rector with all its rights, property, etc.; the house of a rector.  
**recumbent** (rè-kūm'bènt) [L. *recumbens*], *a.* Lying down, reclining.  
**recuperate** (rè-kū'pér-āt) [L. *recuperātus*, p.p. of *recupérare*, form of *recipere*, to receive], *v.* To recover; to restore to health.  
**recupera'tion**, *n.* **recu'perative**, *a.*  
**recur** (rè-kër') [RE-, L. *currere*, to run], *v.i.* To go back to in thought, etc.; to come back to one's mind; to happen again or repeatedly. **recurrence** (rè-kūr'èns), *n.* **recurrent**, *a.* Recurring at regular intervals.  
**recusant** (rek'ū-zānt) [L. *recusans*, refusing], *a.* Obstinately refusing to conform, esp. to the Established Church. *n.* One who refuses to comply. **recusance**, **-cy**, *n.*  
**red** (red) [A.-S. *read*], *a.* Of a bright warm colour, as blood, of the colour at end of the spectrum farthest from the violet; (*fig.*) anarchistic. *n.* A red colour or pigment; (*fig.*) a revolutionary, an anarchist. **redbreast**, *n.* The robin.  
**red flag**: The symbol of revolution or of anarchism. **red-handed**, *a.* Having hands red with blood; (caught) in the very act. **red-hot**, *a.* Heated to redness; (*fig.*) excited, wildly enthusiastic.  
**red-letter day**: An auspicious or memorable day, because saints' days were so marked in the calendar. **redskin**, *n.*

A N. American Indian. **red-tape**, *n.* Extreme adherence to official routine. *a.* Characterized by this. **red-den**, *v.t.* To make red. *v.i.* To become red, esp. to blush. **reddish**, *a.* **redness**, *n.*  
**red-** [RE-, before vowels], *pref.*  
**-red**, *suf.* Condition, as in *hatred*, *kindred*.  
**redeem** (rè-dēm') [RE-, L. *emere*, to buy], *v.t.* To buy back; (*Law*) to recover (mortgaged property), to buy off (an obligation, etc.); to perform (a promise); to ransom; to save, rescue; (*Theol.*) to deliver from sin and its penalty; to atone for. **redeemer**, *n.* One who redeems, esp. Christ, the Saviour of the world.  
**redemption** (rè-demp'shùn) [L. *redemptio*, as *prec.*], *n.* Act of redeeming, state of being redeemed, esp. salvation by the atonement of Christ; ransom.  
**redirect** (rè-di-rekt') [RE-, DIRECT], *v.t.* To direct again; to readdress. **rediscov'er**, *v.t.* To discover afresh.  
**redolent** (red'ò-lènt) [RE-, L. *olens*, smelling], *a.* Giving out a strong smell; reminding one of. **redolence**, *n.*  
**redouble** (rè-dūbl') [RE-, DOUBLE], *v.* To increase by repeated additions, to intensify; to grow more intense, numerous, etc.  
**redoubt** (rè-dout') [L. *reductus*, retired], *n.* A detached outwork enclosed by a parapet without flanking defences.  
**redoubtable** (rè-dou'tábl) [O.F. *redouter*, to fear], *a.* Formidable; valiant.  
**redound** (rè-dound') [L. *redundāre*, to overflow], *v.i.* To have effect, to conduce (to one's credit, etc.); to recoil (upon).  
**redress** (rè-dres') [F. *redresser* (DRESS)], *v.t.* To set right or straight again, to rectify; to amend, to make reparation for. *n.* Reparation; rectification.  
**reduce** (rè-dūs') [RE-, L. *dūcere*, to bring], *v.t.* To bring to a specified condition; to make conformable (to a rule, formula, etc.); to subdue, conquer, degrade, diminish; (*Math.*) to change from one denomination to another. **reducible**, *a.*  
**reduc'tion**, *n.* Act of reducing; state of being reduced; a conquest; a diminution; (*Arith.*) process of finding an equivalent expression in terms of a different denomination.  
**redundant** (rè-dūn'dānt) [L. *redundans*, overflowing, as REDOUND], *a.* Superfluous; using more words than are necessary; exuberant; copious. **redundance**, **-cy**, *n.* **redundantly**, *adv.*  
**reduplicate** (rè-dū'pli-kāt) [RE-, DUPLICATE], *v.t.* To redouble, to repeat; to repeat a letter or syllable to form a tense.  
**reduplica'tion**, *n.* Act of doubling or repeating; repetition of a syllable or other part of a word; a part repeated or doubled.  
**redu'plicative**, *a.*  
**re-echo** (rè-ek'ò) [RE-, ECHO], *v.* To echo again; to return the sound, to resound; to reverberate.  
**reed** (rēd) [A.-S. *hrēod*], *n.* The long straight stem of certain water or marsh plants; a musical pipe of this; a thin strip of metal in a musical instrument producing



the sound by a current of air. **reed-pipe**, *n.* A reeded organ-pipe; a musical pipe made of a reed. **reedy**, *a.* Abounding in reeds; like a reed.

**reef** (1) (rēf) [?], *n.* A ridge of rock, etc., at or near the surface of the sea; a vein of auriferous quartz.

**reef** (2) [Icel. *rif*, see prec.], *n.* A part of a sail which can be rolled up in order to shorten sail. *v.t.* To reduce the extent of a sail by taking in a reef. **reefer**, *n.* A close-fitting double-breasted jacket.

**reek** (rēk) [A.-S. *rēc*], *n.* Smoke; fume; a foul or stale odour, a foul atmosphere. *v.i.* To emit smoke, vapour, or steam; to give off a disagreeable odour.

**reel** (1) (rēl) [A.-S. *hrēol*], *n.* A rotatory frame on which thread, etc., can be wound; quantity wound on a reel; a bobbin. *v.i.* To wind on or to take (off) a reel.

**reel** (2) [?], *v.i.* To stagger; to have a whirling sensation, to be dizzy; a lively Scottish dance; music for this.

**re-enforce** [RE-, ENFORCE], *v.t.* To give fresh or additional force or strength to; to reinforce.

**reeve** [?], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. rove, reeved*) To pass (the end of a rope, etc.) through a ring, a hole in a block, etc.; to fasten (a rope, etc.) thus.

**re-examine** (rē-ég-zām'in) [RE-, EXAMINE], *v.t.* To examine again.

**refection** (rē-fek'shùn) [RE-, FACTION], *n.* A light meal, a repast. **refectory**, *n.* A hall where meals are taken in religious houses.

**refer** (rē-fēr') [RE-, L. *ferre*, to bear], *v.t.* To trace back, assign (to a certain cause, etc.); to hand over (for consideration, etc.); to send (a person) for information; to commit (oneself) to another's favour, etc. *v.i.* To apply for information; to cite, allude, direct attention (to); to be concerned with. **referable**, *a.* **referee**, *n.* One to whom a question is referred; an arbitrator, umpire. *v.i.* To act as a referee. **reference** (ref'ér-ēns), *n.* Act of referring; relation; allusion, directing of attention (to); a note referring from one book to another or to a commentary, diagram, etc.; that which or one who is referred to; a testimonial. **referendum**, *n.* Submission of a political question to the whole electorate. **referential**, *a.*

**refine** (ré-fin') [RE-, FINE (2)], *v.t.* To clear from impurities, to clarify; to educate, polish, to cultivate the manners, etc., of; to make more subtle or complex. *v.i.* To become pure or clear; to become polished in talk, manners, etc.; to affect subtlety of thought or language. **refined**, *a.* Freed from impurities; highly cultivated, elegant. **refinement**, *n.* Act or process of refining; state of being refined; elegance of taste, manners, language, etc., polish; elaboration (of luxury, etc.); affected subtlety.

**refit** (ré-fit') [RE-, FIT (2)], *v.t.* To make fit for use again, to repair. *n.* Repairing or renewing, esp. a ship. **refitment**, *n.*

**reflect** (ré-flekt') [RE-, L. *flectere*, to bend], *v.t.* To turn (light, heat, sound, etc.) back; to mirror; to cause to accrue (of honour, disgrace, etc.). *v.i.* To throw back light, etc.; to think, ponder, meditate; to bring shame or discredit (upon).

**reflection**, *n.* Act of reflecting; state of being reflected; that which is reflected; continued consideration, thought, meditation, etc.; censure, reproach. **reflective**, *a.* **reflector**, *n.* That which reflects.

**reflex** (rē-fleks) [L. *reflexus*, reflected], *a.* Turned backward; introspective; reactive; bent back; (*Physiol.*) produced independently of the will. *n.* A reflection; a reflex action. **reflexive**, *a.* (*Gram.*) Denoting action upon the agent; implying action by the subject upon itself or himself; referring back to the grammatical subject.

**reform** (ré-förm') [RE-, L. *formāre*, to form], *v.t.* To change from worse to better; to improve, mend, remedy. *v.i.* To amend one's habits, morals, conduct, etc. *n.* The act of reforming; an alteration for the better, improvement, correction of abuses, etc.

**re-form** (rē-förm') [RE-, FORM], *v.t.* To form again or anew.

**reformation** (ref-ör-mā'shùn) [as REFORM], *n.* Act of reforming; state of being reformed; redress of grievances or abuses.

**the Reformation**: The movement in the 16th cent. which resulted in the establishment of the Protestant Churches. **reformatory**, *n.* An institution for the detention and reformation of juvenile offenders. **reformer**, *n.* One who effects or favours a reform; one who took a leading part in the Reformation.

**refract** (ré-fräkt') [RE-, L. *fractus*, broken], *v.t.* To deflect (a ray of light, etc.) from its direct course (of water, glass, etc.). **refraction**, *n.* The deflection that takes place when a ray of light, heat, etc., passes at any other angle than a right angle from the surface of one medium into another medium of different density.

**refractory** (ré-fräkt'ör-i) [as prec.], *a.* Perverse, obstinate in opposition, unmanageable.

**refrain** (1) (ré-frān') [O.F., as REFRACT], *n.* The burden of a song, a phrase frequently repeated.

**refrain** (2) [O.F. *refrenner* (RE-, L. *frēnum*, curb)], *v.t.* To hold back, restrain, curb. *v.i.* To forbear; to abstain (from an act, etc.).

**refresh** (ré-fresh') [RE-, FRESH], *v.t.* To make fresh again; to revive or restore; to freshen up (one's memory). **refreshment**, *n.* That which refreshes, esp. (*pl.*) food or drink.

**refrigerate** (ré-frij'ér-ät) [RE-, L. *frigus*, cold], *v.t.* To freeze or keep at a very low temperature in a refrigerator. **refrigerant**, *a.* Cooling, allaying heat. *n.* That which cools or refreshes. **refrigeration**, *n.* **refrig'erator**, *n.* An apparatus for keeping provisions in a frozen state in order to preserve their freshness.

**refuge** (ref'ūj) [*refugium* (RE-, L. *fugere*, to flee)], *n.* Shelter from danger or distress; a place, person, course of action, etc., that protects from distress or calamity; a stronghold, a sanctuary; an expedient. **refugee'**, *n.* One who flees to a place of refuge.

**refulgent** (ré-fül'jént) [RE-, L. *fulgens*, shining], *a.* Shining brightly, brilliant. **refulgence**, *n.*

**refund** (ré-fünd') [L. *refundere*, to pour back], *v.t.* To pay back, to reimburse. *v.i.* To make repayment.

**refuse** (1) (ré-füz') [O.F. *refuser*, as REFUND], *v.t.* To decline; to deny the request of; to fail to take. *v.i.* To decline to comply. **refusal**, *n.*

**refuse** (2) (ref'ūs) [as prec.], *a.* Rejected. *n.* That which is rejected as worthless; waste matter.

**refute** (ré-füt') [L. *refutäre*], *v.t.* To prove (a statement, etc.) false, to disprove; to rebut in argument, to confute. **refutable** (refü'tabl), *a.* **refuta'tion**, *n.*

**regain** (ré-gän') [RE-, GAIN], *v.t.* To recover possession of; to reach again; to gain anew.

**regal** (ré-gál) [L. *rēgälis*, from *rex* *rēgis*, king], *a.* Pertaining to or fit for a king. **regally**, *adv.*

**regale** (ré-gäl') [It. *regalare*], *v.t.* To entertain sumptuously. *v.i.* To feast.

**regalia** (ré-gä'li-ä) [L. as REGAL], *n.pl.* The insignia of royalty, esp. the emblems displayed at coronations.

**regard** (ré-gard') [F. *regarder*], *v.t.* To look at; to give heed to, pay attention to; to value, pay honour to, esteem; to consider (as); to concern, to relate to. *v.i.* To look; to pay attention. *n.* A look, a gaze; observant attention, consideration; kindly or respectful feeling; reference, relation; (*pl.*) good wishes. **regardful**, *a.* **regarding**, *prep.* Respecting, concerning. **regardless**, *a.* Heedless, careless, negligent.

**regatta** (ré-gät'á) [It., contention], *n.* A race-meeting at which boats contend for prizes.

**regency** (ré'jén-si) [REGENT, -CY], *n.* The office or government of a regent; a body entrusted with this; the period of office of a regent.

**regenerate** (ré-jen'ér-ät) [RE-, GENERATE], *v.t.* To change fundamentally; to impart fresh vigour or higher life to; (*Theol.*) to renew the heart of by the infusion of divine grace; to convert. *a.* Reformed, converted. **regeneration**, *n.* New birth as the consequence of baptism. **regen'er-ative**, *a.*

**regent** (ré'jént) [L. *regens*, ruling], *n.* One appointed to govern a kingdom in place of the sovereign. **regentship**, *n.*

**regicide** (rej'i-sid) [L. *rex* *rēgis*, king, -CIDE], *n.* The killing or one who takes part in the killing of a king. **regicidal**, *a.*

**regime** (ré-zhēm') [F. *régime*, as foll.], *n.* Mode or prevailing system of government, social system, or general state of things.

**regimen** (rej'i-mén) [L. *regere*, to rule], *n.* The systematic management of food, drink, exercise, etc., for the preservation or restoration of health.

**regiment** (rej'i-mént) [L. *regimentum*, as prec.], *n.* The largest permanent unit of the army, comprising several companies or troops. **regimental**, *a.* Pertaining to a regiment. *n.pl.* Military uniform.

**region** (ré'jún) [L. *regio*, -ōnem, from *regere*, to rule], *n.* A large but indefinite tract having certain prevailing characteristics; a district, a sphere, a realm; one of the strata into which the atmosphere or the sea may be divided; the surroundings of a bodily organ. **regional**, *a.*

**register** (rej'is-tér) [L. *regesta*, things recorded (RE-, *gerere*, to carry)], *n.* An official record, authoritative list of names, facts, etc., as of births, marriages, deaths, persons entitled to vote, shipping, etc.; a book in which such is kept; registration; a recording indicator; a contrivance for regulating admission of air or heat to a room, ventilator, fire, etc.; musical compass. *v.t.* To enter or cause to be entered in a register; to record, to indicate (of an instrument). **registrable**, *a.* **registrar**, *n.* An official keeper of a register. **registry**, *n.* An office where a register is kept.

**regius** (ré'ji-ús) [L., royal], *a.* Appointed by the sovereign (of certain professors at Oxford and Cambridge).

**regnant** (rég'nánt), *a.* Ruling; prevalent.

**regrate** (ré-grät') [O.F. *regrater*], *v.t.* To deal in food-stuffs with the object of raising prices. **regrater**, *n.*

**regress** (règres) [L. *regressus*, gone back], *n.* Passage back, return. *v.i.* (rè-gres') To move back, to return. **regression**, *n.* Reversion to type; the turning back of a curve.

**regret** (ré-gret') [O.F. *regrater*], *n.* Sorrow for a disappointment, loss, etc.; grief, repentance, remorse. *v.t.* To be distressed or sorry for; to regard with sorrow or remorse. **regretful**, *a.* **regrett-able**, *a.*

**regular** (reg'ü-lär) [L. *rēgula*, rule], *a.* Conforming to rule, law, or principle; systematic, methodical, unvarying, normal; acting, happening, etc., in an orderly or habitual manner; duly authorized, properly qualified; (*Geom.*) having the sides and angles equal; belonging to the standing army. *n.* A person permanently employed or constantly attending, a soldier of a permanent army. **regularity**, *n.* **reg'ularize**, *v.t.* **regularly**, *adv.*

**regulate** (reg'ü-lät) [late L. *regulātus*, ruled], *v.t.* To adjust or order by rule; to subject to restrictions; to put or keep in good order. **regulable**, *a.* **regula'tion**, *n.* Act of regulating; state of being regulated; a prescribed rule.

**rehabilitate** (ré-hä-bil'i-tät) [RE-, HABILI-TATE], *v.t.* To restore to a former rank, privilege, etc., to reinstate; to re-establish one's character. **rehabilita'tion**, *n.*



**rehearse** (ré-hěrs') [O.F. *rehercer*, to harrow again], *v.t.* To repeat; to relate, enumerate; to recite or practise (a play, etc.) before public performance. **rehearsal**, *n.* Act of rehearsing; a trial performance.

**reign** (rān) [L. *regnum*], *n.* Sovereignty, rule, sway; the period during which a sovereign reigns. *v.i.* o exercise sovereign authority, to prevail.

**reimburse** (rē-im-běrs') [RE-IMBURSE], *v.t.* To repay (one who has spent money); to refund (expenses). **reimburse**, *n.*

**rein** (rān) [O.F. *rene* (RE-, *tenēre*, to hold)], *n.* A long narrow strap attached to a bit for guiding an animal in riding or driving; means of restraint or control. *v.t.* To check, control; (*fig.*) to curb, restrain.

**reindeer** (rān'děr) [Icel. *hreinn* -DEER], *n.* A sub-arctic domesticated deer.

**reinforce** (rē-in-fōrs') [RE-, ENFORCE], *v.t.* To strengthen as by additional troops, ships, etc., adding to the size, thickness, etc.

**reinstate** (rē-in-stāt') [RE-, INSTATE], *v.t.* To restore, to replace (in a former position, etc.). **reinstatement**, *n.* **reinvigorate**, *v.t.* To reanimate; to give fresh vigour to.

**reïs** (rās) [Port.], *n.pl.* A Portuguese and Brazilian money of account, 1000th of a milreis.

**reiterate** (rē-it'ěr-āt) [RE-, ITERATE], *v.t.* To repeat again and again. **reiteration**, *n.* Repetition.

**reject** (rē-jekt') [RE-, L. *jectus*, thrown], *v.t.* To discard, cast off; to refuse to accept, grant, etc.; to repel; to vomit. **rejection**, *n.*

**rejoice** (rē-jois') [O.F. *rejoissant*, rejoicing], *v.t.* To gladden. *v.i.* To feel joy or gladness in a high degree; to make merry. **rejoicing**, *n.*

**rejoin** (rē-join') [RE-, JOIN], *v.i.* To come together again; to retort; to answer a charge or pleading. **rejoinder**, *n.* An answer, esp. to a reply, a retort.

**rejuvenate** (rē-joo'vė-nāt) [RE-, L. *juvenis*, young], *v.* To make or become young again. **rejuvena'tion**, *n.* **rejuvenes'cence**, *n.* A renewal of youth; state of this. **rejuvenescent**, *a.*

**relapse** (ré-lāps') [RE-, L. *lapsus*, slipped], *v.i.* To fall back into vicious ways, etc., or into illness after partial recovery; to fall away after conversion or recantation. *n.* A falling or sliding back into a former bad state.

**relate** (ré-lāt') [L. *relātus*, p.p. of *referre*, see REFER], *v.t.* To tell, to recount; to bring into relation (with); to ascribe to as source or cause. *v.i.* To have regard (to); to refer (to). **related**, *a.* Connected by blood or marriage. **rela'tion**, *n.* Act of relating; that which is related; an account, story; respect; condition of being related; way in which a thing stands in regard to another; kinship; a kinsman or kinswoman. **relationship**, *n.* State of being related; connexion by blood, etc., kinship.

**relative** (rel'ā-tiv) [L. *relativus*, as prec.], *a.* Being in relation to something; involving, implying, or resulting from relation, comparative; not absolute; corresponding, related; relevant, having reference; (*Gram.*) referring or relating to another word or sentence, called the antecedent. *n.* A person connected by blood or marriage, a relation; a relative word. **rel'atively**, *adv.* In relation to something else; comparatively. **relativ'ity**, *n.*

**relax** (ré-lāks') [RE-, LAX], *v.t.* To slacken, to loosen; to enfeeble, make languid; to mitigate; to relieve from strain or effort. *v.i.* To become less tense, rigid, or severe; to grow less energetic; to take relaxation. **relaxa'tion**, *n.*

**relay** (ré-lā') [O.F. *relais*], *n.* A supply of fresh horses, etc., to relieve others when tired.

**re-lay** (rē-lā') [RE-, LAY (1)], *v.t.* To lay again.

**release** (ré-lēs') [as RELAX], *v.t.* To liberate; to deliver from pain, care, grief, or other evil; to free from penalty; (*Law*) to surrender (a right, claim, etc.). *n.* Liberation; discharge from liability, responsibility, etc.; (*Law*) surrender of property or right, and the instrument by which this is effected.

**relegate** (rel'ė-gāt) [RE-, L. *legātus*, sent], *v.t.* To consign or dismiss (usu. to an inferior position); to commit, or hand over (to). **relegable**, *a.* **relega'tion**, *n.*

**relent** (ré-lent') [RE-, L. *lentus*, soft], *v.i.* To become less harsh or severe; to yield. **relentless**, *a.* Merciless, obdurate.

**relevant** (rel'ė-vānt) [RE-, *levans*, raising], *a.* Pertinent, applicable, apposite. **rele-vance**, *-cy*, *n.*

**reliable** (ré-l'ābl) [RELY-, -ABLE], *a.* That may be relied on, trustworthy. **relia-bil'ity**, *n.* **reli'ance**, *n.* Confident dependence (upon), trust. **reliant**, *a.*

**relic** (rel'ik) [L. *reliquia*, remains, as foll.], *n.* Some part remaining, a remnant, a scrap, a survival.

**relict** (rel'ikt) [RE-, L. *lictus*, left over], *n.* A widow.

**relief** (ré-lěf') [as RELIEVE], *n.* Alleviation of pain, etc.; that which alleviates; assistance given to people in distress; release from a post by a substitute; such a substitute; assistance in time of stress; those carrying this out; (*fig.*) anything that relaxes tension; the projecting of carved figures from a surface; a piece of sculpture, etc., carved thus; apparent projection due to drawing, colouring, and shading.

**relieve** (ré-lěv') [RE-, L. *levāre*, to raise], *v.t.* To alleviate, lighten, esp. pain, grief, discomfort, etc.; to release from a post, responsibility, etc.; to raise the siege of; monotony, dullness, etc.; to bring out or make conspicuous by contrast.

**religion** (ré-lij'ūn) [L. *religiōnem*, nom. -gio, ? *reigāre*, to bind], *n.* Belief in a personal Gođ, entitled to worship and obedience; feelings, effects and practices resulting

from such belief; a system of faith, doctrine, and worship. **religious** (ré-lij'ús), *a.* Imbued with religion; devout; pertaining to religion; belonging to a monastic order. **religiously**, *adv.*

**relinquish** (ré-ling'kwish) [RE-, L. *linquere*, to leave], *v.t.* To forsake, abandon; desist from. **relinquishment**, *n.*

**reliquary** (rel'i-kwá-ri) [as RELIC], *n.* A depository for relics.

**relish** (rel'ish) [O.F. *reles*, that left behind], *n.* Effect of anything on the palate, esp. a pleasing flavour; fondness, liking; a flavouring, a trace (of). *v.t.* To give agreeable flavour to; to partake of with pleasure; to enjoy. *v.i.* To have a pleasing taste; to taste or smack (of).

**reluctant** (ré-lük'tánt) [RE-, L. *luctans*, struggling], *a.* Resisting, disinclined (to); done or granted unwillingly. **reluctance**, *n.* **reluctantly**, *adv.*

**rely** (ré-lí') [RE-, L. *ligäre*, to bind], *v.i.* To trust or depend (upon) with confidence.

**remain** (ré-mán') [RE-, L. *manäre*, to stay], *v.i.* To stay behind or be left over; to survive; to continue in a place or state; to last. *n.* (*usu. pl.*) That which remains behind; a corpse; writings published after one's death; relics. **remainder**, *n.* Anything left over, the rest, the residue; (*Law*) an interest in an estate after a prior estate is determined.

**remand** (ré-mánd') [RE-, L. *mandäre*, to commit], *v.t.* To send back (to); to recommit in custody. *n.* Act of remanding; state of being remanded.

**remark** (ré-márk') [RE-, MARK], *v.t.* To take notice of, esp. with particular attention. *n.* Act of noticing; an observation, comment. **remarkable**, *a.* Worthy of special observation.

**remedy** (rem'é-di) [RE-, L. *medäri*, to heal], *n.* That which cures a disease; that which counteracts or repairs any evil; redress. *v.t.* To cure, heal; to rectify, redress. **remediable**, *a.* **remedial**, *a.*

**remember** (ré-mem'bér) [RE-, L. *memor*, mindful], *v.t.* To keep in or recall to mind, not to forget, to know by heart.

**remembrance**, *n.* Act of remembering; memory; time over which memory extends; a keepsake, memento; (*pl.*) regards, greetings. **remembrancer**, *n.* An officer of the Exchequer who collects debts due to the sovereign.

**remind** (ré-mind') [RE-, MIND], *v.t.* To put in mind (of); to cause to remember. **reminder**, *n.*

**reminiscence** (rem-i-nis'éns) [L. *reminisci*, to remember], *n.* Act or power of remembering; that which is remembered; (*pl.*) a collection of recollections. **reminiscent**, *a.* Recalling past events; reminding or suggestive (of).

**remiss** (ré-mis') [as REMIT], *a.* Careless in the performance of duty, negligent; slack, languid.

**remission** (ré-mish'un) [as foll.], *n.* Act of remitting; the discharge of a debt, penalty, etc.; pardon; diminution, relaxation.

**remit** (ré-mit') [RE-, L. *mittere*, to send, *p.p. missus*], *v.t.* To send back; to transmit (cash, etc.); to submit, to refer to a lower court; to defer, to slacken, to mitigate; to forgo, to discharge from (penalty, etc.); to forgive. *v.i.* To abate. **remittal**, *n.* A surrender; remission from one court to another. **remittance**, *n.* Act of remitting money; the sum so remitted.

**remnant** (rem'nánt) [as REMAIN], *n.* That which is left; the last part of a piece of cloth, etc.; a scrap, fragment.

**remonstrance** (ré-mon'stráns) [RE-, L. *monsträre*, to show], *n.* Act of remonstrating; a formal protest. **remonstrant**, *a.* Expostulatory. *n.* One who remonstrates. **rem'onstrate**, *v.* **remonstra'tion**, *n.* **rem'on'strative**, *a.*

**remora** (rem'ó-rá) [RE-, L. *mora*, delay], *n.* A sucking-fish believed by the ancients to have the power of stopping ships.

**remorse** (ré-mörs') [RE-, L. *morsus*, bitten], *n.* Pain caused by a sense of guilt. **remorseful**, *a.* **remorseless**, *a.* **remote** (ré-mö't') [RE-, L. *mötus*, moved], *a.* Distant in time or space; not related, different; least (*usu. in superl.*).

**remove** (ré-moov') [RE-, MOVE], *v.t.* To move from or to a place; to take away, get rid of. *v.i.* To change one's place of abode. *n.* A degree of gradation; a dish removed to give place to another; a form in some schools; removal, departure. **removable**, *a.* **removal**, *n.* Act of removing; change of place or abode; dismissal.

**remunerate** (ré-mü'nér-ät) [RE-, L. *mänus*, gift], *v.t.* To reward, to pay for a service, etc.; to serve as recompense (for or to). **remuneration**, *n.* **remun'orative**, *a.* Producing a due return; paying, profitable.

**Renaissance** (ré-näs'säns, ren-ä-säns) [as RENASCENT], *n.* The revival of art and letters in the 14th-16th cents.; the period of this; the style of art developed under it.

**renal** (ré'nál) [L. *ren*, kidney], *a.* Pertaining to the kidneys.

**renascent** (ré-näs'ént) [RE-, L. *nascens*, being born], *a.* Coming into being again; pertaining to the Renaissance. **renascence**, *n.* Renewal, a springing into fresh life; the Renaissance.

**rencounter** (ren-koun'tér), **rencontre** (ran-kontr) [F. RE-, ENCOUNTER], *n.* An encounter, combat; an unexpected meeting. *v.t.* To clash; to meet an enemy unexpectedly.

**rend** (rend) [A.-S. *rendan*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. rent*) To tear or wrench (off, apart, etc.); to separate with violence; (*fig.*) to cause anguish to. *v.i.* To be pulled apart.

**render** (ren'dér) [O.F. *rendre*], *v.t.* To give in return; to give up; to present, hand in; to express, represent, translate, execute; to make; to boil down; to give the first coat of plaster to. **rendering**, *n.* A return; a translation, interpretation, execution (of music, a dramatic part, etc.).



**rendezvous** (ren'dé-voo) [F. *rendez-vous*, render or betake yourselves], *n.* A place agreed upon for meeting; a place of common resort. *v.i.* To meet or assemble at a rendezvous.

**renegade** (ren'è-gād) [Sp., from RE-, *L. negāre*, to deny], *n.* An apostate; a turncoat.

**renew** (rè-nū') [RE-, NEW], *v.t.* To make new or as good as new, to renovate; to grant a further period of (a lease, etc.). *v.i.* To become young or new again; to grow or begin again. **renewable**, *a.* **renew'al**, *n.*

**rennet** (ren'èt) [M.E., from *renne*, to run], *n.* A preparation from the stomach-membrane, used to coagulate milk.

**renounce** (rè-nouns') [RE-, *L. nuntius*, messenger], *v.t.* To reject formally, to repudiate.

**renovate** (ren'ò-vāt) [RE-, *L. novus*, new], *v.t.* To make new again; to restore, **renova'tion**, *n.* **ren'ovator**, *n.*

**renown** (rè-noun') [A.-F. *renoun*, *L. nomināre*, to name again], *n.* Exalted reputation, celebrity. *v.t.* To make famous. **renowned** (rè-nound'), *a.* Eminent, celebrated.

**rent** (1) (rent) [as REND], *n.* A tear, slit, or opening made by rending; a cleft, a chasm; (*fig.*) a schism.

**rent** (2) (rent) [O.F. *rente*], *n.* Periodical payment for the use of any kind of property, esp. land or tenements. *v.t.* To occupy or use in return for rent; to let for rent; to impose rent upon. *v.i.* To be let (at a certain rent). **rent-roll**, *n.* A schedule of a person's property and rents; total income from this source. **rental**, *n.* The total income from rents of an estate.

**renunciation** (rè-nūn-si-ā'shūn) [as RENOUNCE], *n.* Act of renouncing; self-denial, self-resignation. **renunciatory**, *a.*

**reoccupy**, *v.t.* To occupy again.

**rep** (rep) [F. *reps*], *n.* A textile with a finely-corded surface.

**repair** (1) (rè-pār') [RE-, *L. patria*, one's native land], *v.i.* To betake oneself, to resort (to). *n.* A place to which one goes often or which is much frequented; a resort.

**repair** (2) [RE-, *L. parāre*, to make ready], *v.t.* To restore to a good state; to renovate, mend; to set right, to make amends for. *n.* Restoration; good or comparative condition.

**reparable** (rep'á-rábl) [REPAIR (2), -ABLE], *a.* Capable of being repaired or put right. **repara'tion**, *n.* Act of repairing or restoring; state of being repaired; satisfaction for wrong or damage, compensation. **rep'arative**, *a.*

**repartee** (rep-ár-té') [F. *repartir*, to start again], *n.* A smart or witty rejoinder.

**repass** (rè-pas') [RE-, PASS], *v.t.* To pass or go past again; to recross. *v.i.* To pass in the opposite direction.

**repast** (rè-past') [RE-, *L. pascere*, to feed], *n.* A meal; food; act of taking food. *v.i.* To feed, to feast (upon, etc.).

**repatriate** (rè-pā'tri-āt) [RE-, *L. patria*, one's country], *v.* To restore to or to return to one's country. **repatria'tion**, *n.* **repay** (rè-pā') [RE-, PAY (1)], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* repaid) To pay back, refund; to deal (a blow, etc.) in retaliation; to requite. **repayment**, *n.*

**repeal** (rè-pél') [RE-, O.F. *apeler*, to appeal], *v.t.* To revoke, annul; to retract. *n.* Abrogation, revocation. **repealable**, *a.*

**repeat** (rè-pēt') [RE-, *L. petere*, to seek], *v.t.* To do, make, or say over again; to recite; to imitate. *v.i.* To recur; to strike the hours or quarters (of a watch). **repeatedly**, *adv.* **repeater**, *n.* One who or that which repeats, esp. a fire-arm, or a watch striking the hours and parts of hours when required.

**repel** (rè-pel') [RE-, *L. pellere*, to drive], *v.t.* To drive back; to repulse, keep at a distance; to tend to drive back, etc. **repel'ent**, *a.* Repelling or tending to repel; repulsive.

**repent** (rè-pent') [RE-, *L. poenitēre*, to make contrite], *v.t.* To feel regret for something, esp. to feel such sorrow for sin as leads to amendment; to be penitent or contrite. *v.t.* To feel contrition or remorse for. **repentance**, *n.* **repentant**, *a.*

**repertoire** (rep-ér-twar') [F. as foll.], *n.* A stock of musical pieces, plays, etc., that a person or company is ready to perform.

**repertory** (rep-ér-tò-ri) [RE-, *L. parere*, to produce], *n.* A storehouse, a magazine, esp. of information, statistics, etc.; a repertoire.

**repetition** (rep-è-tish'ūn) [*L. repetitio*, as REPEAT], *n.* Act of repeating; recital from memory; that which is repeated; a replica.

**repine** (rè-pīn') [RE-, PINE (2)], *v.i.* To fret oneself, to murmur; to grumble.

**replace** (rè-plās') [RE-, PLACE], *v.t.* To put back again in place; to take the place of; to supersede, displace. **replaceable**, *a.*

**replenish** (rè-plen'ish) [RE-, *L. plēnus*, full], *v.t.* To fill again or completely; to stock abundantly. **replenishment**, *n.*

**replete** (rè-plēt') [RE-, *L. plētus*, filled], *a.* Completely filled; abundantly supplied (with). **repletion**, *n.*

**replica** (rep-i-ka) [It., as REPLY], *n.* A duplicate by him who executed the original; an exact copy, a facsimile. **replica'tion**, *n.* A reply, rejoinder; an echo.

**reply** (rè-plī') [RE-, *L. plicāre*, to fold], *v.t.* To answer, orally, in writing, or by action. *v.t.* To return as in answer. *n.* Act of replying; a response.

**report** (rè-pōrt') [RE-, *L. portāre*, to bring], *v.t.* To bring back as an answer; to describe, esp. as an eye-witness; to state; to prepare a record of; to take down (a speech, etc.); to announce, to certify; to give information against. *v.i.* To tender a report; to act as a reporter; to announce oneself. *n.* That which is reported; common talk, rumour; repute, accepted character; a loud, esp. explosive, noise. **reporter**, *n.* One who reports, esp. law

proceedings, decisions of legislative debates, public meetings, etc. *adv.* **reportorial** (-tôr'i-ál), *a.*

**repose** (1) (ré-pôz') [RE-, L. *positus*, placed], *v.t.* To place, to put (confidence, etc., in). **reposal**, *n.*

**repose** (2) [RE-, L. *pausâre*, to pause], *v.t.* To refresh with rest; to cause to rest. *v.i.* To rest; to lie or be laid at rest. *n.* Rest, cessation of activity, etc.; sleep, tranquillity, composure.

**repository** (ré-poz'i-tôri) [L. *repositus*, as REPOSE (1)], *n.* A place where things are deposited for safety or preservation; a store, a warehouse.

**repuoussé** (ré-poo'sâ) [RE-, F. *pousser*, to push], *a.* Embossed by hammering from behind (of metal work).

**reprehend** (rep-ré-hend') [RE-, L. *prehendere*, to seize], *v.t.* To find fault with; to censure. **reprehensible**, *a.* **reprehension**, *n.*

**represent** (rep-ré-zent') [RE-, PRESENT (2)], *v.t.* To bring before the mind by describing, imitating, etc.; to serve as a likeness of; to state (that), to make out (to be); to personate; to stand for, be an example of; to act for. **representation**, *n.* Act of representing; a dramatic performance; a statement of arguments, etc.; the system of representing bodies of people. **representative**, *a.* Serving or fitted to represent; typical; acting as agent, etc.; consisting of delegates, etc. *n.* One who or that which represents; an example; an agent, substitute, a person chosen by electors.

**repress** (ré-pres') [RE-, L. *pressus*, pressed], *v.* To restrain, put down, quell; to prevent from breaking out. **repression** (-pres'hün), *n.* **repressive**, *a.*

**reprise** (ré-prév') [O.F. *repris* (RE-, L. *prehendere*, to seize)], *v.t.* To grant a respite to. *n.* Temporary suspension of a sentence on a prisoner; a respite.

**reprimand** (rep'ri-mand) [F. *reprimer*, to repress], *n.* A severe reproof, a rebuke. *v.t.* (-mand') To reprove severely, esp. publicly.

**reprint** (ré-rint') [RE-, PRINT], *v.t.* To print (a book, etc.) again. *n.* (ré-) A new impression of a printed work without alteration.

**reprisal** (ré-prí'zál) [O.F. *reprisaille*, as REPRIEVE], *n.* Act of seizing by way of indemnification or retaliation.

**reproach** (ré-próch') [F. *reprocher*], *v.t.* To censure, to upbraid. *n.* Censure mingled with opprobrium or grief; a rebuke; shame, disgrace. **reproachable**, *a.* **reproachful**, *a.* Containing or expressing reproach; upbraiding; infamous.

**reprobate** (rep'rô-bát) [L. *reprobatus*, as REPROOF], *a.* Abandoned to sin, depraved. *n.* A wicked, depraved wretch. *v.t.* (-bát) To condemn severely. **reprobation**, *n.*

**reproduce** (rê-prô-düs') [RE-, PRODUCE], *v.t.* To produce again; to copy. **reproduction** (-dük'shün), *n.* **reproductive**, *-tory*, *a.*

**reproof** (ré-proof') [O.F. *reprove* (RE-, L. *probâre*, to prove)], *n.* Censure, blame, reprehension. **reprove**, *v.t.* To rebuke, esp. to one's face, to chide.

**reptile** (rep'til, -til) [L. *reptilis*, from *reptus*, crept], *a.* Creeping, crawling; (*fig.*) grovelling, servile. *n.* One of a class of animals comprising the snakes, lizards, turtles, crocodiles, etc., moving on the belly or on small, short legs. **reptilian** (-til'i-ân), *a.* and *n.*

**republic** (ré-püb'lik) [L. *rēspública*], *n.* A State or constitution in which the supreme power is vested in the people, a commonwealth. **republican**, *a.* Pertaining to or consisting of a republic. *n.* One who favours a republican form of government. **republicanism**, *n.*

**repudiate** (ré-pü'di-ät) [L. *repudium*, divorce], *v.t.* To disown, to disclaim (a debt, etc.); to refuse to admit, accept, recognize, etc.; to cast off. **repudiation**, *n.*

**repugnance** (ré-püg'nâns) [RE-, L. *pugnare*, to fight], *n.* Inconsistency, incompatibility, or opposition, of mind, statements, etc.; antipathy, aversion. **repugnant**, *a.*

**repulse** (ré-püls') [RE-, L. *pulsus*, driven], *v.t.* To drive back, esp. by force of arms; to rebuff, to snub; to defeat in argument. *n.* Act of repulsing; the state of being repulsed; a rebuff, failure, disappointment.

**repulsion**, *n.* Act of repulsing; the state of being repulsed; (*Phys.*) the tendency of certain bodies to repel each other; dislike, aversion. **repulsive**, *a.* Acting so as to repel; forbidding, repellent, disgusting.

**reputable** (rep'ü-täbl) [REPUTE, -ABLE], *a.* Being in good repute; respectable, creditable.

**reputation** (rep-ü-tä'shün) [as REPUTE], *n.* The estimation in which one is generally held; good fame, credit, respectability; character, repute.

**repute** (ré-püt') [RE-, L. *putâre*, to think], *v.t.* To deem, reckon. *n.* Reputation, fame. **reputed**, *a.* Generally regarded as (*usu.* with doubt).

**request** (ré-kwest') [RE-, QUEST], *n.* An expression of desire or the act of asking; that which is asked for; state of being sought after. *v.t.* To ask (that); to address a request to.

**requiem** (rek'wi-ém) [L., *rest*], *n.* A Mass for the dead, the musical setting of this; a dirge.

**requiescat** (rek-wi-es'kât) [L., *let him rest*], *n.* A wish for the repose of the dead.

**require** (ré-kwir') [RE-, L. *querere*, to seek], *v.t.* To ask or claim as a right; to demand, to insist; to have need of, to depend upon for. *v.i.* To be necessary. **requirement**, *n.* That which is required; an essential condition.

**requisite** (rek'wi-zit) [L. *requisitus*, as *prec.*], *a.* Required by the nature of things, indispensable. *n.* That which is required. **requisition**, *n.* Act of re-



quiring or demanding as of right; a formal demand or request for the performance of a duty, etc.; an authoritative order; state of being put to use. *v.t.* To make a formal or authoritative demand for, esp. for military purposes; to call in for use.

**requite** (rè-kwít') [RE-, QUIT], *v.t.* To repay, recompense; to give in return; to reward, to avenge. **requital**, *n.*

**reredos** (rèr'é-dos) [M.E. *rere*, REAR (2), F. *dos*, back], *n.* The ornamental screen at the back of an altar.

**rescind** (rè-sind') [RE-, L. *scindere*, to cut], *v.t.* To annul, revoke, abrogate. **rescission** (-sìzh'un), *n.*

**rescue** (res'kū) [O.F. *rescoure*], *v.t.* To deliver from confinement, danger, etc.; to save. *n.* Deliverance. **rescuer**, *n.*

**research** (rè-sèrch') [RE-, SEARCH], *n.* Diligent and careful inquiry; (*pl.*) systematic study of phenomena, etc.

**resemble** (rè-zembl') [O.F. *resembler* (RE-, L. *similis*, similar)], *v.t.* To be similar to; to have features, etc., like those of. **resemblance**, *n.*

**resent** (rè-zent') [RE-, F. *sentir*, L. *sentire*, to feel], *v.t.* To regard as an insult; to feel or show displeasure at; to cherish bitter feelings about. *v.i.* To feel indignant. **resentful**, *a.* **resentment**, *n.*

**reserve** (rè-zèrv') [RE-, L. *servare*, to keep], *v.t.* To keep back for future use, to hold over, postpone; to retain; (*in p.p.*) to set apart for a certain fate, to destine. *n.* That which is reserved; (*Mil.*) troops kept for an emergency; state of being reserved; a limitation attached to a price, etc.; reticence, caution in speaking or action. **reservation**, *n.* Act of reserving; that which is reserved; a clause by which something is reserved; a limitation, exception, or qualification. **reserved** (-zèrvd'), *a.* Reticent, undemonstrative, distant; retained for a particular use. **reservist**, *n.* A member of the military or naval reserve.

**reservoir** (rez'èr-vwar) [as prec.], *n.* A receptacle in which anything, esp. fluid, may be stored; an artificial lake for the storage of water in large quantity.

**reside** (rè-zìd') [RE-, L. *sedere*, to sit], *v.i.* To have one's home (at); to be in official residence; (of rights, etc.) to inhere.

**residence**, *n.* Act or state of residing in a place; the place where one dwells.

**Residency**, *n.* The official abode of a minister resident in India. **resident**, *a.*

Residing; having quarters in connexion with one's duties. *n.* One who dwells permanently in a place; a minister residing at a foreign court, or (in India) at a native prince's court. **residential** (-den'shál), *a.* Suitable for or pertaining to residence.

**residue** (rez'i-dū) [L. *residuus*, remaining, as prec.], *n.* That which is left over; the remainder. **residual**, *a.* **residuary**, *a.* Pertaining to a residue.

**resign** (rè-zìn') [RE-, L. *signare*, to seal],

*v.t.* To give up, relinquish, renounce, abandon; to yield, submit. *v.i.* To give up office, to retire (from). **resignation** (rez-ig-nā'shùn), *n.* Act of resigning; a document announcing this; state of being resigned, patience, submission.

**resigned** (rè-zìnd'), *a.* "resignment", *n.* **resin** (rez'in) [L. *resina*], *n.* An amorphous inflammable vegetable substance secreted by plants, esp. the fir and pine. **resinous**, *a.* Pertaining to or resembling resin.

**resist** (rè-zist') [RE-, L. *sistere*, redupl. of *stare*, to stand], *v.t.* To strive against, to act in opposition to; to withstand, repel, frustrate, to be proof against. *v.i.* To offer resistance. **resistance**, *n.* Act or power of resisting; refusal to comply; that which hinders or retards. **resistant**, *a.* and *n.* **resistible**, *a.* **resistive**, *a.*

**resistless**, *a.*

**resolute** (rez'ò-loot) [L. *resolutus*, loosened, as foll.], *a.* Determined, constant in pursuing an object, firm. **resolutely**, *adv.* **resolution**, *n.* Act or process of resolving anything into component parts; a proposition put forward for discussion and approval; a settled purpose; determination, firmness and boldness.

**resolve** (rè-zolv') [RE-, L. *solvere*, to loosen], *v.t.* To separate into the component parts; to disintegrate; to analyse mentally, to solve, explain, answer; to make up one's mind, to decide; to pass by vote a resolution that. *n.* A firm decision or determination; resoluteness. **resolvable**, *a.* **resolved** (rè-zolvd'), *a.* Determined, resolute. **resolver**, *n.*

**resonant** (rez'ò-nánt) [RE-, L. *sonans*, sounding], *a.* Re-echoing, resounding; able to prolong or reinforce sound, esp. by vibration; prolonged or reinforced thus. **resonance**, *n.*

**resort** (rè-zòrt') [O.F. *resortir*, to come out], *v.i.* To go, betake oneself; to have recourse, to turn to (for aid, etc.). *n.* Act of frequenting a place; state of being frequented; place frequented; recourse; an expedient.

**resound** (rè-zound') [RE-, SOUND (2)], *v.i.* To ring, to re-echo (with); to be filled with sound (of a place); to be re-echoed or prolonged; to make a sensation (of events, etc.). *v.t.* To return the sound of; to spread the fame of.

**resource** (rè-sòrs') [F. *ressource* (RE-, L. *urgere*, to rise)], *n.* A means of aid; an expedient; (*pl.*) means of support and defence; fertility in expedients, practical ingenuity. **resourceful**, *a.*

**respect** (rè-spekt') [RE-, L. *spectus*, looked], *n.* Relation, regard, reference; heed (to); particular, point; deferential regard, demeanour, or attention; (*pl.*) expressions of esteem. *v.t.* To esteem; to treat with consideration. **respectable**, *a.* Of good repute; of fair social standing, decent, passable; not mean, above the average. **respectability**, *n.* Quality or character of being respectable. **respectably**, *adv.* **respectful**, *a.* Showing

respect. **respecting**, *prep.* In regard to, in respect of. **respective**, *a.* Relating severally to each; comparative, relative.

**respire** (rè-spir') [RE-, *L. spirare*, to breathe], *v.* To breathe. **respirable**, *a.* Capable of being respired; fit to be breathed. **respiration**, *n.* Act or process of breathing: one act of inhaling and exhaling. **respirator** (res'pi-rà-tòr), *n.* A contrivance worn over the mouth and nose to exclude injurious matter. **respiratory**, *a.*

**respite** (res'pit) [as RESPECT], *n.* A temporary intermission of labour, suffering, etc.; a reprieve. *v.t.* To relieve thus; to reprieve, to postpone, defer.

**resplendent** (rè-splen'dènt) [RE-, *splendens*, shining], *a.* Shining with brilliant lustre; gloriously bright. **resplendence**, *n.*

**respond** (rè-spond') [RE-, *L. spondere*, to pledge], *v.i.* To answer; to react (to an external stimulus); to be responsive, to show sympathy (to). **respondent**, *a.* Giving response; responsive (to); in the position of defendant. *n.* One who answers, esp. in a suit at law, a defendant.

**response** (rè-spons') [as prec.], *n.* Act of answering; a reply, a retort; a versicle said or sung in answer to the priest.

**responsible**, *a.* Liable; morally accountable for one's actions, able to discriminate between right and wrong; trustworthy; involving responsibility. **responsibility**, *n.* State of being responsible, as for a person, trust, etc.; that for which one is responsible. **responsive**, *a.* Responding readily, impressionable.

**rest** (1) (rest) [A.-S.], *n.* Cessation from activity, repose; freedom from care, tranquillity; a period of such cessation or freedom, a prop, a support; (*Mus.*) an interval of silence, the sign indicating this. *v.i.* To cease from exertion, etc.; to repose; to be still; to be free from care, disturbance, etc., to be tranquil; to be supported or fixed, to be based, to lean, to stand (on); to rely (upon). *v.t.* To give repose to, to lay at rest; to place for support, to base. **restful**, *a.* Soothing; free from disturbance; quiet. **restless**, *a.* Never still, agitated, fidgety, unsettled, sleepless.

**rest** (2) [F. *reste*, (RE-, *L. stare*, to stand)], *n.* That which is left, the residue; the others. *v.i.* To remain, to continue (in a specified state).

**restaurant** (res-tò-ran) [F., as RESTORE], *n.* A place for refreshment, an eating-house.

**restitution** (res-ti-tù'shùn) [L. *restitutio* (RE-, *statuere*, to set up)], *n.* Act of restoring; making good, reparation.

**restive** (res'tiv) [O.F. *restif*], *a.* Unwilling to go forward, unruly, refractory (of a horse).

**restore** (rè-stòr') [RE-, *L. stare*, to stand], *v.t.* To bring back to a former state, to reconstruct; to replace; to reinstate; to bring into use again, to renew; to give back. **restorable**, *a.* **restoration**, *n.* Act of restoring; a restored building, etc.,

**restorative** (res-tor'à-tiv), *a.* Tending to restore. *n.* Food, medicine, etc., for restoring strength, a tonic.

**restrain** (rè-stràn') [RE-, *L. stringere*, to draw tight], *v.t.* To hold back, to curb; to keep under control, to hold in check.

**restraint**, *n.* Act of restraining; state of being restrained; control, self-repression, reserve; limitation; abridgment of liberty.

**restrict** (rè-strikt') [as prec.], *v.t.* To limit, confine, keep within bounds. **restriction**, *n.* **restrictive**, *a.*

**result** (rè-zùlt') [RE-, *L. saltare*, freq. of *salire*, to leap], *v.i.* To follow as the consequence, to ensue; to have an issue, to end (in). *n.* Consequence, issue, effect; a quantity, etc., obtained from a calculation. **resultant**, *a.* Following as a result. *n.* That which results.

**resume** (rè-zūm') [RE-, *L. sumere*, to take], *v.t.* To take back or again; to begin again; to sum up, recapitulate. *v.i.* To continue after interruption.

**resumé** (rez'u-mā) [F., as prec.], *n.* A summary, a recapitulation, abstract.

**resumption** (rè-zūmp'shùn) [L. *resumptio*, as RESUME], *n.* Act of resuming. **resumptive**, *a.*

**resurgent** (rè-sèr'jènt) [RE-, *L. surgens*, rising], *a.* Rising again, esp. from the dead.

**resurrection** (rez-ù-rek'shùn) [L. *resurrectio*, as prec.], *n.* A rising again, esp. that of Christ from the dead, and of all the dead at the Last Day; the future state; a springing again into life or prosperity.

**resuscitate** (rè-sūs'i-tāt) [L. *resuscitatus*], *v.* To revive, to restore or be restored to vigour, usage, etc.; to come to life again. **resuscitation**, *n.*

**retail** (rè'tāl) [O.F. *retailer*, to cut off a piece], *n.* Sale of commodities in small quantities. *v.t.* (rè'tāl') To sell in small quantities; to recount, to retell. **retailer**, *n.*

**retain** (rè-tān') [RE-, *L. tenere*, to hold], *v.t.* To hold possession of, to keep; to maintain, preserve; to engage the services of (esp. counsel); to hold back; to remember. **retainer**, *n.* One who or that which retains; an attendant; (*Law*) an agreement by which an attorney acts in a case; a preliminary fee paid (esp. to a counsel).

**retaliate** (rè-tāl'i-āt) [L. *tālio*, retaliation], *v.t.* To return evil for evil, to retort in kind. *v.i.* To return like for like, to make reprisals. **retaliation**, *n.* Act of retaliating. **retaliative**, **-tory** (rè-tāl'i-ātiv, -tòr-i), *a.*

**retard** (rè-tard') [RE-, *L. tardus*, slow], *v.t.* To hinder, impede, to delay the growth, occurrence, etc., of. **retardation**, *n.*

**retch** (rēch, rech) [A.-S. *hræcan*, from *hræca*, spittle], *v.i.* To make an effort to vomit.

**retention** (rè-ten'shùn) [as RETAIN], *n.* Act of retaining; state of being retained;



power of retaining, esp. ideas in the mind.  
**retentive**, *a.*

**reticent** (ret'i-sént) [RE-, *L. tacens*, being silent], *a.* Reserved, not disposed to communicate one's thoughts, counsel, etc.; taciturn. **reticence**, *n.*

**reticule** (ret'i-kûl) [*L. reticulum*, a little net], *n.* A hand-bag. **retic'ular**, *a.* Having the form of a net or net-work.

**retina** (ret'i-ná) [med. *L.*], *n.* (*pl. -næ*) A net-like layer behind the eyeball in which the optic nerve terminates.

**retinue** (ret'i-nû) [O.F., as **RETAIN**], *n.* The attendants on a distinguished person; a suite.

**retire** (ré-tîr') [O.F. *retirer*], *v.i.* To withdraw, retreat, recede; to give up business, to resign one's office, withdraw from active service; to go to bed; to go into seclusion. *v.t.* To cause to resign; to order (troops) to retire; to withdraw (a bill, etc.) from circulation. **retired**, *a.* Private, withdrawn from society; having given up business, etc. **retirement**, *n.* **retiring**, *a.* Unobtrusive, unsociable.

**retort** (1) (ré-tôrt') [as foll.], *n.* A vessel with a long neck bent downwards used for distilling; a large receptacle used for the production of coal-gas.

**retort** (2) [*L. retortus*, twisted back], *v.t.* To turn or throw back, esp. to turn an argument, etc., against the author; to pay back in kind. *v.i.* To return an argument or charge. *n.* A sharp rejoinder, a repartee.

**retouch** (ré-tûch') [RE-, *TOUCH*], *v.t.* To improve (a picture, etc.) by new touches. *n.* A second touch given to a picture, etc.

**retrace**, *v.t.* To trace back to the source; to go over (one's track) again. **retraceable**, *a.*

**retract** (ré-trákt') [RE-, *L. tractus*, drawn], *v.t.* To draw back or in; to recall, disavow. *v.i.* To shrink back; to recall a promise, etc. **retractile**, *a.* **retractil'ity**, *n.* **retracta'tion**, *n.* Act of retracting. **retract'ion**, *n.* Act or process of drawing in; retraction. **retractive**, *a.* Serving to retract.

**retreat** (ré-trêt') [*L. retrahere*, to retract], *n.* Act of retiring, esp. before an enemy; state or period of retirement; a place of privacy or seclusion, a refuge. *v.i.* To retire, esp. before an enemy or from an advanced position; to withdraw to a place of privacy, seclusion, or security.

**retrench** (ré-trench') [RE-, *TRENCH*], *v.t.* To cut down, curtail, diminish; to pare down. *v.i.* To make economies. **retrenchment**, *n.*

**retribution** (ret-ri-bû'shûn) [RE-, *L. tribuere*, to assign], *n.* A suitable return, esp. for evil; requital. **retrib'utive**, *-tory*, *a.*

**retrieve** (ré-trêv') [RE-, *F. trouver*, to find], *v.t.* To find and bring; to recover by searching; to re-establish (one's fortunes, etc.); to remedy. **retrievable**, *a.* **retriever**, *n.* A dog trained to fetch in game that has been shot.

**retro-** [*L.*, behind, backwards], *pref.* Backwards, back; in return; behind.

**retrocede** [OEDE], *v.t.* To cede back again, to restore (territory, etc.). *v.i.* (ret'rô-) To move backward; to recede.

**retrograde** (ret'rô-gräd) [RETRO-, *L. gradi*, to go], *a.* Going or directed backwards; reversed; declining, deteriorating; (of a planet) apparently moving from east to west. *v.i.* To move backward; to deteriorate, to recede.

**retrogress** (ret'rô-gres) [*L. retrôgressus*, p.p. of *retrogradi*, as prec.], *v.t.* To go backward, to degenerate. **retrogression** (-gres'hûn), *n.* **retrogressive** (-gres'iv), *a.*

**retrospect** (ret'rô-spekt) [RETRO-, *spectus*, looked], *n.* A looking back on things past; consideration of previous conditions, etc. **retrospec'tion**, *n.* **retro-spective** (-spek'tiv), *a.*

**retroussé** (ré-troo'sä) [F.], *a.* Turned up (of the nose).

**return** (ré-tûrn') [RE-, *TURN*], *v.i.* To come or go back; to revert, to recur. *v.t.* To bring, convey, give, or send back; to repay; to say in reply; to report officially; to elect. *n.* Act of coming or going back, or of giving or sending back; an official report; act of electing, state of being elected; profits on labour, investments, etc. (*often in pl.*). **returning officer**: The presiding officer at an election.

**reunion** (ré-û'nýon) [RE-, *UNION*], *n.* Act of reuniting; state of being reunited; a social gathering. **reunite**, *v.* To join again after separation; to reconcile.

**reveal** (ré-vêl') [RE-, *L. vélare*, from *vêlum*, veil], *v.t.* To make known by supernatural means; to disclose, to betray.

**réveillé** (ré-vêl'i) [F. *réveillez*, awake], *n.* A morning signal by drum or bugle for soldiers to rise.

**revel** (rev'él) [*L. revellare*], *v.i.* To make merry, to carouse; to take unrestrained enjoyment (in). *n.* A carouse, a merry-making. **reveller**, *n.* **revelry**, *n.* Boisterous festivity.

**revelation** (rev-ê-lä'shûn) [as **REVEAL**], *n.* Act of revealing, a disclosing of knowledge or information; that which is revealed, esp. by God to man; the Apocalypse.

**revenge** (ré-venj') [O.F. *revenger*], *v.t.* To exact satisfaction for, to requite, retaliate; to avenge. *v.i.* To exact vengeance. *n.* Act of revenging; retaliation; a means of revenging; vindictiveness. **revengeful**, *a.*

**revenue** (rev'en-û), *n.* Income; the annual income of a State; the department collecting this.

**reverberate** (ré-vêr'bér-ât) [RE-, *L. verberatus*, beaten, from *verber*, a scourge], *v.t.* To re-echo, to reflect (sound, light, or heat). *v.i.* To be reflected; to resound, to re-echo; to recoil. **reverbera'tion**, *n.* **rever'beratory**, *a.*

**revere** (ré-vêr') [RE-, *L. verēri*, to fear], *v.t.* To regard with awe mingled with affection, to venerate. **rever'ence**, *n.* Act of

revering, veneration; a bow, curtsy; a title given to the clergy. *v.t.* To regard or treat with reverence. **reverend**, *a.* Worthy of or entitled to reverence; a title given to clergymen. **reverent**, *a.* Feeling or expressing reverence. **reverential** (-en'shál), *a.*

**reverie** (rev'ér-i) [F. *rêverie*, from *rêver*, to dream], *n.* A day-dream, an irregular train of thought; a delusion.

**reverse** (rè-vèrs') [RE-, *L. versus*, turned], *a.* Turned backward, inverted; contrary. *n.* The contrary, the opposite; the back surface (of a coin, etc.); a check, a defeat. *v.t.* To turn in the contrary direction, the other way round, upside down, or inside out; to cause to have a contrary motion or effect; to revoke, annul. *v.i.* To change to a contrary condition, direction, etc. **reversal**, *n.* **reversible**, *a.* **reversion**, *n.* Return to a former condition, habit, etc.; the returning of an estate to the grantor or his heirs; the right of succeeding to an estate after the death of the grantee, etc.; a sum payable upon some event, as a death; right or expectation of succeeding to an office, etc. **reversioner**, *n.* One who holds the reversion to an estate. **reverso**, *n.* The left-hand page of an open book.

**revert** (rè-vèrt') [RE-, *L. vertere*, to turn], *v.t.* To turn (esp. the eyes) back. *v.i.* To go back, return (to a previous condition, etc.); to recur, to turn to again; to come back to the possession of the former proprietor.

**review** (rè-vü') [RE-, *VIEW*], *v.t.* To look back on, to go over in memory; to look over carefully and critically; to write a critical review of; to inspect. *v.i.* To write reviews. *n.* A reconsideration, a second view; a revision, esp. by a superior court; a critical account of a book, etc., a periodical containing such; a formal inspection of troops, etc. **reviewer**, *n.*

**revile** (ré-vil') [RE-, *VILE*], *v.t.* To abuse, to vilify. *v.i.* To be abusive, to rail. **reviler**, *n.*

**revise** (ré-viz') [RE-, *L. visus*, seen], *v.t.* To examine for emendation; to correct. *n.* A revision; a proof-sheet in which corrections have been embodied. **revisable**, *a.* **revision** (ré-vizh'ün), *n.* **reviser**, **revisor**, *n.*

**revisit** (ré-viz'it) [RE-, *VISIT*], *v.t.* To visit again.

**revive** (ré-viv') [RE-, *L. vivere*, to live], *v.i.* To return to life, health, vogue, etc.; to gain new life or vigour; to come back to the mind again. *v.t.* To bring back to life, etc.; to resuscitate, renew. **revival**, *n.* Act of reviving; state of being revived; return of life, vigour, etc.; a religious awakening. **revivalist**, *n.* **reviver**, *n.*

**revivify** (ré-viv'i-fi) [RE-, *VIVIFY*], *v.t.* To restore to life; to put new life into.

**revoke** (ré-vök') [RE-, *L. vocare*, to call], *v.t.* To cancel, to rescind; to take back. *v.i.* (*Cards*) To fail to follow suit when

this is possible. *n.* Act of revoking at cards. **rev'ocable**, *a.* That may be revoked. **revocation**, *n.*

**revolt** (ré-völt', -volt') [RE-, *L. volūtäre*, freq. of *volvere*, to roll], *v.i.* To renounce allegiance, to rebel; to feel disgust or repugnance (at). *v.t.* To nauseate, disgust. *n.* A renunciation of allegiance; a rebellion, an insurrection; a change of sides. **revolting**, *a.* Causing disgust or abhorrence.

**revolution** (rev-ó-loo'shùn) [L. *revolutio*, as REVOLVE], *n.* Act or state of revolving; a complete rotation or movement round a centre, the period of this; cycle of regular recurrence; a reversal of circumstances, relations, etc.; a fundamental change in government, esp. by force. **revolutionary**, *a.* Pertaining to or tending to produce a revolution in government. *n.* A revolutionist. **revolutionist**, *n.* An advocate of revolution; one who takes an active part in a revolution. **revolutionize**, *v.t.*

**revolve** (ré-volv') [RE-, *L. volvere*, to roll], *v.i.* To turn round; to rotate; to move in a circle or orbit; to roll along. *v.t.* To cause to rotate; to meditate on, ponder over. **revolver**, *n.* A pistol having a revolving breech by which it can be fired several times without reloading.

**revue** (ré-vu) [F.], *n.* A spectacular musical dramatic entertainment representing topical characters, events, etc.

**revulsion** (ré-vül'shùn) [RE-, *L. vulsus*, pulled], *n.* A sudden or violent change or reaction, esp. of feeling.

**reward** (ré-wörd') [A.-F. *rewarder*, O.F. *reguarder*, to regard], *v.t.* To repay, to recompense. *n.* That which is given in return for good or evil done or received; a recompense, requital.

**reynard** (ren'árd, rá'nárd) [O.F. *Renart*], *n.* A proper name for the fox.

**rhapsodic**, -al (răp-sód'ik, -ál) [Gr. *rhapsōdos* (*rhaptein*, to sew, ODE)], *a.* Pertaining to rhapsody; (*fig.*) irregular, disconnected; high-flown. **rhap'sodist**, *n.* An ancient Greek reciter of epic poems; any professional reciter; (*fig.*) one who uses high-flown or extravagant language. **rhapsodize**, *v.t.* and *i.* **rhapsody**, *n.* (*Gr. Ant.*) An epic poem, or a portion of this for recitation; a high-flown, enthusiastic composition.

**rhetoric** (ret'ó-rik) [Gr. *rhētorikē technē*, rhetorical art], *n.* Art of effective speaking or writing; eloquence; the use of language for effect or display. **rhetorical**, *a.* Pertaining to rhetoric; designed for display, florid, affected, declamatory. **rhetorician** (-rish'an), *n.*

**\*rheum** (room) [Gr. *rhēuma* -atos, stream], *n.* The thin serous fluid secreted by the mucous glands as tears, saliva, or mucus.

**rheumatic** (roo-măt'ik) [as prec.], *a.* Pertaining to, suffering from, or subject to rheumatism. **rheu'matism**, *n.* An inflammatory disease affecting the muscles



and joints and attended by swelling and pain.

**rhino-** [Gr. *rhīs rhīnos*, nose], *comb. form.* Pertaining to the nose or nostrils.

**rhinoceros** (rī-nos'ēr-ós) [Gr. *rhīnokerōs* (RHINO-, *kerōs*, horn)], *n.* A large pachydermatous quadruped of Africa and S. Asia, with one or two horns on the nose.

**rhododendron** (rō-dō-den'drōn) [Gr. *rhodon*, rose, *dendron*, tree], *n.* An evergreen shrub akin to the azalea, with brilliant flowers.

**rhomb** (rom, *before a vowel* romb) [Gr. *rhombos*], *n.* An oblique parallelogram, with equal sides and angles. **rhombic**, *a.* **rhombo-**, *comb. form.* **rhombus**, *n.* (*pl.* -bi) A rhomb.

**rhubarb** (roo'barb) [L. *rha barbarum*, foreign *Rha*, the Volga], *n.* An herbaceous plant the leaf-stalks of which are used in cookery, and the roots of several Oriental species in the preparation of purgative medicines.

**rhyme**, **rime** (rim) [O.F. *rime*, L. *rhythmus*, Gr. *rhuthmos*, rhythm], *n.* A correspondence of sound in the final accented syllable or group of syllables of a line of verse with that of another line; poetry, verse; a word rhyming with another. *v.i.* To make rhymes, to versify; to rhyme with another word. **rhymet**, **rhymester**, *n.*

**rhythm** (rithm) [Gr. *rhuthmos*, from *rhu-*, root of *rheîn*, to flow], *n.* Movement characterized by regular alternation of strong and weak impulse, stress, sound, etc.; metrical movement; the flow of words. **rhythmic**, -al, *a.*

**rib** (rib) [A.-S. *ribb*], *n.* One of the bones extending outwards and forwards from the spine; a ridge, etc. analogous to this; a curved timber extending from the keel for supporting the side of a ship; a hinged rod forming part of an umbrella-frame; a ridge for stiffening a casting, etc.

**ribald** (rib'ald) [O.F. *ribaude*, a low ruffian], *n.* A coarse or indecent fellow. *a.* Scurrilous, coarse, licentious (of language). **ribaldry**, *n.*

**ribbon** (rib'on) [O.F. *riban*], *n.* A narrow strip of silk, satin, etc., used as an ornament or as distinctive mark; a narrow strip of anything.

**rice** (ris) [O.F. *riz*, Gr. *orūza*], *n.* The white seeds of an E. Indian aquatic grass cultivated for food.

**rich** (rich) [A.-S. *rice*], *a.* Wealthy, abounding (in resources, productions, etc.); fertile, well-filled; precious, costly; elaborate; high-flavoured, fat. **riches**, *n.* (*usu. as pl.*) Abundant possessions, opulence. **richly**, *adv.* In a rich manner; abundantly, thoroughly. **richness**, *n.*

**rick** (rik) [A.-S. *hræac*], *n.* A stack of corn, hay, etc. *v.t.* To make or pile into a rick.

**rickets** (rik'éts) [?], *n.* A disease of children consisting in the softening of

the bones, bow-legs, and emaciation. **rickety**, *a.* Shaky, tumble-down, fragile. **ricochet** (rik'ò-shā, -shet) [F.], *n.* A bounding or skipping of a stone, bullet, etc., over water or other flat surface; a hit so made. *v.i.* To bound in this manner.

**rid** (rid) [Icel. *rythja*], *v.t.* (*past* ridded, *rid*, *p.p.* rid) To free, to disencumber (of). **riddance**, *n.*

**riddle** (1) (ridl) [A.-S. *rædels*], *n.* An ambiguous question; a puzzle, conundrum, enigma.

**riddle** (2) [A.-S. *hriddel*, from *hrīd*, to shake], *n.* A coarse sieve. *v.t.* To sift; to perforate with holes, as with shot. **riddlings**, *n.pl.* Screenings, siftings.

**ride** (rid) [A.-S. *ridan*], *v.i.* (*past* rode, *p.p.* ridden) To sit and be carried along, as on a horse, cycle, conveyance, etc.; to practise horsemanship; to lie at anchor; to work (up). *v.t.* To sit on and be carried along by (a horse, etc.); to traverse on a horse, cycle, etc.; to tyrannize, to domineer (over). *n.* The act of riding; a journey on horseback or in or on a conveyance; a road for riding on. **ridable**, *a.* **rider**, *n.* One who rides, esp. on a horse; an additional clause, an opinion, recommendation, etc., added to a verdict; a subsidiary problem.

**ridge** (rij) [A.-S. *hrycg*], *n.* The long horizontal angle formed by the junction of two slopes; a long elevation of the earth's surface; a strip of ground thrown up by a plough. *v.t.* To form into ridges.

**ridicule** (rid'i-kūl) [L. *ridiculus*, laughable], *n.* Words or actions expressing contempt; derision, mockery. *v.t.* To laugh at, make fun of; to expose to derision.

**ridic'ulous**, *a.*

**riding** (r'id'ing) [A.-S. *thridding* (THIRD, -ING)], *n.* One of the three divisions of Yorkshire.

**rife** (rif) [A.-S. *rīfe*], *a.* Occurring in great quantity; prevalent, common.

**rifle** (rifl) [O.F. *rifler*, to scrape], *v.t.* To plunder, pillage, strip; to snatch and carry off; to make spiral grooves in the barrel of a fire-arm to give a rotary motion to the projectile. *n.* A gun or musket having the barrel spirally grooved; (*pl.*) troops armed with rifles.

**rift** (rift) [Scand.], *n.* A cleft, a fissure; a wide crack made by splitting. *v.* To cleave, split, break open.

**rig** (rig) [?], *v.t.* To fit (a ship) with tackle; to dress or fit (up or out); to put together in a hasty way. *n.* The style of the masts and sails of a ship; the look of a person's clothes, etc.; an outfit. **rigger**, *n.* One who rigs vessels. **rigging**, *n.* The system of tackle supporting the masts and controlling the sails of a ship.

**right** (rit) [A.-S. *riht*], *a.* Equitable, just, true, correct, fit, suitable; properly done, not mistaken, satisfactory; real; on the

side towards the south when the face is to the sunrise. *adv.* In accordance with truth and justice, equitably; aright, exactly, correctly, well; very, to the full; to the right hand; all the way to. *n.* That which is just; equitable treatment; the cause having justice on its side; just claim or title, justification; that which one is entitled to; correct or satisfactory state; the right-hand side or part of anything. *v.i.* To set in an upright, correct, or proper position, to make right, to rectify; to do justice to. **right-about**, *n.* The opposite direction, the reverse. **rightful**, *a.* Just, equitable, fair; entitled, or held by legitimate claim. **rightly**, *adv.* Justly, fairly; honestly; accurately, properly.

**righteous** (ri'chūs) [A.-S. *rihtwis* (RIGHT, WISE (1))], *a.* Just, upright, morally good; deserved, fitting. **righteously**, *adv.* **righteousness**, *n.*

**rigid** (rij'id) [L. *rigidus*], *a.* Stiff, not pliant, unyielding; rigorous, stern, austere. **rigid'ity**, *n.*

**rigmarole** (rig'mā-rōl) [?], *n.* A long unintelligible story; loose disjointed talk.

**rigor** (rig'ōr) [L., RIGOUR], *n.* A shivering attended with stiffening, premonitory of fever.

**rigour** (rig'ōr) [L. *rigor*, from *rigēre*, to be stiff], *n.* Exactness in enforcing rules; inflexibility; austerity of life; sternness; inclemency of weather, etc., distress.

**rigorous**, *a.*

**rilievo** (rē-lyā'vō) [It., RELIEF], *n.* (*pl. -vi, -vè*) Raised or embossed work, relief.

**rill** (ril) [Teut.], *n.* A rivulet.

**rim** (rim) [A.-S. *rima*], *n.* An outer edge, esp. of a circular object; a ring or frame.

**rime** (rim) [A.-S. *hrim*], *n.* Hoar-frost.

**rimose**, -mous (ri'mōs, -mūs) [L. *rima*, chink], *a.* Full of cracks, as the bark of trees.

**rind** (rind) [A.-S.], *n.* The outer coating of fruits, etc.; bark, peel, husk.

**rinderpest** (rin-dér-pest) [G. *rinder*, oxen, PEST], *n.* A malignant contagious disease attacking oxen, cattle-plague.

**ring** (1) (ring) [A.-S. *hring*], *n.* A circlet, esp. one of gold worn on a finger; a concentric band of wood formed by the annual growth of a tree; a circular group of people, things, etc.; a circular arena; a combination of persons acting selfishly in concert. *v.t.* To put a ring round; to encircle, hem in. **ring-dove**, *n.* A wood-pigeon. **ringleader**, *n.* The leader of a riot, mutiny, etc. **ringlet**, *n.* A curly lock of hair. **ringworm**, *n.* A contagious skin-disease, caused by a white fungus.

**ring** (2) [A.-S. *hringan*], *v.i.* (*past rang, p.p. rung*) To give a clear, vibrating, metallic sound; to re-echo, reverberate, continue to sound; to tingle (of the ears); to give a signal by ringing. *v.t.* To cause to ring; to sound on a bell, etc., by ringing. *n.* The sound of a bell or other

resonant body; a set of bells; the quality of resonance; characteristic sound of a voice, etc.

**rink** (rink) [?], *n.* A piece of ice marked off for curling; a floor for roller-skating.

**rinse** (rins) [F. *rincer*], *v.t.* To cleanse, esp. with a second lot of clean water.

**riot** (ri'ôt) [O.F. *riote*], *n.* An outbreak of lawlessness, a tumult, an uproar; unrestrained conduct, loose living, profligacy; revelry; (*fig.*) luxuriant growth. *v.i.* To take part in a riot. **rioter**, *n.* **riotous**, *a.*

**rip** (1) (rip) [Scand.], *v.t.* To tear or cut forcibly (out, off, up, etc.); to rend. *v.i.* To tear; to go along at a great pace. *n.* A rent, a tear.

**rip** (2) [?], *n.* A scamp, a rake.

**riparian** (ri-pär'i-ân) [L. *ripa*, bank], *a.* Pertaining to the banks of a river.

**ripe** (rip) [A.-S. *ripe*], *a.* Ready for gathering; mature, fully developed, mellow. **ripen**, *v.t. and i.*

**ripple** (ripl) [?], *v.i.* To run in small waves; to sound as water running over a rough surface. *n.* The ruffling of the surface of water; a wavelet (of water, hair, etc.); a sound as of rippling water.

**rise** (riz) [A.-S. *risan*], *v.i.* (*past rose, p.p. risen, rizen*) To move upwards, to ascend, to soar; to get up, to become erect; to adjourn; to slope up; to come to the surface or into sight; to revolt. *n.* The act of rising; ascent, elevation; an upward slope; a knoll; source, origin; increase in price, power, rank, age, prosperity, height, salary, etc.; upward progress, advancement; the vertical part of an arch, step, etc.; appearance above the horizon (of the sun, etc.). **rising**, *n.* A mounting up; a resurrection; a revolt.

**risible** (riz'ibl) [L. *risus*, laughed], *a.* Inclined to laugh; exciting laughter. **risibil'ity**, *n.*

**risk** (risk) [F. *risque*], *n.* Hazard, chance of harm, loss, etc. *v.t.* To expose to hazard; to take the chances of. **risky**, *a.* Dangerous, hazardous; daring; indelicate.

**rissole** (ris'öl) [F.], *n.* A fried ball of minced meat, fish, etc., with bread-crumbs, etc.

**rite** (rit) [L. *ritus*], *n.* A religious or solemn prescribed act; (*pl.*) the prescribed acts, ceremonies, or forms of worship of any religion.

**ritual** (rit'ü-äl) [as *prec.*], *a.* Pertaining to rites. *n.* A prescribed manner of performing divine service; performance of rites and ceremonies, esp. in an elaborate way; a book setting forth particular rites and ceremonies. **ritualism**, *n.* A system of ritual; exaggerated observance of ritual. **Ritualist**, *n.* **ritualis'tic**, *a.*

**rival** (ri'vál) [L. *rivālis*, originally one using the same brook, from *ritus*, brook], *n.* One's competitor for something; one striving to surpass another, an emulator. *a.* Being a rival, having the same claims or pretensions. *v.t.* To vie with, to emulate. **rivalry**, *n.*



**rive** (riv) [Icel. *rífa*], *v.* (*p.p.* **riven**, *rivn*) To tear or rend asunder; to wrench (off, etc.); to split; to be easily split.

**river** (riv'ér) [A.-F. *riverre*, L. *rivus*, stream], *n.* A large stream of water flowing overland in a channel to the sea, a lake, or another river; (*fig.*) an abundant stream, a copious flow. **riverine** (-in), *a.* Pertaining to or resembling a river; riparian.

**rivet** (riv'èt) [F. *river*, to clinch], *n.* A short bolt for fastening metal plates, etc., together. *v.t.* To join with rivets; to clinch; (*fig.*) to fix (attention, eyes, etc., upon). **riveter**, *n.*

**rivulet** (riv'ü-lèt) [L. *rivulus*, dim. from *rivus*, stream], *n.* A streamlet.

**roach** (rôch) [O.F. *roche*], *n.* A freshwater fish allied to the carp.

**road** (rôd) [A.-S. *rād*], *n.* A track for travelling on, a highway; route, course; a roadstead. **road-metal**, *n.* Broken stones for road-making. **roadstead**, *n.* A place where ships may ride at anchor at some distance from the shore.

**roam** (rô-m) [?], *v.i.* To wander about without any definite purpose, to ramble.

**roan** (1) (rôn) [O.F.], *a.* Of a dark colour, with spots of grey thickly interspersed. *n.* A roan colour or animal, esp. a horse.

**roan** (2) [? Rouen, France], *n.* A soft flexible leather made of sheepskin tanned in a particular way.

**roar** (rôr) [A.-S. *rārian*], *v.i.* To make a loud, deep, hoarse, continued sound, as a lion, a person in rage, the sea, thunder, guns, etc.; to make a noise in breathing (of a diseased horse). *v.t.* To shout or utter with a roar. *n.* A loud, deep, continued sound as of a lion, etc.; a confused din resembling this; a burst of mirth. **roarer**, *n.* A broken-winded horse. **roaring**, *a.*

**roast** (rôst) [O.F. *rostir*, from Teut.], *v.t.* To cook by exposure to direct action of heat; to heat excessively. *v.i.* To dress meat by roasting; to be roasted. *n.* Roast meat. **roasting-jack**, *n.* A contrivance for turning a spit.

**rob** (rob) [O.F. *robber*, *rober*], *v.t.* To despoil of anything unlawfully; to plunder, deprive, strip (of). *v.i.* To commit robbery. **robber**, *n.* robbery, *n.* The act or practice of robbing.

**robe** (rôb) [O.F.], *n.* A long loose outer garment; a vestment of state, rank, or office. *v.t.* To invest with a robe; to clothe, to dress.

**robin** (rob'in) [fam. for *Robert*], *n.* A small warbler, the redbreast.

**robust** (rô-büst') [L. *robustus*], *a.* Strong, hardy, capable of endurance.

**rochet** (roch'èt) [O.F., from Teut.], *n.* A kind of surplice open at the sides, worn by bishops.

**rock** (1) (rok) [O.F. *roke*], *n.* The solid matter constituting the earth's crust; a mass of it, esp. forming a hill, islet, etc.; a detached block of stone; a hard sweetmeat. **rock-crystal**, *n.* The finest and

most transparent kind of quartz. **rock-salt**, *n.* Salt found in stratified beds. **rockery**, *n.* A pile of rocks, stones, and earth, with places for Alpine and other plants.

**rock** (2) [A.-S. *roccian*], *v.t.* To move backwards and forwards; to swing, to lull to sleep; to cause to sway. *v.i.* To sway, to reel. **rockier**, *n.* One who or that which rocks; a curved piece on which a cradle, etc., rocks. **rocking-horse**, *n.* A wooden horse on rockers.

**rocket** (rok'èt) [F.], *n.* A name for some plants used for salads etc.; a projectile firework used for display, signalling, conveying a line to stranded vessels, etc. *v.i.* To fly straight up or fast and high (as a pheasant).

**rocky** (1) (rok'i) [ROCK (1)], *a.* Full of rocks; consisting of or resembling rock; rugged, obdurate.

**rocky** (2) [ROCK (2)], *a.* Unsteady, tottering.

**rococo** (rô-kô'kô) [F.], *n.* A florid, debased kind of ornamentation of the 17th and 18th cents. *a.* Debased, eccentric, quaint, antiquated.

**rod** (rod) [A.-S. *rodd*], *n.* A straight, slender stick, a wand; a bundle of twigs as an instrument of punishment; a fishing-rod; a slender bar of metal in machinery; a measure of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  yards.

**rodent** (rô'dènt) [L. *rôdens*, gnawing], *a.* Gnawing. *n.* An animal having two (or sometimes four) strong incisors and no canine teeth, comprising the squirrel, beaver, rat, etc.

**rodomontade** (rô-dô-mon-tād') [Rodomont, Saracen leader in 'Orlando Furioso'], *n.* Brag, bluster.

**roe** (1) (rô), **roe-deer** [A.-S. *rāha*], *n.* A small species of deer. **roebuck**, *n.* The male roe.

**roe** (2) [Teut.], *n.* The spawn of fishes, amphibians, etc.; the sperm or milt, called the soft roe.

**rogation** (rô-gā'shûn) [L. *rogāre*, to ask], *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) A solemn supplication or litany.

**rogue** (rôg) [16th cent. cant], *n.* A knave, a scamp, a trickster, a swindler; a playful term for a child; a vicious elephant or horse. **roguey**, *n.* **roguish**, *a.*

**roister** (roi'stér) [as RUSTIC], *v.t.* To behave uproariously, to revel boisterously.

**roisterer**, *n.* One who roisters.

**rôle** (rôl) [F., ROLL], *n.* A part taken by an actor; any function one is called on to perform.

**roll** (rôl) [O.F. *roler*, from L. *rotula*, dim. of *rota*, wheel], *v.t.* To send or cause to move along by turning over and over; to knead, flatten, or level with rollers; to wrap (up in); to form into a cylindrical shape. *v.i.* To move along by turning over and over and round and round; to revolve; to move or shift about with a rotary motion (of eyes, etc.); to reel, to move with a swaying motion. *n.* Anything rolled up; a small loaf; an official

record, a register, esp. of names of solicitors, soldiers, schoolboys, etc.; a roller; a rolling gait; a peal of thunder, a continuous beating of a drum. **roll-call**, *n.* The act of calling over a list of names at muster. **roller**, *n.* One who or that which rolls; a cylindrical body turning on its axis; a long, swelling wave. **rolling-pin**, *n.* A wooden roller for rolling out dough, etc. **rolling stock**. The coaches, vans, locomotives, etc., of a railway.

**rollick** (rɒl'ɪk) [ʔ], *v.i.* To frolic, revel, to be boisterously merry. *n.* A frolic, a spree, an escapade.

**roly-poly** (rɒl'i-pɒ'li) [prob. a redupl. of ROLL], *a.* Plump, podgy. *n.* A sheet of paste, spread over with jam, rolled up, and boiled.

**Romaic** (rɒ-mā'ɪk) [Gr. *Rōmaikos*], *n.* The vernacular language of modern Greece.

**Roman** (rɒ'mán) [L. *Rōmānus*, from *Rōma*, Rome], *a.* Pertaining to ancient Rome, its territory, or people; denoting numerals expressed in letters, and ordinary upright printed letters used as dist. from italic or gothic; pertaining to the Roman Catholic Church.

**romance** (rɒ-māns') [O.F. *romanz*, as ROMANIC], *n.* A mediæval tale of chivalry, usu. in verse; a prose story with characters, scenery, and incidents more or less remote from ordinary life; the atmosphere of imaginary adventure; an episode, love-affair, etc., having this character; a fiction, a fib. *a.* Pertaining to languages sprung from Latin or to the peoples speaking them. *v.i.* To tell extravagant stories; to make false or imaginary statements. **romancer**, *n.* A writer of romances; one who exaggerates. **romancist**, *n.* A writer of romances.

**romanesque** (rɒ-mā-nesk') [ROMAN, -ESQUE], *a.* Applied to the architecture that succeeded the Roman and lasted till the introduction of Gothic; Romance.

**Romanic** (rɒ-mān'ɪk) [L. *Rōmānicus*, as ROMAN], *a.* Derived from Latin; descended from the Romans.

**romantic** (rɒ-mān'tɪk) [F. *romantique*], *a.* Pertaining to romance; imaginative, poetic, fanciful; unpractical; wild, picturesque (of scenery); pertaining to the movement in literature and art tending away from the sanity of classicism. **romanticism** (-sɪzm), *n.* The quality or state of being romantic; the reaction from classical to mediæval forms.

**Romany** (rom'ā-ni) [native], *n.* A gipsy; gipsies; the gipsy language.

**romp** (rɒmp) [var. of RAMP], *v.i.* To play roughly; to go rapidly (along) with ease. *n.* A child or girl fond of romping; rough or boisterous play.

**rondeau** (ron'dô) [F., as foll.], *n.* A poem in ten or thirteen lines, with only two rhymes, the opening words coming twice as a refrain.

**rondel** (ron'dél) [F., dim. of *rond*, round], *n.* A particular form of rondeau.

**rondo** (ron'dô) [It.], *n.* A musical com-

position having a principal theme which is repeated after each subordinate theme.

**Röntgen rays** (runt'gèn rāz) [von *Röntgen* (1845-19 3), discoverer], *n.pl.* A form of radiant energy penetrating most substances opaque to ordinary light, employed for photographing concealed objects.

**rood** (rood) [A.-S. *rōð*], *n.* A crucifix, esp. one on a screen; the fourth part of an acre.

**roof** (roof) [A.-S. *hrōf*], *n.* The upper covering of a building, vehicle, etc.; the palate; a covering, canopy; a house. *v.t.* To cover with a roof; to be the roof of; to shelter. **roof-tree**, *n.* The ridge-pole of a roof. **roofing**, *n.*

**rook** (1) (ruk) [A.-S. *hrōc*], *n.* A gregarious British bird of the crow family with glossy black plumage; (*fig.*) a cheat, a sharper. *v.t.* To cheat, to swindle; to charge extortionately. **rookery**, *n.* A clump of trees where rooks nest; a colony of rooks; a place frequented by sea-birds or seals for breeding; (*fig.*) a low neighbourhood densely populated. **rooky**, *a.*

**rook** (2) [Pers. *rukhi*], *n.* The castle at chess.

**room** (rum) [A.-S. *rūm*], *n.* Space, accommodation, capacity; opportunity, scope; a portion of space enclosed by walls, floor and ceiling; (*pl.*) apartments, lodgings. **roomy**, *a.* Having ample room; spacious.

**roost** (roost) [A.-S. *hrōst*], *n.* A perch for birds, esp. fowls, to rest on; (*fig.*) a resting-place. *v.i.* To perch on or sleep on a roost. **rooster**, *n.* The domestic cock.

**root** (root) [A.-S.], *n.* The descending part of a plant which fixes itself in the earth and draws nourishment therefrom; the part of an organ or structure that is embedded; the fundamental part, that which supplies origin, sustenance, etc.; the elementary part of a word as dist. from its inflexional forms and derivatives; (*Math.*) the number that, multiplied by itself a specified number of times, yields a given quantity. *v.i.* To take root; to turn up the ground with the snout, etc.; to rummage (about, in, etc.). *v.t.* To cause to take root; (*fig.*) to fix firmly (to the spot); to pull (up) by the roots; to dig, turn, or grub (up) with the snout, beak, etc. **rootedly**, *adv.*

**rope** (rɒp) [A.-S. *rap*], *n.* A stout cord of twisted fibres or wire; cordage over 1 in. in circumference; a series of things strung together in a line. *v.t.* To tie, fasten, or enclose with rope. **rope-walk**, *n.* A long piece of ground where ropes are twisted.

**rorqual** (rɒr'kwál) [Norw. *rørkval*, red whale], *n.* A whale with dorsal fins.

**rosaceous** (rɒ-zā'shūs) [L. *rosāceus*, rose-coloured], *a.* Pertaining to the roses; rose-like. **rosarium**, *n.* A rose-garden.

**rosary** (rɒ'zā-ri) [L. *rosārium*, rose-garden], *n.* A rose garden; (*R.-C. Ch.*) a form of prayer in which 15 decades of *aves*, each decade preceded by a *paternoster* and followed by a *gloria*, are repeated; a string



of beads by means of which account is kept of the prayers uttered.

**rose** (rōz) [A.-S., *L. rosa*], *n.* A prickly bush or climbing or trailing shrub bearing flowers from white and yellow to dark crimson; one of the flowers; a light crimson or pink colour or complexion; a rosette, ornament, or other object shaped like a rose; a perforated nozzle for a hose, etc.; erysipelas. *a.* Coloured like a rose.

**rose-bud**, *n.* A flower-bud of a rose; (*fig.*) a young girl. **rose-coloured**, *a.* (*fig.*) Attractive, sanguine, optimistic.

**rose-window**, *n.* A circular window filled with tracery branching from the centre. **rosewood**, *n.* A hard close-grained fragrant wood of a dark-red colour.

**roseate** (rō-zé-āt) [*L. roseus*, rosy, as prec.], *a.* Rose-coloured, rosy; (*fig.*) smiling, optimistic.

**rosemary** (rōz-mā-ri) [O.F. *rosmarin* (*L. rōs*, dew, *marinus*, marine)], *n.* An evergreen fragrant shrub of the mint family, etc.

**roseola** (rō-zé-ô-lā) [dim. of ROSE], *n.* German measles; a rash.

**rosery** (rō-zér-i) [ROSE -ERY], *n.* A place where roses grow, a rose-plot, a rosarium.

**rosette** (rō-zet') [F., dim. of ROSE], *n.* A rose-shaped ornament; a bunch of ribbons, etc., arranged concentrically.

**rosin** (roz'in) [var. of RESIN], *n.* The resin left after the oil has been distilled from crude turpentine.

**roster** (ros'tér) [Dut. *rooster*], *n.* A list showing the order of rotation in which turns of duty are to be performed.

**rostrum** (ros'trūm) [*L.*, beak], *n.* (*pl. -tra*) (*Rom. Ant.*) The beak of a war-galley; a platform in the Forum, hence, an orator's stand, a pulpit. **rostral**, *a.*

**rosy** (rō'zi) [ROSE], *a.* Resembling a rose; blooming; favourable. **rosily**, *adv.*

**rosiness**, *n.*  
**rot** (rot) [A.-S.], *v.i.* To decay, decompose, putrefy; to become morally corrupt. *v.t.* To cause to rot. *n.* Putrefaction, rottenness; dry-rot; a malignant liver-disease in sheep, etc.

**rota** (rō'tā) [*L.*, wheel], *n.* A list of names, duties, etc., a roster. **rotal**, *a.* **ro'tary**, *a.* Rotating on its axis; characterized by rotation. **rotate**, *v.i.* To revolve round an axis; to act in rotation. **rota'tion**, *n.* Act of rotating, rotary motion; alternation, regular succession. **ro'tatory**, *a.*

**rote** (1) (rōt) [?], *n.* Mere repetition of words, etc., without understanding.

**\*rote** (2) (rōt) [O.F., prob. from Celt.], *n.* A mediæval musical instrument like a fiddle.

**rotten** (rot'en) [ROT], *a.* Decomposed, decaying, tainted; unsound, liable to break, tear, etc.; morally corrupt; contemptible in quality.

**rotund** (rō-tūnd') [*L. rotundus*, round], *a.* Sonorous; circular, spherical; plump. **rotunda**, *n.* A circular building, esp. with a dome. **rotun'dity**, *n.*

**rouble** (roob'l) [Rus. *ruble*], *n.* The Russian

monetary unit, a silver coin nominally worth about 2s. 0½d.

**roué** (roo'ā) [F., broken on the wheel], *n.* A rake, a debauchee.

**rouge** (roozh) [F.], *n.* A reddish cosmetic used on the cheeks or lips; red oxide of iron for polishing. *v.* To colour with rouge.

**rough** (rūf) [A.-S. *rāh*], *a.* Having an uneven surface, not smooth, level, or polished; shaggy, of coarse texture; rude, lacking finish, crude; approximate, general. *n.* Rough ground; a hooligan; (*collect.*) rough or harsh experiences, hardships. *v.t.* To roughen; to shape (out) roughly. **rough-cast**, *v.t.* To form or compose roughly; to coat with coarse plaster. *n.* A rough model; a coarse plastering of lime and gravel, for outside walls, etc. **rough-rider**, *n.* A horse-breaker; an irregular horse-soldier. **rough-shod**, *a.* Shod with roughened shoes; (*fig.*) domineering. **roughen**, *v.t.* and *i.*

**rouleau** (roo-lō') [F., from RÔLE], *n.* (*pl. -leaux*) A small roll, esp. a pile of coins done up in paper.

**roulette** (roo-let') [F., dim. of *roue*, as ROTA], *n.* A game of chance played with a revolving disk.

**round** (round) [*L. rotundus*], *a.* Spherical, circular, cylindrical, or approximately so; convexly curved, evenly divisible by ten. *n.* A round object; a ladder-rung; a thick cut from the haunch (of beef); circumference; a circuit, a heat, a recurrent series, a bout. *adv.* So as to encircle. *prep.* On all sides of; in all directions from (in relation to the axis or centre).

*v.t.* To make round or curved. **round-about**, *a.* Circuitous, indirect. *n.* A merry-go-round; a circuitous journey, etc.

**round-head**, *n.* A term applied during the Civil War to the Parliamentarians. **round robin**: A petition with the signatures placed in a circle so that no name heads the list. **round-up**, *v.t.* To gather (pressed men, horses, etc.) together. *n.* A gathering together of such. **roundelay**, *n.* A simple song; a bird's song; a round dance. **roundish**, *a.* **roundly**, *adv.* Bluntly, straightforwardly. **roundness**, *n.*

**rouse** (1) (rouz) [?], *v.t.* To raise (game) from a covert; to wake; to provoke, to stir (up). *v.i.* To wake or be awakened; to start up; to be excited to activity, etc.

**\*rouse** (2) [CAROUSE], *n.* A bumper; a carouse.

**route** (route) [O.F. *route*, a troop], *n.* A crowd, a disorderly concourse; an utter defeat; a confused retreat; \*a large evening party. *v.t.* To defeat utterly and put to flight.

**route** (root, *Mil.* rout) [F.], *n.* A course or road.

**routine** (roo-tēn') [F.], *n.* A course of procedure regularly pursued; any regular habit or practice.

**rove** (rōv) [?], *v.i.* To ramble, to roam.

**v.i.** To wander over, through, etc.; to draw out slivers of wool, cotton, etc., from a carding-machine before spinning into thread; to ravel out. **n.** Act of roving; a ramble. **rover, n.** A pirate, a free-booter; a wanderer.

**row (1) (rō) [A.-S. *rāw*], n.** A series of persons or things in a straight line; a rank.

**row (2) (rō) [A.-S. *rōwan*], v.i.** To propel by oars; to convey by rowing. **v.i.** To row a boat; to labour with an oar. **n.** A spell at rowing; an excursion in a row-boat. **rowlock (rū'ók), n.** A notch or device on the gunwale of a boat serving as a fulcrum for an oar. **rower, n.**

**row (3) (rou) [?], n. (colloq.)** A noisy disturbance, a din, tumult, quarrel.

**rowan (rou'-, rō'an) [Scand.], n.** The mountain-ash.

**rowdy (rou'di) [?], n.** A noisy or disorderly fellow. **a.** Rough, blackguardly. **rowdysm, n.**

**rowel (rou'él) [O.F. *rouel*, as ROULETTE], n.** A spiked wheel on a spur.

**royal (roi'al) [O.F. *roial*, as REGAL], a.** Pertaining to or befitting a king or queen; princely; noble, majestic; surpassingly fine; a size of paper 20 × 25 in. for printing. **royalist, n.** An adherent or supporter of monarchical government. **a.** Supporting this; belonging to the Royalists. **royally, adv. royalty, n.** Office or dignity of a king or queen; royal rank or lineage; a royal person or persons; a share of profits paid to a landowner for the right to work a mine, to a patentee, to an author, etc.

**rub (rüb) [?], v.i.** To apply friction to; to polish, scrape, graze; to slide or pass (a hand or other object) along, over, or against something; to take an impression of a design on paper laid over it; to remove by rubbing. **v.i.** To move along the surface of, to grate, chafe (against, on, etc.). **n.** The act or a spell of rubbing; (*fig.*) a hindrance, difficulty.

**rubber (1) (rüb'ér) [RUB, -ER], n.** One who or that which rubs; a part of a machine that rubs, grinds, polishes, etc.; india-rubber.

**rubber (2) [?], n.** A series of three games as whist, etc.; two games out of three, or that which decides the contest.

**rubbish (rüb'ish) [M.E. *robows*, A. F. *robewuz*], n.** Waste matter, refuse; trash. **rubbishy, a.**

**rubble (rübl) [Scand.], n.** Rough, broken fragments of stone, etc.; disintegrated rock, stones; masonry of irregular fragments of stone.

**rubicund (roo'bi-künd) [L. *rubicundus*], a.** Ruddy, rosy.

**rubric (roo'brik) [L. *rubrica*, from *ruber*, red], n.** A title, chapter-heading, or direction printed in red, esp. in the Prayer Book, etc.

**ruby (roo'bi) [O.F. *rubi*, L. *rubeus*, red], n.** A precious stone of a red colour; a purplish red; a size of type between nonpareil and pearl. **a.** Of the colour of a ruby.

**ruck (1) (rük) [?], n.** A heap, a rick; a crowd, the common herd.

**ruck (2) [Icel. *hrukka*], n.** A crease, a fold. **v.t.** To wrinkle, to crease.

**rucksack (ruk'säk) [G., back-sack], n.** A valise carried on the back by straps.

**rudder (rüd'ér) [A.-S. *rōther*], n.** A solid piece hinged to the stern-post for steering a ship; an analogous implement for steering airships, etc.

**ruddle (rüdli) [as RUDDY], n.** Red ochre for marking sheep.

**ruddy (rüd'i) [A.-S. *rudig*, cogn. with RED], a.** Of a reddish colour; of a healthy complexion. **ruddiness, n.**

**rude (rood) [L. *rudis*], a.** Simple, crude, uncivilized, unrefined; rough; coarse in manners, uncivil, offensive; violent, robust. **rudeness, n.**

**rudiment (roo'di-mént) [L. *rudimentum*, as RUDE], n.** A first principle of knowledge, etc. (*usu. in pl.*); (*pl.*) a beginning, a germ; a partially developed organ, structure, etc., a vestige. **rudimentary, a.**

**rue (1) (roo) [Gr. *rhutē*], n.** A shrubby evergreen plant, of fetid odour and acrid taste.

**rue (2) [A.-S. *hrēowan*], v.t.** To grieve for, to regret, to repent of.  **rueful, a.**

**ruff (1) (rűf) [O.F. *roffle*], n.** Act of trumping at cards when one cannot follow suit. **v.** To trump.

**ruff (2) [RUFFLE], n.** A plaited collar or frill of linen; anything similarly puckered; a ruffle; a bird of the sandpiper family.

**ruffian (rűf'i-án) [O.F.], n.** A low, lawless fellow, a bully, a desperado. **a.** Ruffianly. **ruffianism, n. ruffianly, a.**

**ruffle (rűfl) [M.E. *ruffelen*], v.t.** To disorder, rumple, disarrange; to annoy, discompose. **v.i.** To grow turbulent, to flutter; to bluster (about). **n.** A frill of fine plaited or crimped lace, etc.; a ruff; a low, vibrating beat of the drum.

**rug (rűg) [Scand.], n.** A heavy woollen wrap with a thick nap; a skin with the hair or wool left; a floor-mat.

**rugged (rűg'éd) [Scand.], a.** Full of inequalities, uneven, irregular.

**ruin (roo'in) [L. *ruere*, to fall], n.** Disaster, overthrow, downfall; a cause of destruction, etc., havoc; state of being ruined; the remains of a building, city, etc. **v.t.** To bring or reduce to ruin; to destroy, overthrow, subvert. **ruina'tion, n. ruinous, a.**

**rule (rool) [L. *rēgula*], n.** Act of ruling or state of being ruled, government, sway, control; that which is established as a principle; a line of conduct, an established custom, maxim, etc.; a graduated strip of wood, etc., used for linear measurement; (*Math.*) a prescribed formula for solving a problem. **v.t.** To govern, control, to restrain; to lay down as a rule; to mark with straight lines. **v.i.** To exercise supreme power over; to decide. **ruler, n.** One who rules; an instrument with straight edges used in drawing lines. **ruling, n.** An authoritative legal decision.



**rum** (rüm) [?], *n.* A spirit distilled from fermented molasses or cane-juice. *a.* (*slang*) Strange, queer.

**rumble** (rümbl) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a low, heavy, continuous sound, as of thunder, heavy vehicles, etc. *n.* A rumbling sound; a seat behind the body of a carriage.

**ruminant** (roo'mi-nánt) [L. *ruminans*, *ruminat*], *a.* Chewing the cud. *n.* An animal with a complex stomach serving for chewing the cud, as the ox, camel, deer, etc. **ruminate**, *v.i.* To chew over the cud; (*fig.*) to muse, to meditate. *v.t.* To ponder over. **rumination**, *n.* **ruminative**, *a.*

**rummage** (rüm'áj) [F. *arrumage*], *v.t.* To make a careful search in, to ransack. *v.i.* To make careful search. *n.* Act of rummaging, a search, esp. of a vessel by a customs officer; lumber, odds and ends.

**rummer** (rüm'éer) [W. Flem.], *n.* A large glass or drinking cup.

**rumour** (roo'mór) [L. *rumor*], *n.* Popular report, hearsay, common talk. *v.t.* To circulate as a rumour.

**rump** (rúmp) [Scand.], *n.* The end of the backbone with the adjacent parts, the buttocks; (*fig.*) the tail-end of anything.

**rumple** (rúmpl) [?], *v.t.* To wrinkle, crease.

**rumpus** (rüm'pús) [?], *n.* An uproar, a row.

**run** (rún) [A.-S. *rinnan*], *v.i.* (*past ran*, *run*, *p.p. run*) To move or pass over the ground by using the legs more quickly than in walking, esp. so that both feet are never on the ground at once; to flee; to compete in a race; to move or travel rapidly; to go smoothly; to fuse, to melt; to drip, to emit liquid, etc. *v.t.* To cause to run, go, pass, penetrate, etc.; to drive, pursue, hunt; to press (hard) in a race, etc.; to follow or pursue (a course, etc.); to cast or mould; to smuggle; to expose oneself to. *n.* Act of running, a spell of running; a trip; a succession of demands (on a bank); a regular track (of certain animals); a grazing-ground; an enclosure for fowls.

**runagate** (rún'a-gát) [O.F. *renegat*, *renegade*], *n.* A renegade, a fugitive; a vagabond. **runaway**, *n.* A deserter, a fugitive; a bolting horse.

**rune** (roon) [Icel.], *n.* A letter or character of the earliest Teutonic alphabet, used chiefly by the Scandinavians and Anglo-Saxons; (*fig.*) any mysterious mark. **runic**, *a.*

**rung** (rúng) [A.-S. *hrung*], *n.* A step in a ladder; a rail in a chair, etc.; a floor-timber in a ship.

**runnel** (rúnl) [A.-S. *rynel*], *n.* A little brook.

**runner** (rún'éer) [RUN, -ER], *n.* One who runs; a messenger, a spy; a tout; a smuggler; that on which anything runs, slides, etc.; the blade of a skate or of a sleigh; a sliding loop on a strap, etc.; a creeping stem thrown out by a plant; a twining or climbing plant.

**running** (rún'ing) [RUN, -ING], *n.* The act of the verb 'to run'; smuggling; power of running. *a.* Moving at a run; kept for a race. *adv.* In succession.

**runt** (rúnt) [?], *n.* An ox of a small breed; any stunted animal; a dwarf.

**rupee** (ru-pé) [Hind.], *n.* An East Indian silver coin and money of account, nominally equal to 2s. 0d.

**rupture** (rúp'tyúr) [L. *ruptus*, broken], *n.* Act of breaking; state of being violently parted, a break, a breach; hernia. *v.t.* To burst, to separate by violence; to affect with hernia.

**rural** (roor'ál) [L. *rus rúris*, the country], *a.* Pertaining to the country; pastoral, agricultural; rustic. **ruralize**, *v.i.* and *t.* **rurally**, *adv.*

**ruse** (rooz) [F.], *n.* A stratagem, trick.

**rush** (1) (rúsh) [A.-S. *risc*], *n.* A plant with long thin stems or leaves growing on wet ground; a stem of this plant; (*fig.*) something valueless. **rushlight**, *n.* A candle made of rush-pith dipped in tallow. **rushy**, *a.*

**rush** (2) [A.-F. *russher*, O.F. *reusser*], *v.t.* To urge or push with violence, to hurry; to take by sudden assault. *v.i.* To move precipitately. *n.* The act of rushing; an impetuous movement, dash, or onslaught.

**rusk** (rúsk) [Sp. *rosca*, roll of bread], *n.* Bread or cake crisped and browned in the oven.

**russet** (rús'ét) [O.F. *rousset*, L. *ruscus*, red], *a.* Of a reddish-brown colour; rustic, homely. *n.* A reddish-brown colour; a rough-skinned variety of apple.

**ruddia** (rúsh'á) [as foll.], *a.* Applied to a soft leather made from hides prepared with birch-bark oil.

**Russian** (rúsh'án), *a.* Pertaining to Russia. *n.* A native of Russia; the Russian language.

**rust** (rúst) [A.-S. *rúst*], *n.* The red incrustation formed on iron when exposed to moisture; a plant disease caused by parasitic fungi, blight. *v.i.* To contract rust; to be oxidized; to be attacked by blight; (*fig.*) to degenerate through idleness or disuse. *v.t.* To affect with rust. **rusty**, *a.* Of a rust colour; attacked by rust.

**rustic** (rús'tik) [L. *rusticus*, from *rus*, the country], *a.* Rural; characteristic of country people, simple, unpolished, uncouth; of rude workmanship. **rusticate**, *v.i.* To retire to or dwell in the country. *v.t.* To suspend from residence at a University, as a punishment. **rustication**, *n.* **rusticity** (-tis'i-ti), *n.*

**rustle** (rúsl) [imit.], *v.* To make or cause to make a quick succession of small sounds like the rubbing of dry leaves. *n.* A rustling.

**rut** [?], *n.* A sunken track made by wheels of vehicles; a groove; (*fig.*) a settled habit.

**\*ruth** (rooth) [RUE (1) -TH], *n.* Mercy, pity.

**ruthless** (rooth'lés) [RUTH, -LESS], *a.* Pitiless, merciless, cruel. **ruthlessness**, *n.*

**-ry** [-ERY], *surf.* As in *poultry, yeomanry*.  
**rye** (rī) [A.-S. *ryge*], *n.* The seeds of a cereal allied to wheat; the plant bearing this. **rye-grass**, *n.* A grass cultivated for fodder.

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**Sabaism** (sā'bā-izm) [Heb. *ṣābā*, host], *n.* The worship of the stars; (*erron.*) Sabianism.

**Sabaoth** (sāb'ā-oth) [Heb. *ṣabāōth*], *n.* Hosts, armies.

**Sabbatarian** (sāb'ā-tār'i-ān) [as foll.], *n.* A Jew who strictly observes the Sabbath; a Christian who is specially strict in the observance of Sunday. *a.* Inculcating such observance. **Sabbatarianism**, *n.*

**Sabbath** (sāb'āth) [Heb. *shābath*, to rest], *n.* The seventh day of the week, the day of rest; Sunday. **Sabbat'ic**, -al, *a.* Pertaining to or befitting the Sabbath; recurring in sevens.

**Sabian** (sā'bi-ān) [Arab.], *n.* A member of an ancient sect classed in the Koran by Mohammedans with worshippers of the true God. *a.* Pertaining to Sabianism. **Sabianism**, *n.* The religion of the Sabians.

**sable** (sābl) [O.F., from Slav.], *n.* A small carnivorous quadruped allied to the marten, the brown fur of which is very highly valued; its fur; black; (*pl.*) mourning garments. *a.* Black, dark, gloomy.

**sabot** (sāb'ō) [F.], *n.* A wooden shoe worn by peasants in France, Belgium, etc.

**sabotage** (sa-bō-tazh'), *n.* The operation of cutting shoes for railway-lines; malicious damage to a railway, machinery, etc., by strikers.

**sabre** (sā'bér) [F.], *n.* A cavalry sword with a curved blade; (*pl.*) cavalry. *v.t.* To cut or strike down or kill with the sabre. **sabretache** (sāb'ér-tāsh'), *n.* A cavalry officer's leather pocket suspended from the sword-belt.

**sac** (sāk) [F., as SACK], *n.* A pouch, a cavity or receptacle in an animal or vegetable.

**saccharine** (sāk'ā-rin) [Gr. *sacchar-on*, sugar, -INE], *n.* An intensely sweet compound obtained from coal-tar. *a.* Pertaining to or having the qualities of sugar. **sacchar'ic**, *a.*

**sacerdotal** (sās-ér-dō'tāl) [L. *sacer*, holy, *dōs dōtis*, cogn. with *dare*, to give], *a.* Pertaining to priests; priestly.

**sachem** (sā'chēm) [N.Am.Ind.], *n.* A chief of certain tribes of N. American Indians.

**sachet** (sāsh'ā) [F., dim. of SAC], *n.* A small ornamental bag for perfumes.

**sack** (1) (sāk) [A.-S. *sacc*], *n.* A large, strong, oblong bag for holding corn, wool, etc.; the quantity this contains; a sack and contents; a sacque. *v.t.* To put into sacks; (*colloq.*) to dismiss. **sackcloth**, *n.* Sacking, esp. as token of mourning or penitence. **sackful**, *n.* **sacking**, *n.* Coarse stuff of which sacks are made.

**sack** (2) [?], *v.t.* To plunder or pillage (a

place taken by storm); to loot. *n.* The pillaging of a captured place.

**sack** (3) (sāk) [F. *sec*, dry], *n.* An old name for various dry white wines.

**sackbut** (sāk'büt) [F. *saquebute*], *n.* \*A bass trumpet like the trombone; (*Bibl.*) a musical stringed instrument.

**sacque** (sāk) [SACK (1)], *n.* A loose-fitting woman's gown; a coat hanging from the shoulders.

**sacrament** (sāk'rā-mēt) [L. *sacrāre*, to make sacred], *n.* A religious rite instituted as an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, as baptism and the eucharist; the consecrated elements. **sacramen'tal**, *a.* Pertaining to or constituting a sacrament; consecrated. **sacramentalism**, *n.* The doctrine of the spiritual efficacy of the sacraments. **sacramentalist**, *n.* **sacramentar'ian**, *a.* Relating to the sacraments. *n.* One holding extreme doctrines regarding the spiritual efficacy of the sacraments.

**sacred** (sāk'réd) [L. *sacer*, holy], *a.* Dedicated to religious use or to a divinity; set apart, reserved; pertaining to religion, holy; sanctified, not to be profaned.

**sacrifice** (sāk'ri-fis) [L. *sacrificium* (as *prec.*, *facere*, to make)], *n.* The act of offering or surrendering a valued possession to a deity, as an act of propitiation, atonement, or thanksgiving; that which is so given up, a victim; the giving up of anything for the sake of someone or something else; the sale of goods at a loss; great destruction (of life, etc.). *v.t.* To offer to God or to a deity as a sacrifice; to surrender for the sake of another person, object, etc., to devote; to sell at a loss. **sacrificial** (-fish'āl), *a.*

**sacrilege** (sāk'ri-lēj) [L. *sacrilegium* (*sacer*, sacred, *legere*, to gather, to steal)], *n.* The profanation of sacred things, esp. larceny from a consecrated building. **sacrilegious** (-ij'ūs), *a.*

**sacrist** (sāk'rist) [as SACRED], *n.* An officer in charge of a sacristy. **sac'ristan**, *n.* (sāk-) A sacrist. **sacristy**, *n.* An apartment in a church in which the vestments, sacred vessels, books, etc., are kept.

**sacrosanct** (sāk'rō-sāntk) [L. *sacer*, sacred, *sanctus*, see SAINT], *a.* Inviolable by reason of sanctity.

**sad** (sād) [A.-S. *sæd*, sated], *a.* Sorrowful, mournful; expressing or causing sorrow; lamentable; heavy (of bread). **sadden**, *v.* To make or become sad. **sadly**, *adv.*

**sadness**, *n.*

**saddle** (sādł) [A.-S. *sadol*], *n.* A seat for a rider or a load on an animal, a cycle, agricultural machine, etc.; an object resembling a saddle; a joint of mutton, etc., including the loins. *v.t.* To put a saddle or a burden on. **saddle-bag**, *n.* A bag connected by straps to a saddle; carpeting woven in imitation of Persian saddle-bags. **saddler** (sād'ler), *n.* A maker or dealer in saddles and harness. **saddlery**, *n.*

**Sadducee** (sād'ū-sē) [Gr. *Saddoukaioi*], *n.*



One of an ancient Jewish sect who adhered to the written law and denied the resurrection from the dead, etc.

**safe** (sāf) [O.F. *sauf*, L. *salvus*, uninjured], *a.* Free or secure from danger or evil; unharmed, sound; affording security; not risky; cautious, trusty; certain, sure; no longer dangerous, secure from escape. *n.* A receptacle for keeping things safe, a strong-box or strong-room; a cupboard for keeping meat, etc., in. **safe-conduct**, *n.* A passport, esp. in time of hostilities. **safeguard**, *n.* One who or that which protects; a precaution; a passport. **safely**, *adv.* **safety**, *n.* State of being safe, freedom from injury, danger, or risk; safe-keeping or custody.

**saffron** (sā'f'rōn) [Arab. *za'farān*], *n.* A preparation from the flowers of the autumnal crocus, used for colouring and flavouring; this plant; the colour, deep orange; the meadow saffron. *a.* Deep yellow.

**sag** (sāg) [Scand.], *v.t.* To sink or give way, esp. in the middle, under weight or pressure; to decline (of prices, esp. of stocks). *n.* Act or state of sagging; the amount of this.

**saga** (sa'gá) [Icel.], *n.* A mediæval prose narrative of contemporary events in Iceland or Norway; a story of heroic adventure.

**sagacious** (sá-gá'shūs) [L. *sagax*], *a.* Intellectually keen, perspicacious, shrewd, wise; sensible, quick-scented (of animals). **sagacity** (-gás'i-ti), *n.*

**sage** (1) (sāj) [A.-F. *sauge*, L. *salvia*], *n.* A grey-leaved aromatic plant used in cookery. **sage-green**, *n.* A greyish green.

**sage** (2) [F., from L. *sapere*, to be wise], *a.* Wise, discreet, judicious, well-considered; solemn-looking. *n.* A man of great wisdom. **sagely**, *adv.*

**sago** (sā'gō) [Malay *sāgu*], *n.* The soft inner portion of the trunk of several palms, the starch of which is separated and used as food.

**sahib** (sa'ib) [Hind.], *n.* The title used by natives of India in addressing Europeans.

**sail** (sāl) [A.-S. *seġel*], *n.* A piece of canvas spread to catch the wind and so cause a ship to move in the water; (*collect.*) some or all of a ship's sails; a ship; an excursion by water; the arm of a windmill. *v.i.* To move by the action of wind upon sails; to be conveyed in a vessel by water; to set sail; to float (as a bird), to glide. *v.t.* To pass over in a ship, to navigate; to set afloat. **sailcloth**, *n.* Canvas, etc., for making sails; a kind of dress-material. **sailless**, *a.* **sailor**, *n.* A seaman, esp. one of the crew as dist. from an officer; one who sails (as 'a good sailor,' *i.e.* one not liable to sea-sickness).

**sainfoin** (sān'fōin) [F. *sainfoin*], *n.* A leguminous fodder-plant resembling clover.

**saint** (sānt, as *pref.* sānt) [L. *sanctus*, made holy], *n.* A holy person; one of the blessed in heaven; one canonized by the Church.

*v.t.* To canonize; to regard or address as a saint. **saint's day**: A day dedicated to the commemoration of a particular saint. **saintly**, *a.* **saintliness**, *n.* **sainted**, *a.* Canonized; gone to heaven; holy, pious.

**sake** (sāk) [A.-S. *sacu*], *n.* End, purpose; desire of obtaining; cause. **for the sake of**: Because of, out of consideration for.

**sal** (sāl) [L.], *n.* Salt (used only with qualifying word). **sal-ammo'niac**, *n.* Ammonia. **sal volatile** (-vō-lāt'i-li): An aromatic solution of ammonium carbonate.

**salaam** (sā-lam') [Arab.], *n.* A ceremonious salutation among Orientals. *v.i.* To make a salaam.

**salacious** (sā-lā'shūs) [L. *salax*], *a.* Lustful, lecherous. **salacity** (-lās'i-ti), *n.*

**salad** (sāl'ád) [O.F. *salade*, L. *salāta*, salted], *a.* A dish of vegetables prepared with dressing and eaten raw. **salad days**: The time of youth and inexperience.

**salamander** (sāl-ā-mān'dér) [L. and Gr. *salamandra*], *n.* A lizard-like animal (also a genie) anciently believed to live in fire.

**salary** (sāl'á-ri) [L. *salārium*, orig. salt-money given to soldiers, SAL], *n.* Fixed pay given periodically for work not of a manual or mechanical kind. **salaried**, *a.* **sale** (sāl) [A.-S. *salā*], *n.* The act of selling; the exchange of a commodity; an auction; a disposal at reduced prices. demand, market. **saleable**, *a.* **salesman**, *-woman*, *n.* A person employed to sell goods.

**Salian** (sāl'i-ān) [L. *Salii*, the tribe], *a.* Of or pertaining to a Frankish tribe on the lower Rhine, ancestors of the Merovingians. **Salic** (sāl'ik), *a.* **Salian**. **Salic law**: A law excluding females from the throne.

**salient** (sāl'i-ént) [L. *saliens*, leaping], *a.* Leaping, springing; pointing outwards; prominent, noticeable. *n.* A salient angle, esp. a portion of defensive works projecting towards the enemy.

**saline** (sā-lín', sāl'in) [SAL, -IN] *a.* Consisting of or partaking of the qualities of salt. **salinity** (sāl-in'i-ti), *n.*

**saliva** (sā-lí-vá) [L.], *n.* The secretions of the salivary and mucous glands into the mouth, spittle. **salivary**, *a.*

**sallow** (1) (sāl'ō) [A.-S. *sealh*], *n.* A shrubby variety of willow; an osier.

**sallow** (2) [A.-S. *salu*], *a.* Of a sickly-yellowish or pale-brown colour. **sallowish**, *a.*

**sally** (sāl'i) [F. *saillie*, L. *salire*, to leap], *n.* A sudden rush of troops from within against besiegers; an issuing forth, an excursion; a flight of fancy or wit, a bantering remark. *v.i.* To rush out suddenly (of troops); to go (forth) on a journey, etc.

**salmagundi** (sāl-má-gūn'di) [F. *salmagondis*], *n.* A dish of chopped meat, anchovies, eggs, oil, vinegar, etc.; a mixture, a medley.

**salmon** (sām'ón) [A.F. *saumoun*, L. *salmonem*, nom. -mo], *n.* A large silvery, pink-fleshed food-fish that ascends rivers

to spawn. *a.* Salmon-coloured, pink. **salmon-trout**, *n.* A fish resembling the salmon but smaller.

**saloon** (sá-loon') [F. *Salon*], *n.* A large room suitable for social receptions, entertainments, etc.; a large cabin on board ship; a saloon-carriage; a drinking-bar; a public room for some specified purpose (as *hairdressing-saloon*). **saloon-carriage**, *n.* A large railway-carriage without compartments.

**salsify** (sál'si-fi) [F. *salsifis*], *n.* A composite plant, the purple goat's-beard, the root of which is eaten.

**salt** (sawlt) [A.-S. *sealt*, L. *sal*], *n.* Chloride of sodium, used for seasoning and preserving food; that which gives flavour; relish, piquancy, wit; a salt-cellar; a sailor; a compound formed by the union of basic and acid radicals. *a.* Impregnated with salt, saline; cured with salt; living in salt water; pungent (of wit, etc.). *v.t.* To sprinkle, season, cure, or preserve with salt. **salt-cellar** [A.-F. *saler*, O.F. *salière*], *n.* A vessel for holding salt at table. **salt-pan**, *n.* A shallow depression in which sea-water is evaporated in order to obtain salt; a vessel in which brine is evaporated at salt-works. **salt water**: Sea-water. **salt-water**, *a.* Living in or pertaining to the sea. **saltiness**, *n.* **saltish**, *a.* **salts**, *n.pl.* Smelling-salts; various medicinal salts. **salty**, *a.*

**saltat'ion** (sál-tá'shùn) [L. *saltatio*, from *salière*], *n.* A bounding; an abrupt transition; a palpitation or beating. **saltator'ial**, **sal'tatory**, *a.*

**salt-cellar**, -glaze, **salter**, etc. [SALT].

**saltire** (sál'tir) [O.F. *sauteoir*, a stile], *n.* (*Her.*) An ordinary in the form of a St. Andrew's cross or the letter X.

**saltpetre** (sawlt-pé'tér) [L. *sal petrae*, salt of the rock], *n.* Potassium nitrate, nitre.

**salubrious** (sá-lú'bri-ús) [L. *salūbris*], *a.* Promoting health. **salubrity**, *n.*

**salutary** (sál'ū-tár-i) [L. *salus*, health], *a.* Promoting good effects, beneficial, profitable.

**salute** (sá-lút', -loot') [L. *salūtāre*, to wish health to], *v.t.* To greet with a gesture or words of welcome or respect; to accost (with a bow, kiss, oath); to honour by the discharge of ordnance. *v.i.* To perform a salute. *n.* A gesture of welcome, homage, recognition, etc., a salutation; (*Mil. and Nav.*) a prescribed method of doing honour or paying a compliment or respect. **salutā'tion**, *n.* Act of saluting; that which is said or done in the act of greeting; a salute.

**salvable** (sál'váb'l) [L. *salvāre*, to save], *a.* Capable of being saved.

**salvage** (sál'váj) [O.F., from *salver*, to save], *n.* The act of saving (a ship, goods, etc.) from shipwreck, capture, fire, etc.; compensation for such saving; property so saved. *v.t.* To save from wreck, etc.

**salvation** (sál-vā'shùn) [L. *salvatio*, from *salvāre*, to save], *n.* Act of saving; deliverance, preservation, esp. from sin and its consequences; that which delivers, etc.

**salve** (sálv) [A.-S. *sealf*], *n.* A healing ointment; anything that soothes. *v.t.* To anoint with a salve; to soothe, to make good; to salvage.

**salver** (sál'vér) [F. *salve*], *n.* A tray on which visiting-cards, etc., are presented.

**salvo** (sál'vō) [It. *salva*, salutation], *n.* (*pl. -vos*) A discharge of guns, etc., esp. as a salute; (*fig.*) a volley of cheers, etc.

**salvor** (sál'vór) [SALVE, -OR], *n.* A person or ship effecting salvage.

**same** (sām) [A.-S.], *a.* Identical; not other; similar in kind, quality, degree, etc.; just mentioned, aforesaid; unchanging, uniform. **all the same**: Nevertheless; notwithstanding. **sameness**, *n.*

**samphire** (sām'fir) [F. *herbe de St. Pierre*, St. Peter's herb], *n.* A herb growing on sea-cliffs, the leaves of which are pickled.

**sample** (sámp'l) [EXAMPLE], *n.* A part taken as illustrating the whole, a specimen, pattern. *v.t.* To take samples of, to test. **sampler**, *n.* A piece of embroidered work done as a specimen of skill.

**sanative** (săn'à-tiv) [L. *sănāre*, to heal], *a.* Healing, curative. **sanator'ium**, *n.* (*pl. -ia*) A place to which people resort for the sake of their health; an institution for invalids. **san'atory**, *a.* Conducive to health.

**sanctify** (săn'k'ti-fi) [L. *sanctus*, holy, -FY], *v.t.* To make holy; to set apart or observe as holy; to purify from sin; to make inviolable. **sanctifica'tion**, *n.*

**sanctimony** (-săn'k'ti-mō-ni) [L. *sanctimonia*, as prec.], *n.* Affectation of piety, sanctimoniousness. **sanctimo'nius**, *a.* Making a show of piety or saintliness.

**sanction** (săn'k'shùn) [L. *sanctio*, as SAINT], *n.* The act of ratifying, ratification, confirmation; a provision for enforcing obedience; anything that gives binding force to a law, etc.; countenance, support. *v.t.* To give sanction to, to authorize, countenance, approve.

**sanctity** (săn'k'ti-ti) [O.F. *saincteté* (F. *sainteté*), L. *sanctitas*, as prec.], *n.* Holiness; spiritual purity, saintliness; inviolability.

**sanctuary** (săn'k'tū-ā-ri) [L. *sanctuārium*, as prec.], *n.* A holy place; an inner shrine or most sacred part of a church; a place in which debtors and malefactors were free from arrest, a refuge; protection; a place where deer, birds, etc., are left undisturbed.

**sanctum** (săn'k'tùm) [L., neut. of *sanctus*], *n.* (*pl. -ta*) A sacred or private place; (*colloq.*) a private room.

**sand** (sānd) [A.-S.], *n.* Fragments of rock, flint, etc., reduced almost to powder; (*pl.*) tracts of sand, stretches of beach, submarine banks of sand. **sand-glass**, *n.* An hour-glass. **sand-paper**, *n.* A paper or thin cloth coated with sand, used for smoothing wood, etc. **sandpiper**, *n.* A popular name for several birds haunting sandy places. **sandstone**, *n.* Stone composed of an agglutination of grains of sand.

**sandal** (1) (săn'dál) [Gr. *sandalion*], *n.* A



kind of shoe consisting of a sole fastened to the foot by straps.

**sandalwood** (sán'dál-wud) [Gr. *sandalon*], *n.* The fragrant wood of various E. Indian trees, much used for cabinet work.

\***sand-blind** (sánd'blind) [A.-S. *sam-*, cogn. with SEMI-, BLIND], *a.* Half-blind, dim-sighted.

**sandwich** (sánd'wich) [after the 4th Earl of Sandwich], *n.* Two thin slices of bread and butter with meat, etc., between them. *v.t.* To insert between two things of a dissimilar kind.

**sandy** (sán'di) [SAND-, Y], *a.* Consisting of or abounding in sand; of the colour of sand, yellowish-red (of hair). **sandiness**, *n.* **sandyish**, *a.*

**sane** (sán) [L. *sánus*], (*a.* Sound in mind; sensible, reasonable (of views). **sanelly**, *adv.*

**sangfroid** (san-frwa) [F., cold blood], *n.* Coolness, calmness, composure in danger, etc.

**sanguinary** (säng'gwi-nár-i) [L. *sanguis* -*uinis*, blood], *a.* Attended with or delighting in bloodshed; bloodthirsty.

**sanguine** (säng'gwin) [as prec.], *a.* Having the colour of blood, ruddy; hopeful, cheerful, optimistic. *n.* Blood colour.

**sanguin'eous**, *a.* Pertaining to or abounding in blood; of a blood colour; full-blooded, plethoric.

**Sanhedrin** (sän'é-drin) [SYN-, Gr. *hedra*, seat], *n.* The supreme court of justice and council of the Jewish nation, down to A.D. 425.

**sanitary** (sän'i-tár-i) [as foll.], *a.* Relating to the preservation of health; hygienic. **sanitate**, *v.t.* To improve the sanitary condition of. *v.i.* To carry out sanitary measures. **sanita'tion**, *n.*

**sanity** (sän'i-ti) [L. *sánitas*, from *sánus*, sane], *n.* Saneeness; reasonableness; moderation.

**sans** (sänz, san) [F.], *prep.* Without. **sans-culotte** (san-ku-lot') [F., without breeches], *n.* Applied by the aristocrats to the republicans in the French Revolution. *a.* Republican, revolutionary. **sans-culottism**, *n.*

**Sanskrit** (sän'skrit) [Sansk.], *n.* The ancient language of the Hindu sacred writings, the oldest of the Indo-European group.

**sap** (1) (sáp) [A.-S. *sæp*], *n.* The watery juice of living plants; (*fig.*) strength, vigour. *v.t.* To exhaust the vitality of. **sapling**, *n.* A young tree. **sappy**, *a.*

**sap** (2) [F. *sapper*, from late L. *sappa*, spade], *v.t.* To undermine; to render unstable by wearing away the foundation; (*fig.*) to destroy insidiously. *v.i.* To make an attack or approach by digging trenches or undermining. *n.* The act of sapping; a trench; undermining or subversion of faith, etc.

**sapient** (sá'pi-ént) [L. *sapiens*, being wise], *a.* Wise, sage (*usu.* ironical). **sapience**, *n.* Wisdom, seeming sageness.

**saponaceous** (sáp-ó-ná'shús) [L. *sāpe*

-*pōnis*, soap, -ACEOUS], *a.* Soapy; resembling or containing soap.

**sapper** (sáp'ér) [SAP (2), -ER], *n.* One who saps; an officer or private of the Royal Engineers.

**sapphic** (sáf'ik), *a.* Pertaining to Sappho, a Lesbian poetess (c. 600 B.C.); applied to a stanza or metre used by her. *n.pl.* Sapphic verses or stanzas.

**sapphire** (sáf'ir) [Gr. *sappheiros*], *n.* A transparent blue variety of precious stone; an intense and lustrous blue. *a.* Sapphire-blue.

**saraband** (sár'a-bánd) [Sp. *zarabanda*, from Moorish], *n.* A slow and stately Spanish dance; music for this.

**Saracen** (sár'a-sén) [? Arab.], *n.* A nomad Arab in the times of the later Greeks and Romans; a Moslem at the time of the Crusades. **Saracenic** (-sen'ik), *a.*

**sarcasm** (sar'káz-m) [Gr. *sarkazein*, to tear flesh], *n.* A taunting or wounding remark; bitter irony or invective. **sar-cas'tic**, *a.* **sarcastically**, *adv.*

**sarcenet** (sar'sé-net) [O.F.], *n.* A thin, fine silk used chiefly for linings, ribbons, etc.

**sarco-** [Gr. *sarz sarkos*, flesh], *comb.form.*

**sarcophagus** (sar-kof'á-gús) [SARCO-, Gr. *phagein*, to eat], *n.* (*pl.* -*gi*, -*ji*) A stone coffin.

**sard** (sard) [as SARDIUS], *n.* A precious stone, a variety of cornelian.

**sardine** (sar-dén') [F., of *Sardinia*], *n.* A fish caught off Brittany and Sardinia, and cured and preserved in oil.

**sardius** (sar'di-ús) [Gr. *sardios*, from Sardis], *n.* A precious stone mentioned in Scripture, perhaps the sard or the sardonyx.

**sardonic** (sar-don'ik) [Gr. *Sardonios*, Sardinian], *a.* Unnatural, insincere; sneering, malignant, bitterly ironical.

**sardonyx** (sar'dó-niks) [SARD, ONYX], *n.* A variety of onyx, white chalcedony alternating with layers of sard.

**sark** (sark) [A.-S. *serc*], *n.* (*Sc.*) A shirt.

**sarsaparilla** (sar-sá-pá-ril'á) [Sp. *zarza*, bramble, *parra*, vine], *n.* The dried roots of smilax, used as a tonic.

**sartorial** (sar-tór'i-ál) [L. *sartor*, tailor], *a.* Pertaining to a tailor or tailoring.

**sash** (1) (sáš) [Arab. *shásh*, muslin], *n.* An ornamental band or scarf, often worn as a badge or part of a uniform.

**sash** (2) [corr. of CHASSIS], *n.* A frame holding the glass of a window. *v.t.* To furnish with sashes.

**sassafras** (sás'a-frás) [Sp. *sasafras*], *n.* A small N. American laurel; its root used as an aromatic stimulant.

**Sassenach** (sás'é-nách) [Gael. and Ir., SAXON], *a.* A Saxon, an Englishman. *a.* English.

**Satan** (sá'tán) [Heb., enemy, adversary], *n.* The arch fiend, the devil. **satán'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to or having the qualities of Satan; devilish, infernal. **sa'tanism**, *n.* A diabolical disposition or conduct; Satan-worship.

**satchel** (sách'él) [L. *sacculus*, dim. of

**saccus**, sack], *n.* A small bag suspended by a strap over one shoulder.

**sate** (săt) [as SATIATE], *v.t.* To satisfy the appetite or desire of; to surfeit, to cloy. **sateen** (să-tên') [from SATIN], *n.* A glossy woolen or cotton fabric made in imitation of satin.

**satellite** (săt'é-lit) [L. *satelles*, guard, attendant], *n.* A secondary planet revolving round a primary one; an obsequious follower.

**satiate** (să'shi-ăt) [L. *satiatus*, p.p. of *satiare*, as SATISFY], *v.t.* To satisfy the desire or appetite of; to sate. **satiety** (să-ti'é-ti), *n.* The state of being sated; excess of gratification producing disgust.

**satin** (săt'in) [F., from L. *sēta*, silk], *n.* A silken fabric with a highly-finished glossy surface on one side. *a.* Made of or resembling this, esp. in smoothness. **satinet** (săt-i-net'), *n.* A thin satin; imitation satin. **satiny**, *a.*

**satire** (săt'ir) [L. *lanx satira*, full dish, medley], *n.* A composition in which wickedness or folly or individual persons are held up to ridicule; ridicule, sarcasm, irony, or invective used for the chastisement of vice or folly. **satiric**, -al (-tī'rik, -ăl), *a.* **satirist**, *n.* One who writes or employs satire. **satirize**, *v.t.*

**satisfy** (săt'is-fi) [L. *satis*, enough, -FY], *v.t.* To supply or gratify to the full; to content, to please (*usu. in p.p.*); to pay (a debt, etc.); to comply with; to be sufficient for; to convince. *v.i.* To give satisfaction; to make payment, to atone. **satisfaction** (-făk'shùn), *n.* Act of satisfying; state of being satisfied; contentment, fulfilment of an obligation; compensation, amends. **satisfactory**, *a.* Giving satisfaction, adequate; relieving the mind from doubt; atoning. **satisfying**, *a.*

**satrap** (săt'răp) [Gr. *satrapēs*, O.Pers. *khsatra*, province, *pa-*, to protect], *n.* A governor of a province of ancient Persia; a despot ruler of a dependency. **satrapy**, *n.*

**saturate** (săt'ū-răt) [L. *saturatus*, cloyed, cogn. with *satis*, enough], *v.t.* To soak or imbue thoroughly; to charge (a body, fluid, etc.) with another substance, fluid, electricity, etc., so that it will hold no more. **saturation** (-ră'shùn), *n.*

**Saturday** (săt'ūr-dă) [A.-S. *Sæter-dæg*, day of Saturn], *n.* The seventh day of the week.

**saturnine** (săt'ūr-nin) [L. *Saturnus*, a deity, father of Jupiter], *a.* Dull, phlegmatic, gloomy, morose.

**satyr** (săt'ir) [Gr. *satyros*], *n.* An ancient Greek sylvan deity represented with the legs of a goat, budding horns, and goat-like ears, identified by the Romans with the fauns; a lascivious or brutish man.

**sauce** (saws) [F., as *SAL*], *n.* A liquid preparation taken with foods as a relish; anything that gives piquancy; impudence, cheek. *v.t.* To make piquant or pungent; to be impudent. **sauce-boat**, *n.*

A table-vessel for holding sauce. **sauce-pan**, *n.* A metal pot with a long handle, for boiling or stewing. **saucer**, *n.* A shallow china vessel for holding a cup on. **saucy**, *a.* Pert, insolent to superiors, cheeky; smart, piquant.

**saunter** (sawn'tér) [?], *v.i.* To wander about idly; to walk leisurely (along). *n.* A stroll; a sauntering gait.

**saurian** (saw'ri-ăn) [Gr. *saura*, lizard], *a.* Pertaining to the lizards. *n.* A lizard or lizard-like creature, esp. one of the extinct forms.

**sausage** (sos'aj) [F. *saucisse*, as SAUCE], *n.* Pork or other meat minced, seasoned, and stuffed into a length of animal's gut as food.

**sauté** (sôt'ă) [F.], *a.* Lightly fried.

**savage** (săv'aj) [O.F. *salvage*, L. *silva*, wood], *a.* Wild; uncivilized, brutal, cruel, furious. *n.* A human being in a primitive state; a brute, a barbarian. **savagery**, *n.*

**savanna** (să-văn'ă) [Sp. *sabana*], *n.* An extensive treeless plain covered with low vegetation, esp. in tropical America.

**savant** (sa-van) [F., knowing], *n.* A man of learning, esp. an eminent scientist.

**save** (săv) [F. *sauver*, L. *salvus*, safe], *v.t.* To preserve, rescue, or deliver; to keep undamaged or from being spent or lost; to spare, to exempt (*with double object*); to obviate, to prevent; to take advantage of. *v.i.* To be economical. *prep.* Except, not including. *conj.* Unless. **saving**, *a.* Preserving from danger, loss, waste, etc.; frugal; expressing a reservation, stipulation, etc. *n.* Act of economizing; an economy (*usu. in pl.*); an exception, reservation. *prep.* Save, except; with due respect to.

**saveloy** (săv'é-loi) [F. *carvelas*], *n.* A highly-seasoned dried sausage of salted pork.

**saviour** (să'vyūr) [L. *salvator*, from *salvare*, to save], *n.* One who preserves, rescues, or redeems. **the Saviour**: Christ, the Redeemer of mankind.

**savory** (să'vô-ri) [O.F. *savereie*], *n.* An aromatic plant used in cookery.

**savour** (să'vôr) [O.F., from L. *sapere*, to taste], *n.* Flavour, relish; characteristic quality. **savoury**, *a.* Having a pleasant savour; palatable. *n.* A savoury dish.

**savoy** (să'voi') [district in France], *n.* A hardy variety of cabbage with wrinkled leaves.

**saw** (1) (saw) [A.-S. *saga*], *n.* A thin-bladed steel cutting-instrument with a toothed edge. *v.t.* To cut, form, or make with a saw. *v.i.* To use a saw; to make motions of one sawing. **sawdust**, *n.* Small fragments of wood produced in sawing. **sawyer**, *n.* One employed in sawing.

**saw** (2) (saw) [A.-S. *sagu*, cogn. with SAY], *n.* A saying, a proverb, a familiar maxim.

**saxifrage** (săk'si-frăj) [F., from L. *saxum*, rock, *frag-*, root of *frangere*, to break], *n.*



An Alpine or rock plant with mossy foliage and small flowers, formerly esteemed good for stone in the bladder.

**Saxon** (sák'són), *n.* One of a Teutonic race from northern Germany who conquered England in the 5th and 6th cents.; an Anglo-Saxon; the old Saxon or Anglo-Saxon language; a native of modern Saxony. *a.* Pertaining to any of these, their country, or language; Anglo-Saxon.

**say** (sá) [A.-S. *secgan*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. said, sed*) To utter in words, to speak; to repeat; to tell, affirm, allege; to suppose, to assume; to decide. *v.i.* To speak, to talk, to answer. *n.* What one says or has to say, a statement; one's turn to speak. **saying**, *n.* That which is said; a maxim, an adage, a saw.

**scab** (skáb) [Scand.], *n.* An incrustation formed over a sore in healing; a contagious, mange-like skin-disease in horses, cattle, and sheep; a fungoid plant-disease; a workman who refuses to join in a strike, a blackleg. *v.i.* To form a scab. **scabby**, *a.*

**scabbard** (skáb'árd) [A.-F. *escaubers*, pl.], *n.* The sheath of a sword or similar weapon.

**scabrous** (ská'brús) [L. *scabrösus*], *a.* Rough, rugged; scurfy; thorny; (*fig.*) approaching the indelicate.

**scaffold** (skáf'öld) [O.F. *escadaufault*], *n.* A temporary structure of poles and platforms for use in building or repairing a house, etc.; a temporary platform for the execution of criminals. *v.t.* To furnish with a scaffold; to support. **scaffolding**, *n.* A scaffold for builders, shows, etc.; materials for scaffolds.

**scald** (skawld) [EX-, L. *calidus*, hot], *v.t.* To burn with hot liquid or vapour; to clean with boiling water. *n.* An injury from hot liquid or vapour.

**scale** (1) (skāl) [A.-S. *scælu*], *n.* One of the thin plates covering the skin of fishes and reptiles; a modified leaf, hair, feather, husk, etc., resembling leaf; an incrustation; a small flake of metal. *v.t.* To strip the scales off. *v.i.* To form or come off in scales. **scaly**, *a.* **scaliness**, *n.*

**scale** (2) (skāl) [O.F. *escale*, cup], *n.* The dish of a balance; (*pl.*) a simple balance. *v.t.* To amount to in weight.

**scale** (3) (skāl) [L. *scāla*, ladder], *n.* Anything graduated for use as a measure, or as a scheme for classification, gradation, etc.; a basis for a numerical system in which the value of a figure depends on its place in the order; a system of correspondence between different magnitudes, relative dimensions; (*Mus.*) all the tones of a key arranged in order according to pitch. *v.t.* To climb by a ladder; to draw to proper proportions. *v.i.* To be commensurable. **scaling-ladder**, *n.* A ladder used in storming.

**scalene** (ská-lén') [Gr. *skalēnos*], *a.* Having no two sides equal (of triangles); having the axis inclined to the base (of a cone or cylinder).

**scallop** (skol'-, skál'öp) [O.F. *escalope*], *n.*

A bivalve mussel with an undulating margin; a single shell of this worn as a pilgrim's badge or used as a dish; (*pl.*) an ornamental undulating edging. *v.t.* To cut or indent an edge.

**scalp** (skälp) [Scand.], *n.* The top of the head; the skin of this with the hair belonging to it. *v.t.* To tear or take the scalp from; (*fig.*) to criticize savagely.

**scalpel** (skäl'pél) [L. *scalpere*, to scrape], *n.* A small knife used in dissecting.

**scamp** (skämp) [?], *n.* A worthless fellow, a knave, a rogue. *v.t.* To do in a careless manner.

**scamper** (skäm'pér) [EX-, L. *campus*, field], *v.i.* To run rapidly or impulsively. *n.* A hasty run; a hurried tour.

**scan** (skän) [L. *scandere*, to climb], *v.t.* To count or test the feet or syllables of (a line of verse); to scrutinize. *v.i.* To be metrically correct.

**scandal** (skän'dál) [Gr. *skandalon*, stumbling-block], *n.* Indignation at some act, esp. publicly expressed; reproach, shame, malicious gossip, a defamatory statement.

**scandalize**, *v.t.* To offend by improper or outrageous conduct, to shock. **scandal-monger**, *n.* One who disseminates scandal. **scandalous**, *a.*

**Scandinavian** (skän-di-nā'vi-án), *a.* Pertaining to Scandinavia (Norway and Sweden, Denmark, and Iceland), its language, or literature. *n.* A native of Scandinavia.

**scansion** (skän'shún) [L. *scansio*, as SCAN], *n.* The act of scanning verse; a system of scanning.

**scant** (skánt) [Icel. *skamt*, short], *a.* Not full, large, or plentiful; not enough, deficient. **scanty**, *a.* **scantily**, *adv.* **scantiness**, *n.*

**scantling** (skánt'ling) [O.F. *escantillon*], *n.* A specimen, a small quantity; a rough draft or sketch; a beam less than 5 in. in breadth and thickness; the sectional measurement of timber, the measurement of stone in all three dimensions; a trestle for a cask.

**scapegoat** (skáp'göt) [ESCAPE, GOAT], *n.* One made to bear blame due to another (from the scapegoat of Leviticus xvi).

**scapegrace**, *n.* A graceless, good-for-nothing person.

**scapula** (skáp'ü-lá) [L.], *n.* (*pl.* -læ) The shoulder-blade. **scapular**, *a.* Pertaining to this. *n.* (*R.-C. Ch.*) A vestment consisting of two strips of cloth worn across the shoulders and hanging down the breast and back.

**scar** (1) (skar) [O.F. *escare*, L. and Gr. *eschara*], *n.* A mark left by a wound, burn, etc. *v.* To mark with a scar or form a scar.

**scar** (2) [Icel. *sker*], *n.* A crag, cliff.

**scarab** (skár'áb) [L. *scarabæus*], *n.* An ancient Egyptian sacred beetle; an amulet shaped like this.

**scaramouch** (skár'á-mouch) [It. *Scaramuccia*, a braggart in old comedy], *n.* A poltroon and braggart.

**scarce** (skärs) [L. *excarptus* (EX-, *carptus*, plucked)], *a.* Infrequent, rare, uncommon; not plentiful. *adv.* Hardly, scarcely. **scarcely**, *adv.* Hardly, barely, only just; with difficulty. **scarcity**, *n.* Rareness; a dearth (of); a famine.

**scare** (skär) [?], *v.t.* To frighten, alarm, strike with or drive (away) through fear. *n.* A sudden fright, a panic. **scarecrow**, *n.* A rude figure set up to frighten birds away from crops; (*fig.*) a shabby person, a guy.

**scarf** (1) (skarf) [?], *n.* (*pl.* scarfs, scarves) A long strip of material worn round the neck, etc.; a neck-tie.

**scarf** (2) [?], *n.* A joint made by bevelling or notching so that the thickness is not increased, and then bolting or strapping together.

**scarify** (skär'i-fi) [Gr. *skariphassthai*, from *skariphos*, pencil], *v.t.* (*Surg.*) To make slight incisions in; (*fig.*) to pain, to criticize mercilessly. **scarifica'tion**, *n.*

**scarlatina** (skar-lä-tē'nä) [It. *scarlattina*, as SCARLET], *n.* Scarlet fever.

**scarlet** (skar'lēt) [O.F. *escarlate*, Pers. *sagālāt*], *n.* A bright red colour tending towards orange; cloth or dress of this colour. *a.* Of a scarlet colour; dressed in scarlet. **scarlet fever**: An infectious fever characterized by red patches on the skin. **scarlet runner**: A trailing bean with scarlet flowers.

**scarp** (skarp) [It. *scarpa*], *n.* A nearly perpendicular slope; (*Fort.*) the interior slope of the ditch.

**scathe** (skāth) [A.-S. *scathan*], *n.* Harm, injury. *v.t.* To hurt, injure, destroy. **scatheless**, *a.* **scathing**, *a.* Very bitter or severe, withering (of sarcasm, etc.).

**scatter** (skät'ēr) [M.E. *scatteren*], *v.t.* To throw loosely about, send broadcast; to strew, disperse, rout, diffuse. *v.i.* To disperse; to be routed; to be dissipated or diffused. **scatter-brain**, *n.* A giddy, heedless person. **scattered**, *a.* Irregularly situated; widely apart.

**scavenger** (skäv'en-jēr) [orig. *scavager*, A.-F. *scavage*, inspection], *n.* A street cleaner; an animal feeding on carrion, etc.; any one willing to do 'dirty work' or delighting in filth. **scavage**, *v.t.* and *i.*

**scenario** (shä-na'ri-ō) [It. *n.* sketch or outline of the scenes and main points of a play.

**scene** (sēn) [Gr. *skēnē*, tent, stage], *n.* A stage, the theatre, the place where anything occurs or is exhibited or in which the action of a story, etc., is supposed to take place; a hanging or device on a stage; a division of a play; an exhibition of feeling or passion; a landscape, a view. **scenery**, *n.* The various accessories used on the stage; picturesque views presented by natural features. **scenic**, -al, *a.* Pertaining to the stage, theatrical; picturesque, arranged for effect.

**scent** (sent) [L. *sentire*, to perceive], *v.t.* To perceive by smell; to recognize the odour of; (*fig.*) to begin to suspect; to

hunt (out) by smelling; to perfume. *v.i.* To exercise sense of smell. *n.* Odour, esp. of a pleasant kind, or that left by an animal which can be followed by hounds; a perfume; the sense of smell, esp. the power of recognizing or tracing things by smelling; a clue. **scentless**, *a.* Odourless; having no sense of smell.

**sceptic** (skept'ik) [Gr. *skeptikos*, from *skeptesthai*, to examine], *n.* One who doubts the truth of Christianity or of any revealed religion; an incredulous person. **sceptical**, *a.* Pertaining to a sceptic; given to doubting or questioning, incredulous. **scepticism** (-sizm), *n.*

**sceptre** (sep'tēr) [Gr. *skēptron*, from *skēptein*, to prop], *n.* A staff borne by a sovereign as a symbol of authority; (*fig.*) royal authority. **sceptred**, *a.* Invested with royal authority.

**schedule** (shed'ül) [L. *schedula*, dim. of *scheda*, strip of papyrus], *n.* A list, catalogue, or inventory appended to a document. *v.t.* To enter in a schedule, to make a schedule or list of.

**schematic** (skē-mät'ik) [Gr. *schēma* -atos, shape], *a.* Pertaining to a scheme.

**scheme** (skēm) [as prec.], *n.* A plan, project, proposed method of doing something; an underhand design; a table of proposed events, etc., a syllabus; a representation, diagram, or systematic arrangement of facts, principles, etc. *v.t.* To plan, contrive, plot. *v.i.* To form plans. **scheming**, *a.* Given to plotting or forming schemes.

**schism** (sizm) [Gr. *schizein*, to split], *n.* A split or division in a community, esp. separation into two Churches; the sin of causing such division. **schismatic**, *a.* and *n.*

**schist** (shist) [Gr. *schistos*, easily split, as prec.], *n.* A rock tending to split easily. **schistose**, -tous, *a.*

**scholar** (skol'är) [A.-F. *escoler*, late L. *scholāris*], *n.* A learned person, esp. in literature; (*Univ.*) an undergraduate on the foundation of a college; a disciple; (*pop.*) a pupil, a student. **scholarly**, *a.* Befitting a scholar; learned. **scholarship**, *n.* High attainments in literature, etc.; instruction; education, free or at reduced fees, granted to a successful candidate after examination; emoluments so granted.

**scholastic** (skó-läs'tik) [L. *scholasticus*, Gr. *scholazein*, to be at leisure], *a.* Pertaining to school, schools, Universities, etc., academic, pedantic; given to logical subtleties. **scholasticism**, *n.* The philosophy of the mediæval schoolmen.

**scholiast** (skó'li-äst) [Gr. *scholiastēs*, from *scholiazēin*, to write *scholia*], *n.* A commentator, esp. one who annotated the classics.

**school** (1) (skool) [Dut., cp. SHOAL (2)], *n.* A shoal of fish, porpoises, etc.

**school** (2) [Gr. *scholē*, leisure, philosophy], *n.* An institution for education, esp. one



for instruction of a more elementary kind; the building of this; the body of pupils; the body of disciples of a philosopher, artist, system of thought, etc.; (*pl.*) the mediæval Universities; scholasticism; (*Univ.*) any of the branches of study with separate examinations taken for honours; (*fig.*) any circumstances serving to discipline or instruct. *v.t.* To instruct, to educate; to discipline. **schoolboy**, -girl, *n.* A boy or girl attending a school. **schoolhouse**, *n.* A building used as a school; the headmaster's house or chief boarding-house at a public school. **schoolmaster**, -mistress, *n.* A chief or assistant teacher in a school. **schooling**, *n.* Instruction in school; school-days; a reproof.

**schooner** (skoó'nér) [Clydesdale *scoon*, to skim along], *n.* A two- or three-masted vessel with fore-and-aft rigging.

**schottische** (shó-têsh') [G., Scottish], *n.* A dance resembling a polka; the music for it.

**sciatic** (sí-át'ik) [Gr. *ischias* -ados, pain in the loins], *a.* Pertaining to the hip or the sciatic nerve or sciatica. **sciatica**, *n.* Neuralgia of the hip and thigh; pain in the great sciatic nerve.

**science** (sí'éns) [F., from L. *scientia*, from *scire*, to know], *n.* Systematized knowledge; a department of this, a system of facts and principles concerning any subject; the pursuit of knowledge, the principles governing its acquirement; exceptional skill due to knowledge and training. **scientific**, *a.* Pertaining to, used, or engaged in science; done according to the principles of science, systematic, exact; skillful, expert (esp. of pugilism, etc.). **scientifically**, *adv.* **scientist**, *n.*

**scilicet** (sí'li-sét) [L. *scire licet*, it is permitted to know], *adv.* To wit, namely.

**scimitar** (sim'i-tár) [It. *scimitarra*], *n.* A short Oriental curved sword, broad towards the point.

**scintilla** (sin-tíl'á) [L.], *n.* A spark; an atom. **scintillate**, *v.i.* To emit sparks; to sparkle, twinkle. **scintillation**, *n.*

**sciolist** (sí'ó-list) [L. *sciolus*, smatterer, dim. of *sciens*, knowing], *n.* One who knows many things superficially. **sciolism**, *n.*

**scion** (sí'ón) [F.], *n.* A shoot, esp. for grafting or planting; a descendant, a child.

**scissors** (siz'órz) [L. *cisbrium*, from *cis*, p.p. stem of *cadere*, to cut], *n.pl.* Two blades pivoted together for cutting objects placed between them, usu. pair of scissors.

**scoff** (skof) [Scand.], *n.* An expression of contempt or mockery; a gibe, a taunt. *v.i.* To speak in derision, to mock or jeer (at).

**scold** (sköld) [Teut.], *v.i.* To find fault noisily or angrily. *v.t.* To chide thus; to rate, to rail at. *n.* A noisy, nagging woman; a scolding. **scolding**, *a.* and *n.*

**sconce** (skons) [O.F. *esconse*, dark-lantern],

*n.* A candle-holder fixed to a wall; the socket of a candlestick; a detached fort. **scone** (skon) [L.G. *schön*, fine], *n.* A soft thin cake cooked on a griddle.

**scoop** (skoop) [?], *n.* A short-handled shovel for lifting and moving loose material such as coal, grain, sugar, etc. *v.t.* To lade (out), hollow (out), or lift (up) with a scoop.

**scoot** (skoot) [SHOOT], *v.i.* To dart off, scurry away. **scooter**, *n.* A toy vehicle, like a roller-skate for one foot, with a handle for guiding it.

**scope** (sköp) [Gr. *skopos*, a watcher, a mark], *n.* Range of action or observation, outlook, sphere, etc.; opportunity, vent.

**-scope** [as prec.], *suf.* Denoting an instrument of observation, etc., as in *microscope*, *spectroscope*. **-scopic**, *suf.* Pertaining to this or to observation, etc. **-scopy**, *suf.* Observation by the instrument, etc., specified.

**scorbutic** (skör-büt'ik) [low L. *scorbütus*, scurvy], *a.* Pertaining to scurvy. *n.* One affected with scurvy.

**scorch** (skörch) [EX-, L. *cortex* -ticis, bark], *v.t.* To injure or discolour by burning the outside of, to singe, parch, shrivel (up). *v.i.* To be parched, singed, or dried up with heat; (*slang*) to go at an excessive rate of speed. *n.* A burn caused by scorching.

**score** (skör) [A.-S. *scor*], *n.* A notch on a tally; a reckoning, an account, a debt; (*fig.*) anything laid up against one, a grudge; the points made by a player or side in certain games; a copy of a musical work in which all the parts are shown; twenty, a set of twenty; (*pl.*) large numbers; category, head, reason; a remark in which one scores off another. *v.t.* To mark with notches, lines, etc.; to groove; to enter in a score. *v.i.* To keep a score; to win points, advantages, etc. **scorer**, *n.*

**scoria** (skör'i-á) [Gr. *skōria*, refuse], *n.* (*pl.* -iæ) Cellular lava or ashes; the refuse of fused metals, dross.

**scorn** (skörn) [O.F. *escorne*], *n.* Contempt; derision; a subject or object of extreme contempt. *v.t.* To hold in extreme contempt or disdain, to regard as paltry or mean. **scornful**, *a.*

**scorpion** (skör'pi-ón) [Gr. *skorpios*], *n.* One of the *Arachnida*, with claws like a lobster and a sting in the jointed tail; (*Bibl.*) a whip armed with points of iron; Scorpio.

**scot** (1) (skot) [A.-S. *sceot*], *n.* An assessment, a tax. **scot-free**, *a.* Free from payment, untaxed; unhurt, safe.

**Scot** (2), *n.* A native of Scotland; (*pl.*) a Gaelic tribe that migrated to Scotland from Ireland in the 5th or 6th cent.

**Scotch** (1) (skoçh), *a.* Pertaining to Scotland, its people, language, or literature. *n.* The people of Scotland; the Scottish dialect or dialects of English; Scotch whisky. **Scotchman**, **Scotsman**, -woman,

*n.* **Scotice** (skot'i-si), *adv.* In the Scottish manner. **Scots**, *a.* (*Sc.*) Scottish. **Scottish**, *a.*

**scotch** (2) (skočh) [M.E. *scocche*], *v.t.* To cut with narrow incisions; to disable.

**scoundrel** (skoun'drel) [?], *n.* An unprincipled person, a rascal, a villain. *a.* Base, villainous. **scoundrelism**, *n.* **scoundrelly**, *a.*

**scour** (1) (skour) [EX-, L. *cūrāre*, to cure], *v.* To clean or polish by friction; to flush or clear out. **scourer**, *n.*

**scour** (2) [EX-, L. *currere*, to run], *v.i.* To rove, to range; to search about. *v.t.* To move rapidly over, esp. in search.

**scourge** (skērj) [EX-, L. *corium*, hide], *n.* A whip with thongs; (fig.) any means of inflicting punishment or suffering. *v.t.* To whip with a scourge; to afflict, to harass.

**scout** (skout) [O.F. *escoute*, eavesdropper, from *escouter* (F. *écouter*), to listen], *n.* One sent out to bring in information; a boy scout; (*Oxf. Univ.*) a college servant. *v.t.* To act as a scout. *v.t.* To treat with contempt. **boy scout**: A member of a voluntary organization for training boys on semi-military lines.

**scow** (skou) [Dut.], *n.* A flat-bottomed boat.

**scowl** (skoul) [Scand.], *v.i.* To frown, to look sullen. *n.* An angry frown; a look of ill-temper or discontent.

**scrabble** (skrābl) [as SCRAPE], *v.i.* To make unmeaning marks; to scrawl.

**scrag** (skrāg) [Scand.], *n.* Anything thin or shrivelled; a lean, bony piece of meat, esp. neck of mutton. **scragged**, **scraggy**, *a.*

**scramble** (skrāmb) [?], *v.i.* To climb or move along by clambering, or on all fours; to struggle (for, after, etc.) in a rough-and-tumble manner. *v.t.* To prepare (eggs) by breaking into a pan and stirring up during cooking. *n.* The act of scrambling; a rough or unceremonious struggle for something.

**scrap** (skrāp) [as SCRAPE], *n.* A small detached piece, a bit; a newspaper cutting; waste, esp. discarded metal; (*pl.*) odds-and-ends, leavings. *v.t.* To make scrap of; to discard as worn out. **scrappy**, *a.*

**scrape** (skrāp) [Icel. *skrapa*, A.-S. *scrapan*, to scratch], *v.t.* To rub with something rough or sharp; to abrade or smooth thus; to erase; to draw or rub along with a scraping noise; to collect or amass with difficulty or by small amounts. *v.i.* To rub something with a rough or sharp instrument; to abrade, smooth, or clean something thus; to get through by a close shave; to be parsimonious. *n.* Act, sound, or effect of scraping; an awkward bow; an awkward predicament. **scraper**, *n.* One who scrapes; an instrument for scraping; a miser.

**scratch** (skrāčh) [?], *v.t.* To tear, mark, or scrape with something sharp, as nails, claws, etc.; to wound slightly; to obliterate,

ate, to score (out); to expunge (esp. from a list of competitors). *v.i.* To use the nails or claws in marking, hollowing out, etc. *n.* A mark made by or as by scratching; a sound, act, or spell of scratching; a mark from which competitors start in a race or a fight; one most heavily handicapped. *a.* Got together at haphazard, nondescript.

**scrawl** (skrawl) [?], *v.* To write or mark clumsily or illegibly, to scribble. *n.* A piece of hasty, clumsy, or illegible writing.

**scream** (skrēm) [Scand.], *v.i.* To make a shrill, piercing, prolonged cry; to hoot or laugh loudly. *v.t.* To utter in a screaming tone. *n.* A loud, shrill, prolonged cry.

**screech** (skrēčh) [Scand.], *v.i.* To scream out with a harsh, shrill voice, to shriek. *n.* A shrill, harsh cry, as of terror or pain. **screech-owl**, *n.* An owl that screeches instead of hooting.

**screed** (skrēd) [SHRED], *n.* A long harangue or tirade; a piece, a fragment.

**screen** (skrēn) [O.F., *escren*], *n.* A partition, esp. in a church between the choir and the nave; a light, movable, covered framework used to shelter from draughts, excess of heat, light, etc.; anything serving to shelter, protect, or conceal; a sheet on which cinematographic pictures, etc., are projected; a coarse sieve. *v.t.* To shelter or protect, to shield; to sift. **screenings**, *n.pl.* Small stuff or refuse separated by screening.

**screw** (1) (skroo) [?], *n.* A cylinder with a spiral ridge round its outer surface used for fastening boards, etc., together, for conveying motion to part of a machine, bringing pressure to bear, etc.; a screw-propeller; a turn of a screw, a twist; a twisted-up package; (*slang*) a miser; pay, wages. *v.t.* To fasten, tighten, or compress with a screw; to turn round or twist; (*fig.*) to oppress, esp. by exactions; to contort, to distort. *v.i.* To turn as a screw; to swerve. **screw-driver**, *n.* A tool for turning screws.

**screw** (2) [SHREW], *n.* A broken-down or vicious horse.

**scribble** (skribl) [SCRIBE, -LE], *v.* To write hastily or illegibly or without regard to correctness. *n.* Hasty or careless writing; a scrawl. **scribbler**, *n.*

**scribe** (skrib) [L. *scribere*, to write], *n.* A writer, a secretary, a copyist; (*Bibl.*) a keeper of official records, a commentator or interpreter of sacred law among the ancient Jews.

**scrimmage** (skrim'aj) [SKIRMISH], *n.* A confused or rough-and-tumble struggle; a scrimmage.

**scrimp** (skrimp) [Scand.], *v.t.* To make small or scant; to limit, to skimp. **scrumpy**, *a.*

**scrip** (1) (skrip) [SCRIPT], *n.* A list of names, a schedule; a provisional certificate of stock.

**scrip** (2) [A.-S. *scripp*, rel to SCRAP], *n.* A small bag, a wallet.



**script** (skript) [L. *scriptum*, something written, neut. p.p. of *scribere*, see SCRIBE], *n.* A piece of writing; handwriting as dist. from print; type in imitation of writing.

**scripture** (skrip'tyūr) [as prec.], *n.* A sacred writing, esp. the Bible. **scriptural**, *a.* Pertaining to the Scriptures: **Holy Scripture** or **The Scriptures**: The Bible.

\***scrivener** (skriv'énér) [late L. *scribānus*, SCRIBE], *n.* One who drew up contracts, etc., a notary; a financial agent, a money-lender.

**scrofula** (skrof'ū-lá) [L.], *n.* A constitutional state tending to the development of glandular swellings and consumption; king's evil. **scrofulous**, *a.*

**scroll** (skrōl) [O.F. *escroue*, from Teut.], *n.* A roll of paper or parchment; a spiral ornament, as a volute, the head of a violin, etc.; a flourish.

**scrub** (skrüb) [M.E. *scrobben*, M.Dan. *skrubbe*], *v.t.* To rub hard with something coarse and rough for cleaning or scouring. *n.* Undergrowth, stunted trees; a paltry, stingy person. **scrubby**, *a.* Mean, insignificant; covered with brushwood; unshaven.

**scruff** (skrūf) [Icel.], *n.* The nape or back of the neck.

**scrum**, **scrummage** (skrūm'áj) [SCRIMMAGE], *n.* (*Rugby Football*) A regular struggle in which the forwards grapple in a compact mass, the ball being in the middle.

**scruple** (skroopl) [L. *scrāpulus*, dim. of *scrāpus*, sharp stone], *n.* A weight of twenty grains (apoth.); a tiny fraction, a particle; (*fig.*) conscientious doubt or hesitation. *v.i.* To have scruples, to doubt, to be reluctant (to do, etc.). **scrupulous**, *a.* Influenced by scruples; cautious, punctilious, precise.

**scrutator** (skroo-tā'tór) [as foll.], *n.* One who scrutinizes, a close inquirer.

**scrutiny** (skroo'ti-ni) [L. *scrūtāri*, to search carefully], *n.* Close observation or investigation, an official examination of votes. **scrutineer'**, *n.* One who acts as examiner in a scrutiny of votes. **scrutinize**, *v.t.* To examine narrowly.

**scud** (skūd) [Norw.], *v.i.* To run or fly swiftly; (*Naut.*) to run fast before a gale with little or no sail spread.

**scuffle** (skūfl) [Scand.], *v.i.* To fight in a rough-and-tumble way. *n.* A confused fight or struggle.

**scull** (skül) [?], *n.* One of a pair of short oars; one who sculls a boat. *v.t.* To propel (a boat) by sculls. **sculler**, *n.* One who sculls; a boat rowed with sculls.

**scullery** (skül'ér-i) [L. *scutellārius*, dish-keeper], *n.* A place where dishes, etc., are washed up.

\***scullion** (skül'i-ón) [O.F. *escullion*, sponge, from L. *scōpa*, a besom], *n.* A boy who cleans pots, etc., a kitchen drudge.

**sculpture** (skūlp'chūr) [L. *sculptūra*, from *sculpere*, to carve], *n.* The art of carving, wood or stone into representations of

natural objects; a carved figure; (*collected*) carved work. *v.t.* To represent in or by sculpture; to ornament with sculpture.

**sculptor**, **-tress**, *n.* One who sculpts.

**sculptural**, *a.*

**scum** (skūm) [Dan. *skum*], *n.* Impurities that rise to the surface of liquid; esp. in fermentation or boiling; froth, foam; (*fig.*) refuse, offscourings. **scummy**, *a.*

**scupper** (skūp'ér) [?], *n.* A hole through a ship's side to carry off water from the deck.

**scurf** (skērf) [A.-S.], *n.* Flakes thrown off by the skin, esp. of the head; loose scaly matter adhering to a surface. **scurfy**, *a.*

**scurrilous** (skūr'i-lūs) [L. *scurra*, buffoon], *a.* Using or expressed in low, abusive, or indecent language. **scurril'ity**, *n.*

**scurry** (skūr'i) [?], *v.i.* To hurry, to scamper. *n.* An act or the noise of scurrying.

**scurvy** (skēr'vi) [SCURFY], *a.* Mean, paltry, contemptible. *n.* A diseased condition of the blood due to deficiency of vegetables. **scurvily**, *adv.*

**scut** (skūt) [cp. Icel. *skott*], *n.* A short tail, as of a hare, rabbit, or deer.

**scutage** (skū'táj) [L. *scūtum*, shield], *n.* Money paid by a feudal tenant in lieu of personal service.

**scutch** (skūch) [Scand.], *v.t.* To dress (cotton, flax, etc.) by beating.

**scutcheon** (skūch'ón) [ESCUTCHEON], *n.* An escutcheon; a frame for a keyhole; a nameplate.

**scuttle** (1) (skütł) [A.-S. *scutel*, dish, L. *scutella*, salver], *n.* A receptacle for carrying or holding coals.

**scuttle** (2) [O.F. *escoutilles*, hatches], *n.* A hatchway on board ship; the lid or hatch covering this. *v.t.* To cut holes through the bottom or sides of (a ship); to sink by cutting such holes.

**scuttle** (3) [SCUD], *v.i.* To hurry along, to scurry, *n.* A hasty flight, a bolt.

**scythe** (sīth) [A.-S. *sīthe*], *n.* A long curved blade with a crooked handle used for mowing or reaping. *v.t.* to cut with a scythe.

**se-** [L., away from, apart], *pref.* As *secede*.

**sea** (sē) [A.-S. *sē*], *n.* The body of salt water covering most of the earth, the ocean; a definite part of this; a very large lake; the swell or motion of the sea, a great wave. **sea-anemone**, *n.* A popular name for a zoophyte. **sea-breeze**, *n.* A breeze blowing from the sea, usually by day in alternation with a land-breeze at night. **sea-captain**, *n.* The captain of a vessel, as dist. from a military officer; a great admiral. **sea-coast**, *n.* **seafarer**, *n.* A sailor, a seaman. **seafaring**, *a.* Following the occupation of a sailor. *n.* The occupation of a sailor. **sea-girt**, *a.* Surrounded by the sea. **sea-green**, *n.* A faint bluish-green. *a.* Of this colour. **sea-gull**, *n.* **sea-kale**, *n.* An indigenous plant grown as a culinary vegetable. **sea-king**, *n.* A viking or

piratical Scandinavian chieftain. **sea-legs**, *n. pl.* Ability to walk on deck in a storm. **sea-level**, *n.* A level continuous with that of the surface of the sea at mean tide. **sea-lion**, *n.* A large-eared seal. **seaman**, *n.* (*pl.* -men) A sailor, esp. one below the rank of officer; a person able to navigate a ship. **seamanlike**, **seamanly**, *a.* **seamanship**, *n.* **seamew**, *n.* A sea-gull. **sea-piece**, *n.* A picture representing a scene at sea. **seaport**, *n.* A town with a harbour on the coast. **sea-room**, *n.* Room to handle a ship without danger of running ashore or of collision. **seashore**, *n.* The margin of the sea; the space between high- and low-water mark. **sea-sick**, *a.* Suffering from sea-sickness. **sea-sickness**, *n.* Nausea and vomiting, brought on by the motion of a ship. **seaside**, *n.* A place or district close to the sea, esp. a watering-place. *a.* Bordering on the sea. **sea-term**, *n.* A word or phrase peculiar to seamen. **sea-urchin**, *n.* A sea animal. **sea-wall**, *n.* A wall for protecting land against encroachment by the sea. **sea-way**, *n.* A ship's progress; a clear way for a ship at sea. **seaweed**, *n.* Any alga or other plant growing in the sea. **seaworthy**, *a.* In a fit state to go to sea (of a ship). **seaworthiness**, *n.* **sea-wrack**, *n.* Coarse seaweed.

**seal** (1) (sēl) [A.-S. *seolh*], *n.* A carnivorous amphibious marine mammal; various allied mammals, as sea-bear, sea-lion, etc. *v.i.* To hunt seals.

**seal** (2) (sēl) [L. *sigillum*], *n.* A stamp having a device for making an impression on wax; a piece of wax or other material stamped with this; the impression made thus; a mark affixed to a document in lieu of this; anything regarded as authenticating, ratifying, or guaranteeing. *v.t.* To affix a seal to; to stamp with a seal. **sealing-wax**, *n.* A composition of shellac and turpentine with a pigment, used for sealing letters, etc.

**seam** (sēm) [A.-S.], *n.* A visible junction between two parts or things, as pieces of cloth sewn together; a crack, a fissure; a wrinkle on the face, a scar; a thin stratum of coal. *v.t.* To join together by a seam; to mark with a seam, scar, etc. **seamstress**, **sempstress**, *n.* A woman whose occupation is to sew. **seamy**, *a.* Showing the seams; applied to the disreputable or worst side of life, etc.

**séance** (sā-ans) [F., a sitting], *n.* A session; a meeting for exhibiting or investigating spiritualistic manifestations.

**sear**, **sere** (sēr) [A.-S. *sēar*], *a.* Dried up, withered. *v.t.* To scorch the surface of; to cauterize; to brand. **seared**, *a.* Hardened, insensible, callous.

**search** (sērč) [M.E. *serchen*, O.F. *cercher*, L. *circāre*, as *CIRCUS*], *v.t.* To go over and examine to find something; to explore, to look for. *v.i.* To make inquiry or investigation. *n.* The act of seeking,

looking, or inquiring; investigation, quest, examination. **searchlight**, *n.* A powerful light concentrated into a beam that can be turned in any direction. **searching**, *a.* Penetrating, thorough, close. *n.* Examination; minute inquiry. **season** (sē'zōn) [O.F. *seson*, L. *satio*, from *serere*, to sow], *n.* One of the four divisions of the year, spring, summer, autumn, winter; a period of time; the period when something is in vogue, plentiful, at its best, etc.; a favourable opportunity; seasoning. *v.t.* To mature, acclimatize, inure, or harden; to give a relish to by addition of condiments, etc.; to add zest to; to mitigate, to qualify (justice with mercy, etc.). *v.i.* To become habituated, accustomed, etc.; to become hard and dry (of timber). **seasonable**, *a.* Occurring or done at the proper time, opportune. **seasonably**, *adv.* **seasonal**, *a.* **seasoning**, *n.* Anything added to food to make it more palatable; relish.

**seat** (sēt) [M.E. *sete*], *n.* That on which one may sit, a chair, bench, stool, etc.; the part of this on which one sits, or of a machine, etc., on which another part or thing is supported; location, site, situation; a country residence; the right of sitting, esp. in a legislative body; posture of sitting. *v.t.* To cause to sit down, to place on a seat; to assign seats to; to provide with a seat or seats.

**sebaceous** (sē-bā'shūs) [L. *sēbum*, tallow], *a.* Fatty; made of, containing, conveying, or secreting fatty matter.

**secant** (sē'kánt) [L. *secans*, cutting], *a.* Cutting; dividing into two parts. *n.* (*Math.*) A straight line intersecting a curve.

**secede** (sē-sēd') [SE-, L. *cedere*, to go], *v.i.* To withdraw from fellowship, association, or communion. **seceder**, *n.* One who secedes.

**secession** (sē-sesh'ūn) [L. *sēcessio*, as prec.], *n.* The act of seceding. **secessionist**, *n.* A seceder or advocate of seceding.

**seclude** (sē-klood') [SE-, L. *claudere*, to shut], *v.t.* To shut up or keep (a person, place, etc.) apart or away; to cause to be solitary. **seclusion**, *n.* **seclusive**, *a.*

**second** (sek'ōnd) [L. *secundus*, from *sequi*, to follow], *a.* Immediately following the first; next in value, authority, rank, or position; other, supplementary, subordinate, derivative. *n.* The next after the first; another or an additional person or thing; one who supports another, esp. in a duel, pugilistic encounter, etc.; the sixtieth part of a minute; (*colloq.*) a very short time; (*pl.*) goods of second quality, esp. coarse flour, or bread made from this; a lower part added to a melody when arranged for two voices or instruments. *v.t.* To forward, promote, support; (*Mil.*, sē-kōnd') to retire (an officer) temporarily, without pay, in order that he may take some appointment.

**second childhood**: Senile dotage.



**second-hand**, *a.* Not original; not new; dealing in second-hand goods. **second-rate**, *a.* Of inferior quality, size, value, etc. **second sight**: The power of seeing things at a distance in space or time as if they were present. **secondary**, *a.* and *n.* A deputy. **secondarily**, *adv.* **second**, *n.* **secondly**, *adv.* In the second place.

**secret** (sé'krét) [*L. sēcrētus*, reserved], *a.* Concealed, kept private, not to be revealed; occult, mysterious; given to secrecy, reticent; secluded, private. *n.* Something to be concealed or kept back from general knowledge; a mystery, or the key to one; secrecy. **secrecy**, *n.* The state of being secret, concealment; secretiveness; solitude, seclusion. **secretly**, *adv.*

**secretary** (sek'rè-tà-rì) [*L. sēcrētarius*, a confidential officer, as **SECRET**], *n.* One conducting the correspondence, keeping the records, etc., of a company, society, etc.; one employed to assist in literary work, correspondence, etc.; a minister in charge of a Government department.

**secretary-bird**, *n.* A S. African bird preying on snakes, etc. **secretarial**, *a.* **secretariat**, **secretaryship**, *n.*

**secrete** (sé-krét') [**SECRET**], *v.t.* To conceal, to hide; to separate from the blood, etc., by secretion. **secretion**, *n.* The act of concealing. **secretive**, *a.* Given to secrecy, reserved; promoting or causing secretion. **secretively**, *adv.*

**sect** (sekt) [*L. secta*, a following, as **SECOND**], *n.* A body of persons who have separated from a larger body, esp. a Church; a religious denomination (as regarded by opponents); the adherents of a particular philosopher, school of thought, etc. **sectarian**, *a.* and *n.* **sectarianism**, *n.* **sec'tary**, *n.* A member of a sect; a Dissenter.

**section** (sek'shùn) [*L. sectio*, from *secāre*, to cut], *n.* Separation by cutting; that which is cut off, a part; a division of a book, chapter, etc.; the sign [§] indicating such a division; a thin slice of any substance prepared for microscopic examination; a cutting of a solid figure by a plane, the figure so produced; a vertical plan of a building, etc., as it would appear upon an upright plane cutting through it. **sectional**, *a.*

**sector** (sek'tór) [*L.*, as *prec.*], *n.* (*Geom.*) A portion of a circle between two radii; a mathematical rule consisting of two hinged arms marked with sines, tangents, etc. **sectorial**, *a.* (*Zool.*) Adapted for cutting like scissors; *n.* A sectorial tooth.

**secular** (sek'ū-lár) [*L. sæculum*, generation, age], *a.* Pertaining to the present world, or to things not spiritual or ecclesiastical; temporal, profane; lasting, occurring in, or accomplished during a century or a very long time. **secularize**, *v.t.*

**secure** (sé-kūr') [*SE*, *L. cūra*, care], *a.* Free from danger or apprehension; safe

from attack; reliable, certain, sure (of); in safe keeping. *v.t.* To make safe or secure; to fasten, to close, enclose, or confine securely; to make safe against loss; to get possession of. **securable**, *a.* **securely**, *adv.* **security**, *n.* The state of being or feeling secure; safety; certainty, over-confidence; that which secures; a pledge, a forfeitable guarantee; one who becomes surety for another; a document constituting evidence of debt or of property, a bond, etc.

**sedan** (sé-dán') [town in France], *n.* A covered chair for one person, carried by two men by means of a pole on each side.

**sedate** (sé-dát') [*L. sēdātus*, tranquil], *a.* Composed, calm, staid, not impulsive. **sedately**, *adv.* **sedateness**, *n.* **sed'ative**, *a.* Allaying nervous irritability, soothing. *n.* A sedative medicine, influence, etc.

**sedentary** (sed'en-tà-rì) [*L. sēdentārius*, from *sedēre*, to sit], *a.* Accustomed, inclined, or obliged by occupation, to sit a great deal; involving much sitting.

**sedge** (sej) [*A.-S. secg*], *n.* A coarse grass-like plant growing in or near water. **sedgy**, *a.*

**sediment** (sed'i-mént) [*L. sēdimentum*, as **SEDENTARY**], *n.* The matter which subsides to the bottom of a liquid; dregs. **sedimentary**, *a.*

**sedition** (sé-dish'ún) [*L. seditio*], *n.* Agitation or disorder in a State, not amounting to insurrection; conduct tending to promote treason. **seditious** (sé-dish'ús), *a.*

**seduce** (sé-dūs') [*SE*, *L. dūcere*, to lead], *v.t.* To lead astray, to entice from rectitude or duty. **seducer**, *n.* **seduc'tion**, *n.* Act of seducing, esp. of persuading a woman to surrender her chastity; state of being seduced; an enticement, a tempting or attractive quality. **seductive**, *a.*

**sedulous** (sed'ū-lús) [*L. sēdulus*], *a.* Assiduous, persevering in business or endeavour; industrious, diligent. **sedu'lity**, **sedulousness**, *n.*

**see** (1) (sē) [*A.-S. seon*], *v.t.* (*past saw*, *p.p. seen*) To perceive by the eye; to discern, observe, look at; to understand, apprehend, have an idea of; to witness, to experience; to imagine; to call on, to receive; to escort (a person home, etc.); (*Poker, etc.*) to accept (a challenge). *v.i.* To have or exercise the power of sight; to comprehend; to inquire (into); to consider carefully; to take heed; to give attention; to make provision for; to look out. **seeing**, *conj.* Inasmuch as, since, considering (that). **seer**, *n.* One who foresees, a prophet.

**see** (2) (sē) [*O.F.*, from *L. sedēre*, to sit], *n.* The diocese or jurisdiction of a bishop or archbishop. **Holy See**: The Papacy.

**seed** (sēd) [*A.-S. sæd*], *n.* The mature fertilized ovum of a flowering plant, containing the embryo germ; (*collect.*) seeds, esp. in quantity for sowing; the germ from which anything springs, first prin-

ciple, beginning or source; (*Bibl.*) offspring, descendants. *v.t.* To sow with seed. **seed-pearl**, *n.* A small seed-like pearl. **seed-time**, *n.* The season for sowing. **seedling**, *a.* Raised from seed; *n.* A plant reared from seed. **seedy**, *a.*  
**seek** (sēk) [A.-S. *sēcan*], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* *sought*, *sawt*) To go in search of; to ask, to solicit (a thing of a person); to pursue as an object; to resort to. *v.i.* To make search or inquiry (after or for); to try (to do). **to seek**: Wanting, deficient; not found yet.

**seem** (sēm) [A.-S. *sēman*, to conciliate], *v.t.* To give the impression of being, to be apparently though not in reality; to be evident or apparent (*impers.*). **seeming**, *a.* Apparent, not real; apparent and perhaps real. *n.* Appearance, semblance, esp. when false. **seemingly**, *adv.*  
**seemly** (sēm'li) [Icel. *sæmiligr*, from *samr*, SAME], *a.* Becoming, decent; suited to the occasion. **seemliness**, *n.*

**see-saw** (sē'saw) [redupl. of SAW (1)], *n.* A game in which two persons sit one on each end of a board balanced in the middle and move alternately up and down; to act in a vacillating manner.

**seethe** (sēth) [A.-S. *sēothan*], *v.t.* (*past* *seethed*, \**sod*, *p.p.* *seethed*, \**sod*, *sodden*) To boil; to prepare by boiling or steeping. *v.i.* To be in a state of ebullition; to bubble over.

**segment** (seg'mēt) [L. *segmentum*, from *secare*, to cut], *n.* A portion cut or marked off, a section, a division, esp. one of a natural series (as of a limb between the joints, a fruit or plant organ divided by clefts, etc.).

**segregate** (seg'rē-gāt) [L. *sēgregātus*, set apart], *v.t.* To separate from others, to isolate. **segregation**, *n.*

**seine** (sān, sēn) [F., from Gr. *sagēnē*], *n.* A large fishing-net with floats at the top and weights at the bottom. *v.* To catch or fish with this.

**seise** (sēz) [SEIZE], *v.t.* (*Law*) To put in possession of (*usu. in p.p.*). **seisable**, *a.*

**seisin**, *n.* Possession of land under a freehold; act of taking possession; the thing possessed. **seisor**, *n.*

**seismic**, **seismal** (sīz'mik, -māl) [Gr. *seism-as*, earthquake], *a.* Pertaining to earthquakes. **seismograph**, *n.* An instrument for recording the period, extent, and direction of the vibrations of an earthquake. **seismol'ogy** [-LOGY], *n.* The study or science of earthquakes. **seismic** (-mot'ik), *a.* Seismic.

**seize** (sēz) [O.F. *seisir*, *saisir*, to put in possession of], *v.t.* To grasp suddenly, to snatch, to take possession of by force; to grasp mentally, to comprehend; (*Law*) to seise; to impound, confiscate. *v.i.* To lay hold (upon). **seizin** [SEISIN]. **seizure**, *n.* Act of seizing; a sudden attack, as of a disease.

**seldom** (sel'dōm) [A.-S. *seldan*], *adv.* Rarely, not often.

**select** (sé-lekt') [L. *se-*, L. *lectus*, chosen],

*a.* Chosen, picked out, choice; exclusive; more valuable. *v.t.* To choose, to pick out (the best, etc.). **selection**, *n.* Act of selecting; right or opportunity of selecting, choice; that which is selected. **selective**, *a.* **selectness**, *n.* **selector**, *n.* **selen-** [Gr. *Selēnē*, the moon], *comb. form.* Pertaining to selenium or to the moon. **selenol'ogy** [-LOGY], *n.* The branch of astronomy treating of the moon. **selenol'ogical**, *a.*

**self** (self) [A.-S.], *n.* (*pl. selves*, *selvz*) The individuality of a person or thing, as the object of reflexive consciousness or action; one's individual person, private interests, etc.; a flower of a uniform or the original wild colour. *a.* Same; unmixed (of colour); self-coloured; of one piece or the same material. **selfish**, *a.* Attentive only to one's own interests; not regarding the feelings of others; actuated by or proceeding from self-interest. **selfishly**, *adv.* **selfishness**, *n.* **selfless**, *a.* Having no regard for self, unselfish.

**self-** [prec.], *comb. form.* Expressing (1) direct or indirect reflexive action, as in *self-command*; (2) action performed independently, or without external agency, as in *self-acting*, *self-fertilization*; (3) action or relation to the self, as in *self-conscious*, *self-suspicious*; (4) uniformity, naturalness, etc., as in *self-coloured*, *self-glazed*. **self-acting** [2], *a.* Acting of itself, automatic. **self-assumed** [2], *a.* Independently assumed by oneself. **self-centred** [3], *a.* Interested solely in oneself and one's own affairs, egotistic. **self-command** [1], *n.* Self-control. **self-complacent** [1], *a.* Pleased with oneself. **self-conscious** [3], *a.* Conscious of one's actions, behaviour, situation, etc., esp. as observed by others. **self-contained** [1], *a.* Reserved, not communicative; [2] complete in itself. **self-defence** [1], *n.* The act of defending one's own person, property, or reputation. **the art of self-defence**: Boxing. **self-evident** [3], *a.* Obvious of itself, not requiring proof or demonstration. **self-help** [1], *n.* The act or practice of attaining one's ends without help from others.

**self-love** [SELF- (1), LOVE], *n.* Undue regard for oneself or one's own interests; selfishness; conceit. **self-made** [1], *a.* Successful, wealthy, etc., through one's own exertions. **self-possessed** [1], *a.* Calm, imperturbable, having presence of mind. **self-preservation** [1], *n.* Preservation of oneself from injury; the instinct impelling one to this. **self-regard** [1], *n.* Consideration or respect for oneself. **self-reliant** [3], *a.* Relying on oneself, independent of outside aid. **self-respect** [1], *n.* Due regard for one's character and position; observing a worthy standard of conduct. **self-righteous** [3], *a.* Pharisaical. **selfsame** [4], *a.* Exactly the same, absolutely identical. **self-seeker** [3], *n.* One selfishly pursuing his own interests. **self-sufficient**, **-sufficing** [3],



**a.** Capable of fulfilling one's own desires, etc., without aid; conceited, overbearing. **self-will** [3], *n.* Obstinacy. **self-willed**, *a.*

**sell** (sel) [A.-S. *sellan*], *v.t.* To dispose of (property) for money; to be a regular dealer in; to surrender or betray for a price; (*slang*) to disappoint, to cheat. *v.i.* To be a shopkeeper or dealer; to be purchased, to find purchasers. **seller**, *n.*  
**Seltzer** (selt'sér) [corr. of *Selters*, town of Nassau], *n.* An effervescing mineral water.

**selvage, selvedge** (sel'vêj) [M.Dut. *self-edge* (SELF, EDGE)], *n.* The edge of cloth woven so as not to unravel; a narrow strip of different material woven at the edge.

**semaphore** (sem'á-för) [Gr. *sēma*, sign, *pherein*, to bear], *n.* An apparatus for signalling by means of oscillating arms or flags or the arrangement of lanterns, etc.

**semblance** (sem-bláns) [O.F., from *sembler*, as *SIMULATE*], *n.* External appearance, seeming; an image.

**semen** (sē'mén) [L., seed], *n.* The fertilizing fluid of males.

**semi-** [L., *pref.* Half; partially, imperfectly. **semibreve** (sem'i-brév), *n.* (*Mus.*) A note equal to half a breve, a whole note. **semi-chorus**, *n.* One sung by only a half or portion of the choir; a chorus to be rendered thus. **semi-circle**, *n.* A half circle. **semicolon**, *n.* A punctuation mark (;) intermediate between the period and the comma. **semi-detached**, *a.* Partially detached (chiefly of houses built in pairs).

**seminal** (sem'i-nál) [L. *sēminālis*, from *SEMEN*], *a.* Pertaining to semen or reproduction; propagative.

**seminary** (sem'i-nár-i) [L. *sēminārium*, seed-plot], *n.* A place of education, a college.

**semiquaver**, *n.* (*Mus.*) A note of half the duration of a quaver.

**Semite** (sē'mít) [Heb. *Shem*, -ITE], *n.* A descendant of Shem; a member of Hebrew, Phœnician, Aramæan, Assyrian, Arab, or Abyssinian race reputed to be descended from Shem. **Semitic** (sē-mit'ik), *a.* Pertaining to the Semites or their languages. *n.* One of this group of languages.

**semitone** (sem'i-tōn) [SEMI-, TONE], *n.* (*Mus.*) An interval equal to half a major tone on the scale.

**semolina** (sem-ó-lē'ná) [It. *semolino*, fine bran, L. *simila*], *n.* The hard grains of wheat left after bolting.

**sempiternal** (sem-pi-tér-nál) [O.F. *sempiternel*, L. *sempiternus*], *a.* Everlasting, eternal.

**sempstress** [SEAM (1)].

**senary** (sē'ná-ri) [L. *senī*, six each], *a.* Containing six units; by sixes.

**senate** (sen'át) [L. *senātus*], *n.* An assembly performing legislative or administrative functions; a State council; an upper legislative house in various national

parliaments; the governing body of certain Universities; (*fig.*) any venerable deliberative or legislative body. **senator**, *n.* A member of a senate. **senatorial**, *a.*

**send** (send) [A.-S. *sendan*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. sent*) To cause to go, pass, or be transmitted to some destination; to propel, hurl, cast; to cause to befall, to grant, bestow, inflict; to bring about. *v.i.* To dispatch a messenger.

**senescent** (sē-nés'ént) [L. *senescens*], *a.* Growing old. **senescence**, *n.*

**seneschal** (sen'é-shál) [O.F., from Teut.], *n.* An officer in wealthy houses in the Middle Ages who superintended feasts and domestic ceremonies; a steward.

**senile** (sē'níl) [L. *senilis*, see foll.], *a.* Pertaining to old age. **senility** (-níl'i-tí), *n.*

**senior** (sē'nyór) [L. older, comp. of *senex*, old], *a.* Older, elder; higher in rank or service. *n.* One older or higher in rank, service, etc., than another. **seniority** (-ní-or'i-tí), *n.*

**senna** (sen'á) [Arab. *sanā*], *n.* The dried, purgative leaflets of several species of cassia.

**señor** (sen-yor') [Sp., as SENIOR], *n.* (*fem.*, -ora, -orita, -yō-ré'tá), *n.* The Spanish form of address, equivalent to Mr., Mrs., Miss, sir, madam, etc.

**sensation** (sen-sá'shún) [L., as foll.], *n.* Mental state or affection resulting from the excitation of an organ of sense; a state of excited feeling or interest; the thing or event exciting this. **sensational**, *a.* **sensationally**, *adv.* **sensationalism**, *n.* The employment of sensation methods.

**sense** (sens) [F., *sens*, L. *sensus*, feeling, from *sentire*, to feel], *n.* One of the five faculties by which sensation is received (sight, hearing, touch, taste, smell); the faculty of sensation, perception, or sensitivity; bodily feeling; intuitive comprehension, appreciation; conviction (of); sound judgment, sagacity, good mental capacity; meaning; general feeling, consensus of opinion; (*pl.*) normal command of the senses, sanity. **senseless**, *a.* **senselessness**, *n.*

**sensible** (sen'sibl) [F., as prec.], *a.* Perceptible by the senses; acting with or characterized by good sense, judicious, reasonable; having perception (of). **sensibility**, *n.* Capacity to see, feel, or receive impressions; acute susceptibility, over-sensitiveness. **sensibly**, *adv.*

**sensitive** (sen'si-tiv) [O.F., as prec.], *a.* Of or depending on the senses, sensory; readily or acutely affected by external influences; impressible, excitable. **sensitive plant**: A mimosa, the leaves of which shrink from the touch. **sensitively**, *adv.*

**sensual** (sen'sū-ál) [late L. *sensuālis*, as prec.], *a.* Pertaining to or affecting the senses, carnal as dist. from spiritual or intellectual; voluptuous, lewd. **sen'sualism**, *n.* **sensuality**, *n.* **sensualist**, *n.* **sensually**, *adv.*

**sensual** (sen'sü-ús) [as SENSE], *a.* Pertaining to or readily affected through the senses; abounding in sensible images.

**sensually**, *adv.* **sensuousness**, *n.*

**sentence** (sen'téns) [L. *sententia*, as SENSE], *n.* A series of words expressing a complete thought; a penalty (or its declaration) upon a condemned person, a verdict; a maxim, a proverb. *v.t.* To pronounce judgment on; to condemn. **sententious**, *a.* Abounding in pithy sentences or maxims; terse. **sententiously**, *adv.*

**sentient** (sen'shi-ént) [L. *sentiens*, feeling], *a.* Having the power of sense-perception; having sense of feeling. **sentence**, *n.*

**sentiment** (sen'ti-mént) [as prec.], *n.* Mental feeling; or the sum of the higher feelings excited by æsthetic, moral, or spiritual ideas; a thought, etc., of sensibility. **sentimental**, *a.* **sentimentalism**, *-tal'ity*, *n.* **sentimentalist**, *n.* **sentimentally**, *adv.*

**sentinel** (sen'ti-nél) [O.F. *sentinelle*], *n.* One who keeps watch to prevent surprise, a soldier on guard.

**sentry** (sen'tri) [as prec.], *n.* A sentinel; the duty of a sentinel.

**separate** (sep'á-rât) [L. *sēparātus*, p.p. of *sēparāre*], *v.t.* To disunite, to keep apart; to break up into parts, to disperse; to be between or the boundary of. *v.i.* To part, to be disconnected; to disperse. *a.* Disconnected, considered apart; distinct. **separability**, *n.* **separable**, *a.* **separably**, *adv.* **separately**, *adv.* **separateness**, *n.* **separation**, *n.* Act of separating or state of being separated; partial divorce. **separator**, *n.*

**sepia** (sē'pi-á) [L. and Gr.], *n.* A dark brown pigment prepared from the cuttlefish; a cuttlefish.

**sepoi** (sé'poi) [Hind. *sipāh*, army], *n.* A native soldier in the British Indian army. **sepsis** (sep'sis) [Gr., as SEPTIC], *n.* Putrefaction; infection from a festering wound, blood-poisoning.

**sept** (sept) [O.F. *septe*, var. of *secte*, SECT], *n.* A clan, a family, esp. in Ireland.

**September** (sep-tem'bér) [L., *septem*, seven], *n.* The ninth month of the year (the seventh of the ancient Roman year).

**septenary** (sep'tè-nâr-i) [L. *septēni*, seven each], *a.* Consisting of or relating to seven; by sevens; lasting seven years. *n.* A set of seven.

**septet** (sep-tet') [L. *septem*, seven], *n.* A group of seven, esp. singers, instruments, etc.; a musical composition for seven performers.

**septic** (sep'tik) [Gr. *sēptos*, rotten], *a.* Causing or tending to promote putrefaction, not aseptic. *n.* A septic substance. **septicæmia** (-sē'mi-á), *n.* Blood-poisoning caused by the absorption of putrid matter.

**septuagenarian** (sep-tū-á-jé-nâr'i-án) [L. *septuagēni*, seventy each], *n.* A person of 70 years of age, or between 69 and 80. Of such an age. **Septuagesima**, *n.*

The third Sunday before Lent (about seventy days before Easter).

**Septuagint** (sep'tū-á-jint) [L. *septuaginta*, seventy], *n.* A Greek version of the Old Testament and Apocrypha (c. 3rd cent. B.C.), traditionally made by seventy persons.

**sepulchre** (sep'ul-kér) [L. *sepulcrum* (*sepelire*, to bury)], *n.* A tomb, esp. one hewn in rock; a burial-vault. **sepulchral**, *a.* Pertaining to burial, the grave, or to monuments to the dead; dismal, funereal.

**sequel** (sē'kwél) [L. *sequi*, to follow], *n.* That which follows; a succeeding part, a continuation; the upshot, consequence (of an event, etc.).

**sequence** (sē'kwéns) [O.F., from L. *sequens*, following], *n.* Succession, the process of coming after in space, time, etc.; a consecutive series. **sequent**, **sequential**, *a.*

**sequester** (sé-kwes'tér) [L. *sequestrare*, to surrender], *v.t.* To set apart, to seclude; (*Law*) to separate (property, etc.) from the owner until some case is decided or claim paid; to confiscate. **sequesterate**, *v.t.* (*Law*) To sequester. **sequestration**, *n.* **sequestrator**, *n.*

**sequin** (sé'kwín) [It. *zecchino*, Arab. *sikka*, die], *n.* A Venetian gold coin; a disk of metal, jet, etc., used as a trimming for dresses, etc.

**seraglio** (sé-ra'lyō) [It. *serraglio*, enclosure], *n.* A walled palace, esp. that of the Sultan at Constantinople; a harem.

**seraph** (ser'áf) [Heb. *serāphim*, pl., from Arab. *sharaf*, high], *n.* (*pl.* *-aphs*, *-aphim*) An angel of the highest order. **seraphic**, *a.*

**Serb** (sərb) [Serv.], *a.* and *n.* Servian.

**scre** (sēr) [O.F. *serre*, grasp, lock], *n.* The pawl of a gun-lock holding the hammer at half or full cock.

**serenade** (ser-è-nād') [F. *sérénade*, as foll.], *n.* Music played or sung in the open at night, esp. by a lover beneath his lady's window. *v.i.* To perform a serenade.

**serene** (sé-rén') [L. *serēnus*], *a.* Calm and clear (of the sky); undisturbed. *n.* **serenely**, *adv.* Calmly, quietly, deliberately. **serenity** (sé-ren'i-ti), *n.*

**serf** (sěrf) [L. *servus*, slave], *n.* A feudal labourer attached to an estate; a slave. **serfdom**, *n.*

**serge** (sěri) [F., from L. *sērica*, silken], *n.* A strong twilled cloth, usu. of worsted.

**sergeant**, (*Law*) **serjeant** (sar'jént) [O.F. *sergant*, L. *servientem*, from *servire*, to serve], *n.* (*mil.*) A non-commissioned officer ranking next above corporal; a police-officer next below an inspector; a serjeant-at-law. **serjeant-at-law**, *n.* Formerly a member of the highest order of barristers, abolished in 1877. **sergeant-major**, *n.* The chief sergeant of a regiment, of a squadron of cavalry, or of a battery of artillery.

**serial** (sēr'i-ál) [SERI-ES, -AL], *a.* Per



taining to or consisting of a series. *n.* A serial story or publication. **serially**, *adv.* **seriatim**, *adv.* In regular order; one point, etc., after the other.

**series** (ser'ez) [L., from *serere*, to join together], *n.* (*pl. unchanged*) A number, set, or continued succession of things; a sequence, a row.

**serious** (sēr'i-ūs) [L. *serius*], *a.* Grave, sedate, not frivolous; momentous; in earnest, sincere. **serio-**, *comb. form.* **serio-comic**, *a.* Mingling the serious and the comic. **seriousness**, *n.*

**sermon** (sēr'môn) [L. *sermo*, speech, discourse], *n.* A discourse founded on a text of Scripture in exposition of doctrine or instruction in religion; a moral reflection; a serious exhortation. **sermoner**, *n.* **sermonize**, *v.*

**serous** (sēr'ūs) [SER-UM, -OUS], *a.* Pertaining to serum; thin, watery; like whey. **serosity**, *n.*

**serpent** (sēr'pēt) [F., from L. *serpens*, from *serpere*, to creep], *n.* A reptile with an elongated scaly body and no limbs, a snake; a treacherous, insinuating person; an old-fashioned wind-instrument. **serpentine**, *a.* Pertaining to or resembling a serpent; coiling, sinuous; wily, treacherous. *n.* A variegated rock susceptible of a high polish.

**serrate** (ser'at) [L. *serra*, a saw], *a.* Notched like a saw, serrated. *v.t.* (sē-rāt') To give a saw-like edge to (*usu. in p.p.*). **serration**, *n.*

**serried** (ser'ed) [F. *serré*, closed], *a.* Close-packed, in compact order (*esp. of soldiers*).

**serum** (sēr'um) [L., whey], *n.* The thin, transparent part that separates from the blood in coagulation, a constituent of milk, lymph.

**servant** (sēr'vánt) [F., serving], *n.* An employee, *esp. in a household*, a domestic; a devoted follower.

**serve** (sēr'v) [O.F. *servir*, L. *servus*, slave], *v.t.* To act as servant to, to be useful to, render service to; to be subsidiary to; to satisfy, to suffice; to perform (a function, etc.); to carry out the duties of; to treat (well, ill, etc.); to set on table; to supply (a person with); to send (a ball, etc.). *v.i.* To be employed, to perform the duties of, a function, etc.; to suffice, to avail; to be suitable; to deliver the ball in certain games.

**service** (1) (sēr'vis) [L. *servitium*], *n.* Act of serving; work done for another; a benefit conferred on some one; the state of being a servant; a department of State, etc., the organization, or the persons employed; willingness to act; use; a liturgical form or act for worship; a musical setting of this; legal delivery or publication (of a writ, summons, etc.); a set of dishes, etc., required for a meal; act of serving the ball at tennis, etc.

**service** (2) [M.E. *serves*, L. *sorbus*], *n.* The service-tree, a European tree, with small pear-like fruit.

**serviceable** (sēr'vis-ábl) [SERVICE (1) -ABLE], *a.* Able or willing to render service; useful fit for service.

**serviette** (sēr-vi-et') [F.], *n.* A table-napkin.

**serve** (sēr'vil) [as SERVANT], *a.* Pertaining to or befitting a slave; abject, cringing; dependent. **servility** (-vil'i-ti), *n.*

**servitor** (sēr'vi-tór) [L., as prec.], *n.* A male servant or attendant. **servitorship**, *n.*

**servitude** (sēr'vi-tūd) [L. *servitudo*, as prec.], *n.* The condition of a slave, bondage.

**sesame** (ses'á-mi) [Gr. *sesamon*], *n.* An E. Indian annual herb with oily seeds.

**sesqui-** [L. more by one half], *comb. form.* **sesquipedal** (ses-kwip'è-dál) [PEDAL], *a.* Measuring a foot and a half. *n.* A sesquipedalian person or thing. **sesquipedalian** (-dál'i-án), *a.* Many-syllabled (of words); given to using long words.

**session** (sesh'un) [F., from L. *sessio*, from *sedere*, to sit], *n.* The act of being assembled; a sitting or meeting of a court, council, etc., for business; the period during which such meetings are held. **sessional**, *a.*

**sestet** (ses-tet') [It. *sestetto*, L. *sextus*, sixth], *n.* (*Mus.*) A composition for six instruments or voices; the last six lines of a sonnet.

**set** (1) (set) [A.-S. *settan*, causal of *sittan*, to sit], *v.t.* To place, to put; to fix; to plant (*usu. out*); to put or station in a specified or right position, state, etc.; to dispose for use, display, etc.; to attach, join; to determine, appoint, settle; to cause to sit; to apply (oneself, etc., to), to cause (to work, etc.); to offer (an example, task, etc.); to compose (type); (*Mus.*) to adapt (words) to music; (*Naut.*) to spread (sail). *v.i.* To become solid or firm, to congeal; to take shape; to move or tend in a definite direction; to mature (of flowers, etc.); to point (of a dog); to pass below the horizon. *a.* Fixed, unyielding; determined, intent (on); stationary; prescribed; regular, in due form.

**set** (2) (set) [O.F. *sette*, var. of *sets*, sect], *n.* A number of similar or related things or persons, a group; a number of things forming a whole; a group of games counting as a unit, as in lawn-tennis; the way a dress, etc., sits; bend, bias; the act of pointing at game (by a setter). **set off**, *n.* A counterpoise, a counter-claim; an embellishment.

**settee** (sè-tē') [?], *n.* A long seat with a back; a short sofa for two.

**setter** (set'er) [SET (1)], *n.* One who or that which sets; a dog trained to point at game.

**setting** (set'ing) [SET (1), -ING], *n.* The action of one who or that which sets; the result of this; solidification; the framing in which a jewel, etc., is set; the environment of a thing, event, etc.; the music to which words are fitted.

**settle** (1) (setl) [A.-S. *setl*], *n.* A long, high-backed bench with arms.

**settle** (2) [A.-S. *setlan*], *v.t.* To place in a permanent position; to establish; to cause to become fixed; to determine; to colonize; to cause to subside; to deal with, dispose of, do for; to pay (an account); to secure property, etc. (on); to arrange, adjust (a dispute, etc.). *v.i.* To sit down, to alight; to cease from agitation, etc.; to become motionless, permanent or established, to become a colonist (in); to sink to the bottom; to become clarified; to resolve (upon); to adjust differences.

**settlement**, *n.* Act of settling; state of being settled; a subsidence; a place newly settled; a community of persons living together; the conveyance of property or creation of an estate to make provision for some person or object; the property so settled.

**settler**, *n.* A colonist; a knock-down blow, a decisive argument.

**seven** (sevn) [A.-S. *seofon*], *n.* The sum of one and six, 7 or vii. *a.* Consisting of one more than six. **seven-fold**, *a* and *adv.*

**seventeen**, *n.* The sum of seven and ten, 17 or xvii. *a.* Consisting of seven and ten. **seventeenth** *a.* and *n.* **seventh**, *a.* Coming next after the sixth. *n.* The next after the sixth; a seventh part. **seventhly**, *adv.*

**seventy** (sevn'ti) [A.-S. *seofontig*], *n.* Seven times ten, 70 or lxx. *a.* Consisting of or amounting to seven times ten. **seventieth**, *a.* and *n.*

**sever** (sev'ér) [O.F. *sevrer*, as SEPARATE], *v.t.* To part, disjoin; to divide, cleave, sunder; to keep distinct. *v.i.* To separate, part. **severable**, *a.* **severance**, *n.*

**several** (sev'er-ál) [O.F., as prec.], *a.* Separate, distinct, individual; not shared with others; consisting of a number. *n.* An indefinite number, more than two but not many. **severally**, *adv.* **severalty**, *n.* (Law) Exclusive tenure or ownership.

**severe** (sé-vér') [L. *sevērus*], *a.* Rigorous, austere, merciless; hard to endure; bitter, painful; grave, sedate; unadorned, restrained. **severely**, *adv.* **severity** (-ver'i-ti), *n.*

**sew** (sō) [A.-S. *siwian*], *v.t.* (*p.p.* sewn, **sewed**) To unite by thread worked through and through with a needle; to make, mend, attach, etc., thus.

**sewer** (sū'ér) [O.F. *seuwiere*, sluice], *n.* A channel or tunnel for carrying off drainage and liquid refuse. **sewerage**, *n.*

**sex** (seks) [F. *sexe*, L. *sexus*], *n.* The quality of being male and female; (*collect.*) men or women. **sexless**, *a.* **sexlessness**, *n.*

**sex-, sexi-** [L. *sex*, six], *comb. form.* Containing six; sixfold. **sexagenarian** (sek-sá-jé-nár'i-án) [L. *sexāgēni*, sixty each], *a.* Sixty years of age or between 59 and 70. *n.* A sexagenarian person.

**Sexagesima** (sek-sá-jes'i-má) [L., fem. of *sexāgesimus*, sixtieth from *sexāginta*, sixty], *n.* The second Sunday before Lent (about the sixtieth day before Easter).

**sextant** (sek'stánt) [L. *sextans*, from *sextus*, sixth], *n.* The sixth part of a circle; an instrument for measuring angular distances or altitudes.

**sexto** (sek'stō) [L. *sex*, SIX], *n.* A book formed by folding sheets into six leaves each. **sexto-decimo**, *n.* A book formed by folding sheets into sixteen leaves each; a sheet folded thus.

**sexton** (sek'stón) [SACRISTAN], *n.* A caretaker of a church.

**sexual** (sek'sū-ál) [as SEX], *a.* Pertaining to sex, the sexes or the distinction of sexes; pertaining to generation. **sexual-ity**, *n.* **sexually**, *adv.*

**shabby** (shāb'i) [as SCAB], *a.* Ragged, threadbare; clothed thus, mean, despicable, **shabbily**, *adv.* **shabbiness**, *n.*

**shackle** (shākl) [A.-S. *sceacu*], *n.* A fetter, handcuff; the bow of a padlock; a coupling link; (*pl.*) impediments. *v.t.* To chain, fetter; to restrain, impede, hamper.

**shad** (shād) [A.-S. *sceadda*], *n.* A deep-bodied food-fish of the herring family.

**shade** (shād) [A.-S. *sceād*], *n.* Obscurity caused by the interception of light; gloom, darkness; a secluded retreat; the darker part of a picture; a screen for protecting from light; a glass cover; a gradation of colour; (*fig.*) a small amount, something unreal or delusive; a spectre; (*pl.*) Hades. *v.t.* To shelter or screen; to obscure, to darken; to show gradations of colour or effects of light and shade; to cause to blend with another colour. **shadeless**, *a.*

**shadily**, etc. [SHADY]. **shading**, *n.* **shadow** (shād'ō) [A.-S. *sceadu*], *n.* Shade; a patch of shade; the dark figure projected on the ground, etc., by the interception of light; obscurity; shelter; something unreal; a phantom. *v.t.* To cloud; to set (forth) dimly, to adumbrate; to spy upon. **shadowy**, *a.*

**shady** (shā'di) [SHADE -Y], *a.* Sheltered from the sun; casting shade; of equivocal honesty; later. **shadily**, *adv.* **shadiness**, *n.*

**shaft** (shaft) [A.-S. *sceaft*, as SHAVE], *n.* The slender stem of a spear, arrow, etc.; anything resembling this, as a ray (of light), a dart (of lightning, ridicule, etc.); a column between the base and the capital; a large axle; a well-like excavation, as in a mine. **shafting**, *n.* A system of shafts for the transmission of power.

**shag** (shāg) [A.-S. *sceacga*], *n.* A rough coat of hair; cloth having a coarse nap; strong tobacco cut into fine shreds; the crested cormorant. **shaggy**, *a.* Rough-haired, hairy; tangled, unkempt; overgrown, scrubby, rugged.

**shagreen** (shā-grēn') [CHAGRIN], *n.* A leather with a granular surface prepared without tanning from the skins of horses, asses, sharks, etc., usu. dyed green.

**shah** (sha) [Pers.], *n.* The sovereign of Persia.

**shake** (shāk) [A.-S. *sceacan*], *v.t.* (*past* shook, shuk, *p.p.* shaken) To move forcibly or rapidly to and fro; to cause to



quiver; to shock, convulse, agitate; to brandish; to impair, to shatter; to trill. *v.i.* To move quickly to and fro or up and down, to tremble, to shiver; to make trills. *n.* Act of shaking; a jerk, shock, concussion; state of being shaken, vibration, trembling; a trill.

**shako** (shăk'ô) [*Hung. csako*], *n.* A military flat-topped cylindrical hat, with a peak in front, and a pompom, or plume.

**shaky** (shă'ki) [*SHAKE*, -Y], *a.* Liable to shake, rickety, tottering; (*fig.*) of doubtful integrity, solvency, etc. **shakily**, *adv.*

**shakiness**, *n.*

**shale** (shāl) [*G. schale*, cogn. with **SCALE** (1)], *n.* A laminated rock resembling soft slate, often containing bitumen. **shaly**, *a.*

**shall** (shāl) [*A.-S. sceal*, past of *sculan*, to owe], *v.aux.* (2nd sing. *shalt*, past and subj. *should*, shud, *shouldst*, *shouldest*) Used to express simple futurity or a conditional statement (*now only in 1st pers.*); to express a command, intention, promise, permission, etc. (*in 2nd and 3rd pers.*); to express future or conditional obligation, duty, etc., or to form a conditional antecedent clause, etc. (*in any person*).

**shalloon** (shā-loon') [*F. Châlons-sur-Marne*], *n.* A light worsted fabric used for linings, etc.

**shallop** (shāl'ôp) [*F. chaloupe*, Dut. *sloep*, sloop], *n.* A light open boat.

**shallot** (shā-lot') [*O.F. eschalote*, corr. of *Ascalon*, Palestine], *n.* A plant allied to garlic.

**shallow** (shāl'ô) [*M.E. schalowe*, perh. rel. to **SHOAL** (1)], *a.* Not having much depth; (*fig.*) superficial, trivial. *n.* A shallow place, a shoal. *v.* To become or make shallow or shallower.

**sham** (shām) [*var. of SHAME*], *v.* To feign, to pretend. *n.* An imposture, a false pretence, a fraud, *a.* Feigned, counterfeit.

**shamble** (shāmbli) [?], *v.i.* To walk in an awkward or unsteady manner. *n.* A shuffling gait. **shambling**, *a.*

**shambles** (shāmbli) [*A.-S. scamel*], *n.pl.* A slaughter-house; a meat market; (*fig.*) a place of carnage or execution.

**shame** (shām) [*A.-S. sceamu*], *n.* A painful feeling due to consciousness of guilt, degradation, humiliation, etc.; the instinct to avoid this, decency, decorum; a state of ignominy; a disgrace. *v.t.* To make ashamed; to bring shame on; to disgrace. **shamefaced**, **\*shamefast** [*A.-S. scamfast* (*FAST* (1))], *a.* Bashful, modest, retiring. **shameful**, *a.* **shamefully**, *adv.* **shameless**, *a.*

**shampoo** (shām-poo') [*Hind. chāmpnā*], *v.t.* To massage the body of after a hot bath; to wash and rub the head of. *n.* The act of shampooing.

**shamrock** (shām'rok) [*Ir. seamrog*], *n.* A trefoil forming the national emblem of Ireland.

**shandrydan** (shān'dri-dān) [?], *n.* A kind of hooded chaise; (*fig.*) a ramshackle conveyance.

**shandygaff** (shān'di-găf) [?], *n.* A mixture of beer and ginger-beer.

**shank** (shānk) [*A.-S. sceanca*], *n.* The leg from knee to ankle; the shin-bone; the part of a tool, connecting the acting part with the handle.

**shanty** (shān'ti) [?], *n.* A rude hut.

**shape** (shāp) [*A.-S. scieppan*], *v.t.* To form, to construct; to mould, to fashion; to adapt, adjust, make conform (to); to regulate. *v.t.* To take shape, come into shape; to become adapted (to). *n.* The outward form or appearance; concrete form, embodiment, realization; kind, sort; an appearance, an apparition; a pattern, a mould. **shapeable**, *a.* **shapeless**, *a.* Having no regular form; lacking in symmetry. **shapely**, *a.* Well-proportioned; having beauty or regularity. **shapeliness**, *n.*

**shard** (shard) [*A.-S. sceard*], *n.* A potsherd; the wing-case of a beetle. *v.t.* and *i.* To break or flake off.

**share** (1) (shār) [*A.-S. scearu*, from *sceran*, to shear], *n.* A part detached from a common amount; a part to which one has a right or which one is obliged to contribute, an allotted part; one of the equal parts into which the capital of a company is divided. *v.t.* To divide into portions, to apportion; to give away a portion of; to partake of, to participate in. *v.i.* To have a share (in), to participate. **sharer**, *n.*

**share** (2) (shār) [*A.-S. scear*, as prec.], *n.* A plough-share; a blade of a cultivator, etc.

**shark** (shark) [?], *n.* A large and voracious sea-fish with lateral gill openings and an inferior mouth armed with formidable teeth; (*fig.*) a rapacious person; a swindler.

**sharp** (sharp) [*A.-S. scearp*], *a.* Having a keen edge or fine point; peaked, angular, abrupt; clean-cut; acid, sour; shrill, piercing; sarcastic, severe, painful; acute, keen-witted; vigilant, penetrating; unscrupulous, dishonest; quick, brisk, impetuous; (*Phon.*) voiceless; (*Mus.*) above the true pitch, esp. a semitone higher. *adv.* Punctually; at a sharp angle; above the true pitch. *n.* (*Mus.*) A note a semitone above the true pitch; the sign (#) indicating this. *v.i.* To swindle.

**sharp-cut**, *a.* Clearly outlined, well-defined. **sharpshooter**, *n.* A skilled marksman. **sharpen**, *v.* **sharpener**, *n.* **sharper**, *n.* A swindler, a rogue. **sharply**, *adv.* **sharpness**, *n.*

**shatter** (shăt'er) [*SCATTER*], *v.t.* To break up at once into many pieces, to smash; to destroy, ruin. *v.i.* To break into fragments.

**shave** (shāv) [*A.-S. sceafan*], *v.t.* To remove hair from (the skin) with a razor; to pare thin slices off; to pass by closely, to brush past, to graze. *v.i.* To shave oneself. *n.* Act of shaving or process of being shaved; a thin slice; a narrow escape or miss. **shaving**, *n.* A thin slice pared off.

**shawl** (shawl) [*Pers. shāl*], *n.* A loose wrap for the upper part of the person.

**shawm** (shawm) [*Gr. kalamos*, reed], *n.* An ancient clarinet-like wind instrument.

**she** (shē) [A.-S. *sēo*], *pron.* (*obj. her, poss. her, hers*) The female person, animal, etc., referred to. *a.* Female (as *she-cat, she-devil*, etc.).

**sheaf** (shēf) [A.-S. *scēaf*], *n.* (*pl. -ves*) A quantity of things bound together lengthwise, esp. a bundle of wheat, oats, barley, etc.

**shear** (shēr) [A.-S. *sceran*], *v.t.* (*past sheared, p.p. shorn, sheared*) To cut with shears; to remove nap, wool, etc., by clipping; (*fig.*) to fleece. *v.i.* To use shears. *n.* (*pl.*) A large cutting-instrument like scissors. **shearer**, *n.* **shearing**, *n.* A sheep that has been once shorn.

**sheath** (shēth) [A.-S. *scæth*], *n.* A case for a blade or tool, a scabbard; (*Nat. Hist.*) an envelope investing tissue, membrane, etc. **sheathe** (shēth), *v.t.* To put into a sheath; to protect by a casing; to hide. **sheathing**, *n.* That which sheathes, esp. a metal covering for a ship's bottom.

**sheave** (shēv) [M.E. *schive*], *n.* The grooved wheel in the block or pulley over which the rope runs.

**sheben** (shé-bēn') [Ir.], *n.* An unlicensed house for the sale of excisable liquors.

**shed** (1) (shed) [A.-S. *scēadan*, to separate], *v.t.* To let fall, to drop, to spill; to throw off, diffuse. *v.i.* To cast off seed, a covering, etc. *n.* The ridge of a hill; a divide, a watershed.

**shed** (2) [SHADE], *n.* A slight building with the ends or ends and sides open; a hovel.

**sheen** (shēn) [A.-S. *scēne*], *n.* Brightness, lustre, glitter. **sheeny**, *a.*

**sheep** (shēp) [A.-S. *scēap*], *n.* (*pl. unchanged*) A gregarious ruminant animal reared for its flesh and wool; sheepskin; (*fig.*) a timid, unoriginal person. **sheepfold**, *n.* A pen for sheep. **sheep-run**, *n.* A large tract of land for pasturing sheep. **sheep's eye**, *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) A bashful or diffident look or glance. **sheepish**, *a.* Like a sheep; bashful, timid. **sheepishly**, *adv.*

**sheer** (1) (shēr) [Icel. *skærr*], *a.* Pure, simple, mere, absolute, downright; perpendicular, unbroken by a ledge or slope. *adv.* Vertically, plumb; entirely.

**sheer** (2) (shēr) [Dut. *scheren*, to shear], *v.i.* (*Naut.*) To deviate from a course. *n.* The upward curvature of a vessel toward the bow and stern.

**sheers** (shērs) [SHEAR], *n.pl.* An apparatus consisting of two masts secured at the top, for hoisting heavy weights.

**sheet** (shēt) [A.-S. *scēte*], *n.* A thin, flat, broad piece of anything; a rectangular piece of linen or cotton used on a bed; a piece of metal in a thin sheet, a piece of paper of a regular size, reckoned as the 24th of a quire; a newspaper; a broad expanse; (*Naut.*) a rope attached to the clew of a sail. *v.t.* To cover or shroud in a sheet; to form into sheets. **sheet-anchor**, [*shoot-anchor*, one to be shot out], *n.* A large anchor for use in emergencies; (*fig.*) a last refuge. **sheet-lightning**, *n.*

Lightning in wide extended flashes. **sheeting**, *n.*

**sheikh** (shēk) [Arab.], *n.* The head of a Bedouin family, clan, or tribe.

**shekel** (shek'el) [Heb. *shegel*], *n.* A Hebrew weight of nearly  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz.; a silver coin, worth about 2s. 4d.; (*pl.*) money, riches.

**sheldrake** (shel'drāk) [A.-S. *scīta*, shield, *DRAKE*], *n.* A large wild duck with vivid plumage.

**shelf** (shelf) [A.-S. *scylfe*], *n.* (*pl. -ves*) A horizontal board or slab for standing vessels, books, etc., on.

**shell** (shel) [A.-S. *scell*], *n.* A hard outside covering, as of a nut, egg, animal, etc., a husk; the framework or walls of a house, ship, etc.; an inner coffin; a hollow projectile containing a bursting-charge, missiles, etc.; (*fig.*) mere outer form or semblance. *v.t.* To strip or break off the shell from; to take out of the shell; to cover with a shell; to throw shells at, to bombard. **shellfish**, *n.* Any aquatic mollusc or crustacean having a shell. **shelly**, *a.*

**shellac** (shēl-lāk') [SHELL, LAC], *n.* Resin purified and melted into thin plates. *v.t.* To varnish with this. **shellacking**, *pres.p.*

**shelter** (shel'tēr) [A.-S. *scildtrume* (SHEILD, *truma*, hand)], *n.* Anything that shields from danger, heat, wind, etc.; security; a place of safety. *v.t.* To shield from injury, danger, etc.; to protect, to conceal, to screen. *v.i.* To take shelter (under).

**shelve** (1) (shelv) [SHELF], *v.t.* To place on a shelf; to fit with shelves; (*fig.*) to put aside, to defer indefinitely. **shelving**, *n.*

**shelve** (2) [cp. Icel. *skelgjask*, to be askew], *v.i.* To slope gradually.

**shepherd** (shép'erd) [A.-S. *scēaphyrde*, SHEEP, HERD], *n.* One who tends sheep; (*fig.*) a pastor. *v.t.* To tend as a shepherd; to gather together. **shepherdess**, *n.* **sherbet** (shēr'bét) [Pers.], *n.* An oriental cooling drink, made of diluted fruit juices.

**sheriff** (sher'if) [A.-S. *scīr-gerēfa* (SHIRE, REEVE)], *n.* The chief Crown officer of a shire.

**sherry** (sher'ī) [Xeres], *n.* A Spanish white wine from Xeres or S. Spain.

**Shetland** (shet'lánd) [islands of N.E. Scotland], *n.* A Shetland pony, a very small variety of horse with flowing mane and tail.

**shibboleth** (shib'ó-léth) [Heb.], *n.* A word used as a test (*see* Judges xii.); (*fig.*) a criterion, a watchword; discredited doctrine.

**shield** (shēld) [A.-S. *scild*], *n.* A broad piece of defensive armour to protect the body, a buckler; a screen or metal plate used as a protection in tunnelling, machinery, gun-firing, etc.; a shield-like part in an animal or a plant; an escutcheon bearing a coat of arms; (*fig.*) defence, a defender. *v.t.* To screen with a shield.

**shieling** (shē'ling), **shiel** (shēl) [Icel. *skjól*,



shelter], *n.* (*Sc.*) A hut used by shepherds, sportsmen, etc.; a cottage.

**shift** (*shift*) [*A.-S. sciftan*, to divide], *v.t.* To move from one position to another; to change (one thing) for another. *v.i.* To move or be moved about; to change place, position, form, state, etc.; to resort to expedients, to manage, contrive; to prevaricate. *n.* A change of place, form, or character; a substitution of one thing for another; a vicissitude; a change of clothing; a relay of workmen; a chemise; an expedient; a dodge, evasion. *shifty, a. shiftily, adv. shiftiness, n.*

**shillelagh** (*shi-lé'lá*) [*place in co. Wicklow, Ireland*], *n.* An oak or blackthorn cudgel.

**shilling** (*shil'ing*) [*A.-S. scilling*], *n.* A British silver coin and money of account, one-twentieth of a pound sterling.

**shilly-shally** (*shil'i-shál'i*) [*redup. of SHALL*], *v.i.* To act in an irresolute manner; to be undecided. *n.* Irresolution, hesitation, trifling.

**shimmer** (*shim'er*) [*A.-S. scymrian*], *v.i.* To emit a faint or tremulous light; to glimmer, beam, glisten faintly. *n.* A faint or tremulous light.

**shin** (*shin*) [*A.-S. scinu*], *n.* The forepart of the human leg between the ankle and knee.

**shine** (*shín*) [*A.-S. scinan*], *v.i.* (*past and p.p. shone, shon*) To emit or reflect light; to glow; to be brilliant, eminent, or animated. *v.t.* To make bright, to polish. *shiny, a. shininess, n.*

**shingle** (1) (*shingl*) [*corr. of shindle, L. scindere, to split*], *n.* A thin piece of wood used as a roof-covering.

**shingle** (2) [*Scand.*], *n.* Coarse rounded gravel on the seashore. *shingly, a.*

**shingles** (*shinglz*) [*L. cingulum, girth*], *n.pl.* A cutaneous disease which spreads like a girdle.

**shinty** (*shin'ti*) [?], *n.* A game resembling hockey.

**ship** (*ship*) [*A.-S. scip*], *n.* A large sea-going vessel, esp. one with three or more square-rigged masts. *v.t.* To put on board or to convey in a ship; to engage for service on board a ship; to fix (a rudder, etc.) in the proper place. *v.i.* To embark on a ship; to engage as a sailor.

**shipboard, n.** The deck or side of a ship.

**shipmate, n.** One who serves or sails in the same ship. **shipshape, adv.** In a seaman-like manner, in good order. *a.*

Well-arranged, trim. **shipwreck, n.** The loss of a ship, by foundering, striking a rock, etc.; (*fig.*) destruction, ruin. *v.t.*

To cause to suffer shipwreck; to ruin. *v.i.* To suffer shipwreck; to be ruined. **ship-**

**yard, n.** A place where ships are built. **shipment, n.** The act of shipping;

goods shipped, a consignment. **shipper, n.** One who ships or sends goods by

a common carrier. **shipping, a.** Pertaining to ships. *n.* The act of putting on board ship; ships collectively, esp. of a

country or port.

**-ship** [*A.-S. -scipe*], *suf.* Denoting state,

condition, the quality of being so-and-so; status, office; skill in the capacity specified; as in *friendship, judgeship, ladyship, marksmanship*.

**shire** (*shir*) [*A.-S. scīr*], *n.* An English county.

**shirk** (*shĕrk*) [?], *v.t.* To get out of unfairly. *v.i.* To avoid the performance of work or duty.

**shirt** (*shĕrt*) [*from A.-S. scyrtle, from scort, short*], *n.* A loose under-garment of linen, etc., extending from the neck to the thighs, worn by men.

**shirting, n.** Material for shirts.

**shittim** (*shit'im*) [*Heb.*], *n.* A hard wood (*prob. acacia*).

**shiver** (1) (*shiv'er*) [*dim. of prec.*], *n.* A small fragment, a sliver. To break into shivers.

**shiver** (2) [*M.E. chiveren*], *v.i.* To tremble, as with fear, cold, or excitement. *n.* An act or movement of shivering. **the shivers:** A feeling of horror. **shivery, a.**

**shoal** (1) (*shōl*) [*SHALLOW*], *a.* Shallow. *n.* A shallow, a submerged sand-bank. *v.t.* To become shallower. **shoaly, a.**

**shoal** (2) [*A.-S. scolu*], *n.* A large number, a crowd, esp. of fish moving together.

**shock** (1) (*shok*) [*O.H.G. schoe*], *n.* A violent collision of bodies, a violent onset; a sudden and violent emotion or sensation, prostration caused by such. *v.t.* To give a violent sensation of disgust, horror, or indignation to; to jar. **shocking, a.**

**shock** (2) [*Teut.*], *n.* A collection of sheaves of grain; a thick bushy mass of hair. *a.* Shaggy. *v.t.* To collect sheaves into shocks.

**shoddy** (*shod'i*) [?], *n.* Fibre obtained from old cloth torn to pieces and shredded; inferior cloth made from a mixture of this with new wool, etc.; anything inferior or sham. *a.* Made of shoddy; not genuine, trashy.

**shoe** (*shoo*) [*A.-S. scō*], *n.* An outer covering for the foot, etc., not coming up to the ankles; a metal rim or plate nailed to the hoof of a horse; anything resembling a shoe in form or function. *v.t.* (*past and p.p. shod*) To furnish (esp. a horse) with shoes.

**shoot** (*shoot*) [*A.-S. scotian, to shoot (intr.), scōtan (tr.)*], *v.i.* (*past and p.p. shot*)

To dart or rush (out, etc.) swiftly; to sprout, to extend in growth; to protrude,

jut out; to discharge a missile; to hunt game, etc., thus. *v.t.* To propel, let fly,

discharge; to cause (a weapon) to discharge a missile; to wound, kill, or hunt

thus. *n.* A young branch or sprout; an inclined plane, a chute, a rapid; a place

where rubbish can be shot; a shooting-party, or expedition. **shooting, n.** Act

of discharging fire-arms or arrows; land rented for shooting game; the right to

shoot over an estate, etc. **shooting-box, n.** A lodge for use during the shooting

season.

**shop** (*shop*) [*A.-S. sceoppa, stall*], *n.* A building in which goods are sold by retail;

a building in which a manufacture, craft, or repairing is carried on; (*fig.*) one's business, or talk about this. *v.i.* To visit shops for purchasing goods. **shop-keeper, n.** The owner of a shop, a retail tradesman. **shoplifter, n.** One who steals from a shop under pretence of purchasing. **shop-walker, n.** One employed in a large shop to direct customers, etc. **shopping, n.** **shoppy, a.**

**shore (1) (shōr) [A.-S. *scora*, from *sceran*, to SHEAR], n.** The land on the borders of the sea, a lake, etc.

**shore (2) [?], n.** A prop; a support for a building or vessel on the stocks. *v.t.* To support with shores.

**short (shōrt) [A.-S. *sceort*], a.** Not long in time or space; not tall, brief; deficient, scanty, in want (of); brief, abrupt, curt; crumbling or breaking easily; not prolonged, unaccented (of vowels and syllables); not in hand (of stocks, etc.). *adv.* Abruptly, at once; so as to be short or deficient. *n.* A short syllable, vowel, or mark ('); (*pl.*) knee-breeches. **shortcoming, n.** A failure of performance of duty, etc.; a falling short of supply, etc.

**shorthand, n.** A system of contracted writing used for reporting, etc. **short-handed, a.** Short of workmen, helpers, etc. **shorthorn, n.** One of a breed of cattle with short horns. **shortage, n.** A deficiency; the amount of this.

**shorten, v.t.** To make short in time, extent, etc.; to reduce the amount of (sail spread). *v.i.* To contract. **shortening, n.** **shortly, adv.**

**shot (1) (shot) [A.-S. as SHOOT], n.** A solid missile for a fire-arm, a bullet; the act of shooting; the distance reached by a missile, the range of a fire-arm, bow, etc.; a marksman, an attempt to guess, etc. *v.t.* (*p.p.* **shotted**) To load or weight with shot. **shot-gun, n.** A light gun for firing small-shot. **shot silk:** Silk with warp and weft of different colours.

**shot (2) (SCOT (1)), n.** A reckoning.

**shoulder (shōl'dér) [A.-S. *sculdor*], n.** The part of the body at which the arm, fore-leg, or wing is attached to the trunk; anything resembling a shoulder; (*pl.*) the upper part of the back. *v.t.* To push with the shoulder; to jostle; to take on one's shoulders. **shoulder-blade, -bone, n.** The scapula.

**shout (shout) [?], n.** A loud and sudden call of joy, triumph, or the like. *v.i.* To utter a loud cry or call; to speak at the top of one's voice. *v.t.* To utter with a shout; to say at the top of one's voice.

**shove (shūv) [A.-S. *scāfan*], v.** To push forcibly along; to push against, to jostle. *n.* A strong push.

**shovel (shūvl) [A.-S. *scoff*], n.** A wide blade with a handle for shifting loose material. *v.t.* To shift or gather together with a shovel. **shovelful, n.**

**show, shew (shō) [A.-S. *scēawian*], v.t.** (*past* and *p.p.* **shown, \*showed**) To cause or allow to be seen, to exhibit,

expose, reveal. to bestow, offer; to make clear, explain, prove. *v.i.* To become visible or noticeable, to appear; to have a specified appearance. *n.* The act of showing; outward appearance; display, parade; a spectacle, a display, entertainment, exhibition. **showman, n.** The manager or proprietor of a circus, etc. **show (1), n.** **showy, a.** **showily, adv.**

**shower (2) (shou'ér) [A.-S. *scār*], n.** A short fall of rain, hail, etc., or of bullets or other missiles; a copious supply (of). *v.t.* To discharge or deliver in a shower. *v.t.* To fall in a shower. **showery, a.**

**shrapnel (shráp'nél) [inventor], n.** Bullets enclosed in a shell with a charge for bursting and spreading.

**shred (shred) [A.-S. *scraede*], n.** A rag, a fragment, a bit. *v.t.* To tear or cut into shreds. **shreddy, a.**

**shrew (shroo) [A.-S. *scrēawa*, shrew-mouse], n.** A bad-tempered, scolding woman, a virago; a shrew-mouse. **shrew-mouse, n.** A small nocturnal insectivorous mammal. **shrewish, a.**

**shrewd (shrood) [M.E. *schrewed*, cursed, as *prec.*], a.** Astute, discerning. **shrewdly, adv.**

**shriek (shrēk) [SCREECH], v.i.** To utter a sharp, inarticulate cry; to scream, to screech, as in a sudden fright. *v.t.* To utter with a shriek. *n.* A sharp, shrill, inarticulate cry.

**shrievalty (shrē'vāl-ti) [SHERIFF, -ALTY, as in COMMONALTY], n.** The office or jurisdiction of a sheriff; the tenure of this.

**shrift (shrift) [A.-S. *scrift*], n.** Confession to a priest; absolution.

**shrike (shrik) [A.-S. *scrīc*], n.** A bird feeding on insects and small birds; the butcher bird.

**shrill (shril) [Teut.], a.** High-pitched and piercing in tone, sharp; importunate. **shrilly, adv.**

**shrimp (shrimp) [A.-S.], n.** A slender long-tailed edible crustacean; a dwarfish person.

**shrine (shrin) [A.-S. *scrin*], n.** A casket in which sacred relics were deposited; a tomb, altar, etc., of special sanctity; a place hallowed by its associations.

**shrink (shrink) [A.-S. *scrincan*], v.i.** (*past* **shrank, p.p.** **shrunk, part.a.** **shrunk**) To grow smaller, to shrivel; to give way; to flinch. *v.t.* To make smaller. **shrinkage, n.** **shrinkingly, adv.**

**shrive (shriv) [A.-S. *scrifan*, from *L. scribere*, to write], v.t.** (*\*past* **shrove, \*p.p.** **shriven**) To receive the confession of, impose penance on, and absolve; to confess (oneself) and receive absolution.

**shrivel (shrivl) [Scand.], v.** To contract, wither, become wrinkled.

**shroud (shroud) [A.-S. *scrād*], n.** A winding sheet; anything that covers or conceals; (*pl.*) ropes extending from the lower mast-heads to the ship's sides to steady the masts.

**Shrovetide (shrōv'tid), n.** The period



before Lent. **Shrove Tuesday**: The day before Ash Wednesday.

**shrub** (1) (shrüb) [Arab. *sharāb*], *n.* A drink composed of sweetened fruit-juice with spirit.

**shrub** (2) [A.-S. *scrybb*], *n.* A woody plant smaller than a tree with branches proceeding directly from the ground. **shrubbery**, *n.* A plantation of shrubs. **shrubby**, *a.*

**shrug** (shrug) [Scand.], *v.* To draw up (the shoulders) to express dislike, doubt, etc. *n.* This gesture.

**shudder** (shūd'ér) [Teut.], *v.i.* To shiver suddenly as with fear; to quake. *n.* A sudden shiver or trembling.

**shuffle** (shūfl) [SCUFFLE], *v.t.* To shift to and fro or from one to another; to mix (up); to throw into disorder; to put aside, to throw (off or on). *v.i.* To change the relative positions of cards in a pack; to prevaricate; to move with a dragging gait. *n.* The act of shuffling; a general change of position; a prevarication. **shuffler**, *n.* **shufflingly**, *adv.*

**shun** (shūn) [A.-S. *scunian*], *v.t.* To avoid, eschew, keep clear of.

**shunt** (shūnt) [M.E. *shunten*, A.-S. *scyndan*, to hasten], *v.t.* To turn (a train) on to a side track. *v.i.* To turn off on to a side track (of a train, etc.). **shunter**, *n.*

**shut** (shūt) [A.-S. *scyttan*], *v.t.* To close by means of a door, lid, cover, etc.; to bar (out), to keep from entering or participating in. *v.i.* To become closed; to come together (of teeth, scissor-blades, etc.). **shutter**, *n.* A cover for fastening over a window to exclude light, burglars, etc.; a device for cutting off light to a photographic lens.

**shuttle** (shūtl) [A.-S. *scytte*], *n.* A contrivance used by weavers for passing the thread of the weft between the threads of the warp; the sliding holder carrying the lower thread in a sewing-machine. **shuttlecock**, *n.* A cork stuck with feathers which is struck to and fro in the game of battledore and shuttlecock.

**shy** (1) (shī) [A.-S. *scēoh*], *a.* Timid; bashful, coy; cautious, suspicious; watchful (of); elusive. *v.i.* To start aside suddenly (of a horse). *n.* The act of shying. **shyly**, *adv.*

**shy** (2) [?], *v.* To fling, to throw. *n.* The act of shying.

**Siamese** (sī-ā-mēz') [-ESE], *a.* Pertaining to Siam. *n.* A native of Siam; the language.

**sibilant** (sib'i-lánt) [L. *sibilans*, hissing], *a.* Hissing. *n.* A letter with a hissing sound, as *s* or *z*. **sibilate**, *v.* **sibilation**, *n.*

**sibyl** (sib'il) [Gr. *Sibulla*], *n.* A prophetess, a sorceress; a gipsy, an old hag. **sibylline** (si-bil'in), *a.* Pertaining to a sibyl; prophetic, oracular, mysterious.

**sic** (sik) [L.], *adv.* Thus, so (after a doubtful word to indicate that it is quoted exactly).

**siccative** (sik'ā-tiv) [late L. *siccātivus*, from

L. *siccāre*, to dry, from *siccus*, dry], *a.* Drying, causing to dry.

**sick** (sik) [A.-S. *sēc*], *a.* Ill, in bad health; inclined to vomit; feeling disturbed, pining (for, etc.); **sicken**, *v.i.* To grow ill, to show symptoms of illness. *v.t.* To make sick; to affect with nausea. **sickening**, *a.* **sickly**, *a.* Habitually indisposed, invalid; languid, weakly-looking; mawkish. *adv.* In a sick manner. **sickness**, *n.*

**sickle** (sikl) [A.-S. *sicol*], *n.* A long curved blade on a short handle, for reaping, topping, etc.; a reaping-hook.

**side** (sid) [A.-S. *side*], *n.* A bounding surface or line, as of a building, room, natural object, etc., esp. dist. from the top and bottom, or the ends; the part to left or right; direction right or left in relation to a person or thing; one of two opposing parties, views, or causes. *v.i.* To put oneself on the side of. *a.* Situated at or on the side; being from or towards the side, oblique, indirect. **side-arms**, *n.pl.* Weapons as swords or bayonets carried at the side. **side-light**, *n.* Light admitted from the side; an incidental illustration (of a subject, etc.). **side-track**, *v.t.* To shunt; (*fig.*) to shelve, to defer indefinitely. **sidelong**, *adv.* Obliquely; laterally. *a.* Oblique. **sideways**, *adv.* **siding**, *n.* The act of taking sides; a short line of metals beside a railway line used for shunting, and joining this at one end.

**sidereal** (sī-dēr'i-ál) [L. *sidus-deris*, star], *a.* Pertaining to the stars; starry.

**side** (sidl) [SIDE, -LING], *v.i.* To go or move sideways.

**siege** (sēj) [O.F. ult. from L. *sedes*, seat], *n.* The process of besieging or the state of being besieged; the operations to compel a fortified place to surrender. **siege-train**, *n.* Artillery, etc., carried by an army for siege purposes.

**sienna** (si-en'á) [(earth of) *Siena*], *n.* A brownish-yellow pigment composed of a native clay coloured with iron and manganese.

**sierra** (si-er'á) [Sp., from L. *serra*, saw], *n.* A long serrated mountain-chain.

**siesta** (si-es'tá) [Sp., from L. *sexta hora*, sixth hour], *n.* A short midday sleep.

**sieve** (siv) [A.-S. *sife*], *n.* An instrument for separating the finer particles of substances from the coarser by means of meshes through which the former pass.

**sift** (sift) [A.-S. *sifian*], *v.t.* To separate into finer and coarser particles with a sieve; to sprinkle (flour, etc.) as with a sieve; to examine minutely.

**sigh** (sī) [A.-S. *sican*], *v.i.* To draw a deep, long respiration, as in grief, etc.; to yearn (for). *n.* The act or sound of sighing.

**sight** (stt) [A.-S. *gesihth*], *n.* The faculty or act of seeing; range of vision; point of view, estimation; visibility; a display, a show; a strange object; a device on a fire-arm, etc., enabling one to direct it accurately. *v.t.* To get sight of, to spy; to adjust the sights of; to aim by means of sights. **sightless**, *a.* Wanting sight,

blind. **sightly**, *a.* Pleasing to the eye, not unsightly.

**sign** (sɪn) [L. *signum*], *n.* A mark expressing a particular meaning; a symbol; a symptom or proof (of); a secret formula, a gesture by which confederates recognize each other; a device displayed as a token of a trade, esp. by inn-keepers; one of twelve ancient divisions of the zodiac. *v.t.* To mark with a sign or signature, initials. *v.i.* To write one's name as signature. **signpost**, *n.* A mark of direction at cross-roads, etc.; a post supporting a sign.

**signal** (sig'nál) [F., as foll], *n.* A sign conveying information, esp. to persons at a distance. *v.t.* To convey by signals. *v.i.* To make signals. *a.* Distinguished from the rest, noteworthy. **signal-box**, *n.* A room or hut from which railway signals are operated. **signalize**, *v.t.* To make remarkable.

**signature** (sig'ná-chûr) [F., from L. *signāre*, to sign], *n.* The name, initials, or mark of a person written with his own hand; a distinguishing letter or number at the bottom of the first page of each sheet of a book; a significant mark, sign, or stamp. **signatory**, *a.* Bound by signature. *n.* One who signs, esp. as representing a State.

**signet** (sig'nét) [F., dim of *signe*, SIGN], *n.* A small seal. **signet-ring**, *n.* A finger-ring set with a seal.

**signify** (sig'ni-fi) [SIGN, -FY], *v.t.* To make known, to communicate, announce; to be a sign of, to denote; to matter. *v.i.* To be of consequence. **significance**, **-icancy**, *n.* The quality of being significant, expressiveness; real import; moment, consequence. **significant**, *a.*

**signor** (sē'nyör), **-nora** (-nyör'á), **-norina** (-nyó-ré'ná) [It., as SENIOR], *n.* Titles corresponding to sir, madam, Mr., Mrs., and Miss.

**silence** (sil'ens) [L. *silentium*], *n.* The state of being silent, taciturnity, stillness; secrecy; absence of mention, oblivion. *v.t.* To make silent, esp. by conclusively refuting; to stop from sounding; to compel to cease firing. **silencer**, *n.* A device for reducing or muffling noise. **silent**, *a.* Not making any sound, noiseless, still; not pronounced (of a letter). **silently**, *adv.*

**silex** (sil'leks) [L., flint], *n.* Flint; silica. **silhouette** (sil-u-et') [Étienne de *Silhouette* (1709-67)], *n.* A portrait in profile in black on a white ground; an outline as seen against the light or as a shadow.

**silica** (sil'i-ká) [as SILEX], *n.* A hard, crystalline silicon dioxide, occurring in sand, flint, quartz, etc. **silicate**, *n.* A salt of silicic acid. **siliceous** (-lish'ús), **silicic** (-lis'ik), *a.* **silici-**, **silico-**, *comb. form.* **sil'icon**, *n.* A non-metallic element next to oxygen the most abundant of the elements.

**silk** (silk) [A.-S. *seolc*], *n.* A fine, soft, glossy fibre spun by the larvæ of certain moths and by some spiders; cloth made

of silk; garments made of this. *a.* Made of silk, silken. **silkworm**, *n.* The larva of *Bombyx mori* which encloses its chrysalis in a cocoon of silk. **silken**, *a.* **silky**, *a.* Like silk, glossy; silken.

**sill** (sil) [A.-S. *syll*], *n.* A block forming a basis or foundation, esp. a slab of timber or stone at the foot of a door or window.

**sillabub** (sil'á-büb) [?], *n.* A dish of wine or cider mixed with cream.

**silly** (sil'i) [A.-S. *sōlig*, fortunate], *a.* Foolish, weak-minded; unwise, imprudent; imbecile. **sillily**, *adv.* **silliness**, *n.*

**silt** (silt) [M.G. *silte*, Norw. *sylta*, salt-marsh], *n.* Fine sediment deposited by water. *v.t.* To choke with silt.

**silver** (sil'vēr) [A.-S. *seolfor*], *n.* A precious metal of a lustrous white colour; utensils made of this; silver coin. *a.* Made of or resembling silver; soft and clear in tone. *v.t.* To coat with silver or with tin-foil amalgamated with quicksilver; to give a silvery lustre to. **silver fir**: A tall species of fir with silvery bark. **silver-gilt**, *a.* Silverware gilded. **silver plate**: Silverware. **silver-side**, *n.* The upper and choicer part of a round of beef. **silverware**, *n.* Articles of silver, esp. table utensils. **silvery**, *a.*

**Simia** (sim'i-á) [L., ape], *n.* (*pl.* -miæ). A genus of anthropoid apes containing the orang-utan. **simian**, *a.* and *n.* **simioid**, *a.*

**similar** (sim'i-lár) [L. *similis*, like], *a.* Like resembling (each other); alike; (*Geom.*) made up of the same number of parts arranged in the same manner. **similar'ity**, *n.* **similarly**, *adv.* **simile** (sim'i-li), *n.* A comparison of two things which have some strong point of resemblance, esp. a poetical figure. **simil'itude**, *n.* Likeness, outward appearance; comparison, metaphor, counterpart.

**simmer** (sim'er) [?], *v.i.* To boil gently; to be just below boiling-point.

**simnel** (sim'nél) [O.F. *simenel*, from L. *simila*, the finest wheat flour], *n.* A rich cake eaten on Mid-Lent Sunday, Easter, and Christmas Day.

**simony** (sím'ó-ni) [*Simon* Magus (Acts viii. 18)], *n.* The buying or selling of ecclesiastical preferment.

**simoom** (si-moom') [Arab. *samūm*], *n.* A hot dry wind of Arabia and N. Africa.

**simper** (sim'pēr) [Scand.], *v.i.* To smile in an affected manner. *n.* An affected smile or smirk.

**simple** (simpl) [L. *simplex*, onefold], *a.* Consisting of only one thing; not subdivided, elementary; not complex, elaborate, adorned, or sumptuous; plain, of low degree; trifling; unaffected, artless, sincere; clear; silly, ignorant; mere. *n.* Something not mixed; a medicinal herb or a medicine made from it. **simpleton**, *n.* A silly, gullible, or feeble-minded person. **simplicity** (-plis'i-ti), *n.* **sim'plify**, *v.t.* To make simple or simpler. **simplifica'tion**, *n.* **simply**, *adv.*

**simulacrum** (sim-ū-lā-krum) [L., as foll.]



- (*pl.* -*cra*). An image; a mere pretence, a sham.
- simulate** (sim'ū-lāt) [*L. simulātus*, *p.p.* of *simulāre*, from *similis*, similar], *v.t.* To assume the likeness of; to counterfeit, to put on, to mimic. **simulation**, *n.* **simulative**, *a.* **simulator**, *n.*
- simultaneous** (sim-ul-tā'nē-ūs) [*L. simul*, together, *ANEŌUS*], *a.* Happening or done at the same time. **simultaneously**, *adv.*
- sin** (sin) [*A.-S. synn*], *n.* Transgression of duty, morality, or the law of God; wickedness, a transgression. *v.i.* To commit sin; to offend (against). **sinful**, *a.* **sinfully**, *adv.* **sinfulness**, *n.* **sinner**, *n.*
- sinapism** (sin'a-pizm) [*Gr. sinēpi*, mustard], *n.* A mustard plaster.
- since** (siŋs) (*M.E. euhens*, *A.-S. siththan*), *adv.* After or from a time specified or implied till now, at some time after such a time and before now; before now, *ago*. *prep.* From the time of; throughout the time after. *conj.* From the time that or when, inasmuch as; because.
- sincere** (sin-sēr') [*L. sincerus*], *a.* Being in reality as in appearance; not feigned, honest, frank. **sincerity** (-ser'i-ti), *n.*
- sinciput** (sin'si-pūt) [*L. SEMI-*, *caput*, head], *n.* The upper part of the head.
- sine** (sin) [*L. sinus*, curve], *n.* (*Trig.*) The straight line drawn from one extremity of an arc perpendicular to the diameter passing through the other extremity.
- sinecure** (si'nē-kūr) [*L. sine cura*, without care], *n.* Any paid office with few or no duties attached.
- sinew** (sin'ū) [*A.-S. sinu*], *n.* A tendon, a fibrous cord connecting muscle and bone; (*pl.*) muscles, strength. **sinewy**, *a.*
- sing** (sing) [*A.-S. singan*], *v.i.* (*past sang*, *p.p sung*) To utter words in a tuneful manner, to make vocal melody; to emit sweet sounds, to compose poetry. *v.t.* To utter in a tuneful melodious manner; to celebrate in verse, to accompany, greet, acclaim, etc., with singing.
- singe** (sinj) [*A.-S. sengan*], *v.t.* To burn slightly, to burn the surface or tips of, to scorch. *n.* A slight burn.
- single** (singl) [*L. singulū*, one by one], *a.* Consisting of one only; individual, separate, unaided, unmarried; not compound or complicated. *n.* A single round, game, a hit for one run, etc. *v.t.* To pick out from among others. **single-handed**, *a.* Done without assistance. *adv.* Without assistance. **single-minded**, *a.* Free from duplicity. **single-stick**, *n.* A long stick for fencing.
- singlet** (sing'glēt), *n.* An under-shirt, a vest. **singly**, *adv.*
- singsong** (sing'song) [*SING*, *SONG*], *a.* Sung, recited, etc., monotonously. *n.* Monotonous cadence or rhythm; an impromptu concert.
- singular** (sing'gū-lār) [*L. singulāris*, as *SINGLE*], *a.* Single, standing alone, strange, remarkable, distinguished; peculiar, odd; (*Gram.*) denoting or referring to one only.
- n.* The singular number. **singular'ity**, *n.* **singularly**, *adv.*
- sinister** (sin'is-tēr) [*L., left*], *a.* (*Her.*) On the left side (of a shield, etc.), the side to the right of the observer; inauspicious; ill-looking, malignant.
- sink** (sink) [*A.-S. sīncan*], *v.t.* (*past sank*, *p.p. sunk*, *part.a. sunken*) To descend, to fall gradually; to disappear below the surface or the horizon; to decline to a lower level of health, morals, etc.; to droop, despond; to become shrunken or hollow. *v.i.* To cause to sink; to submerge, to send below the surface; to excavate. *n.* A basin or trough for receiving waste water, etc.; a receptacle for filth (*usu. fig.*). **sinker**, *n.* One who or that which sinks; a weight used to sink a fishing-line, net, etc. **sinking-fund**, *n.* A fund set aside for the reduction of a public debt.
- Sinn Fein** (shin-fān') [*Gael., ourselves*], *n.* An Irish national party formed in 1905 by the coalescence of the Irish separatist organizations. **Sinn Feiner**, *n.* A member of Sinn Fein.
- sinology** (si-nol'ō-jī) [*Gr. Sinæ, -LOGY*], *n.* Knowledge of the Chinese language, literature, etc. **sinol'ogist**, **sin'ologue**, *n.*
- sinate** (sin'ū-at) [*L. sinuātus*, curved], *a.* Bending, winding in and out. **sin'uous**, *a.* Bending in and out; winding.
- sinus** (si'nūs) [*L., a curve*], *n.* A cavity, esp. in bone or tissue.
- sip** (sip) [*A.-S. sypian*], *v.* To drink in small quantities. *n.* A very small draught of liquid. **sippet**, *n.* A small piece of toast or bread served with soup, mince, etc.
- siphon** (si'fōn) [*Gr. siphōn*, pipe], *n.* A curved tube having one branch longer than the other, used for conveying liquid over the edge of a cask, etc.; a siphon-bottle. *v.* To convey or flow by a siphon.
- sir** (sēr) [*SIRE*], *n.* A term of courteous or formal address to a man; a title prefixed to the names of baronets and knights.
- sirdar** (sēr'dar) [*Hind*], *n.* (*E.Ind.*) A chieftain; (*Egypt*) the commander-in-chief of the army.
- sire** (sir) [*O.F., L. SENIOR*], *n.* A title used in addressing a king; a father; the male parent of a beast.
- siren** (si'rēn) [*L. Gr. setrēn*], *n.* (*Gr. Myth.*) A sea-nymph, half-woman and half-bird, who lured sailors to shipwreck by singing; a seductive woman; a sweet singer; an apparatus for producing a loud sound from steam or compressed air. *a.* Bewitching, fascinating.
- sirlain** (sēr'lain) [*O.F., sur, over, longe, loin*], *n.* The upper part of the loin of beef.
- sirocco** (si-rok'ō) [*It., Arab. sharg*, east], *n.* A hot oppressive wind blowing from northern Africa.
- sirrah** (sir'ā) [*as SIRE*], *n.* Sir (in anger or contempt).
- siskin** (sis'kin) [*Teut.*], *n.* A small migratory song-bird allied to the goldfinch.
- sister** (sis'tēr) [*A.-S. sweoster*], *n.* A

- female born of the same parents as another; a female member of the same society, community, etc., esp. of a religious community; a qualified sick-nurse.
- sister-in-law**, *n.* A husband's or wife's sister; a brother's wife. **sisterhood**, *n.* The state of being a sister; a community of women. **sisterlike**, *-ly*, *a.*
- sit** (sit) [A.-S. *sittan*], *v.i.* To set oneself or be in a resting posture on the buttocks; to be in a resting posture (of birds and beasts); to cover eggs, to brood; to be situated; to fit (of clothes); to pose (for one's portrait); to hold a session to occupy a seat on a deliberative body, in judgment, etc., to encamp (before). *v.t.* To set, to place (oneself) in a seat, to hold a sitting position on (a horse, etc.). **sitting**, *a.* and *n.* The action of the verb; a session; the time one sits; a seat in a church; a clutch of eggs for hatching. **sitting-room**, *n.* A parlour; room or space for persons sitting.
- sit** (sit) [L. *situs*], *n.* Situation; ground on which a building stands, has stood, or will stand.
- situated**, \***situate** (sit'fū-ā-tēd, -āt) [late L. *situatus*, located], *a.* Placed or being in a specified situation, condition, or relation. **situation**, *n.* The place in which something is situated; position of affairs, esp. a critical juncture; a paid office, esp. of a domestic servant.
- sitz-bath** (sits'bath) [G. *sitzen*, to sit, BATH], *n.* A bath in which one sits; a bath taken thus.
- six** (siks) [A.-S.], *a.* One more than five. *n.* This number, the symbol representing it, 6, vi. **sixain**, *n.* A six-line stanza. **sixfold**, *a.* and *adv.* **sixpence**, *n.* An English silver coin of the value of six pennies. **sixpenny**, *a.* Worth or priced at sixpence. **sixshooter**, *n.* A six-chambered revolver. **sixteen**, *a.* Consisting of six and ten. *n.* This number, the symbol representing it, 16, xvi. **sixteenmo**, *n.* Sextodecimo. **sixteenth**, *a.* and *n.* **sixth**, *a.* Next in order after the fifth; being one of six equal parts. *n.* A sixth part; the sixth form in a school. **sixthly**, *adv.* **sixty**, *a.* Ten times six. *n.* This number, the symbol representing it, 60, lx. **six'tieth**, *a.* and *n.*
- sizar** (sī'zār) [SIZE (1), -ER], *n.* A student at Cambridge University or Trinity College, Dublin, who pays reduced fees.
- size** (1) (siz) [ASSIZE], *n.* Measurement, extent; a standard grade of garments and other things according to relative dimensions. *v.t.* To arrange according to size; to cut to a required size. **sized**, *a.* (*usu. in comb. as small-sized*).
- size** (2) [It. *sisa*], *n.* A gelatinous solution used to glaze surfaces, stiffen fabrics, etc. *v.t.* To treat with size. **sizy**, *a.* **siziness**, *n.*
- sizzle** (sizl) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a hissing noise as of frying.
- skate** (1) (skāt) [Icel. *skata*], *n.* A fish with a long, pointed snout.
- skate** (2) [Dut. *schaats*], *n.* A steel blade or runner attached under the boot to enable one to glide over ice. *v.i.* To move over ice, etc., on skates.
- skeln** (skān) [O.F. *escaigne*], *n.* A quantity of yarn, etc., wound in a coil, folded over, and knotted.
- skeleton** (skel'ə-tōn) [Gr., a mummy], *n.* The supporting or protective framework of an animal or vegetable body, comprising bones, cartilage, shell, and other rigid parts; the supporting framework of any structure; the nucleus (of an organization); an outline or rough draft.
- skep** (skep) [Icel. *skeppa*], *n.* A basket of wicker, wood, etc.; a straw or wicker beehive.
- skerry** (sker'i) [Icel. *sker*], *n.* A rocky islet.
- sketch** (skech) [Gr. *schēdios*, off-hand], *n.* A rough, unfinished, or tentative delineation; a preliminary study, an outline; a play, or literary or musical composition, etc., of a slight character. *v.t.* To make a sketch of, to present in outline. *v.i.* To make a sketch or sketches. **sketchy**, *a.* **sketchily**, *adv.*
- skewbald** (skū'bald), *a.* Piebald with white and another colour than black.
- skewer** (skū'ēr) [var. of obs. *skiver*, SHIVER (1)], *n.* A pin for holding meat together. *v.t.* To fasten or pierce with a skewer.
- ski** (shē) [Norw.], *n.* (*pl.* skis) A long narrow snow-shoe. *v.i.* To progress on skis. **ski-ing**, *pres.p.*
- skiagraphy** (ski-āg'rā-fī) [Gr. *skia*, shadow, -GRAPHY], *n.* The art of drawing objects with correct shading; a photograph by Röntgen rays. **skiagraph**, *n.* A photograph by Röntgen rays.
- skid** (skid) [?], *n.* A drag or other device acting as a brake; a slip on muddy ground. *v.t.* To check or brake with a skid. *v.i.* (of wheels or vehicles) To slip sideways; to revolve rapidly without progressing.
- skiff** (skif) [F. *esquif*], *n.* A small light boat.
- skill** (skil) [Icel. *skil*, discernment], *n.* Familiar knowledge of any art or science combined with dexterity; expertness. **skillful**, *a.* **skilled**, *a.*
- skillet** (skil'ēt) [O.F. *escuellette*, as SCUTTLE (1)], *n.* A metal pan or kettle, with a long handle, for boiling water, etc.
- skilly**, **skilligalee** (skil'i, -gā-lē') [?], *n.* Thin broth or gruel.
- skim** (skim) [SCUM], *v.t.* To clear or take the scum, cream, etc., from the surface of a liquid; to touch lightly or nearly touch; to read superficially. *v.i.* To pass lightly and rapidly over or along a surface. **skim-milk**, *n.* Milk from which the cream has been skimmed.
- skimp** (skimp) [Scand.], *v.t.* To stint (a person, provisions, etc.). *v.i.* To be stingy.
- skin** (skin) [Icel. *skinn*], *n.* The natural outer covering of an animal body; the hide; the outer layer of a fruit, etc. *v.t.* To strip the skin from, to flay, to peel.



**skinny**, *a.* Consisting only of skin, very lean.

**skip** (skip) [Scand.], *v.t.* To move about by shifting rapidly from one foot to another; to gambol; to pass rapidly from one thing to another; to make omissions. *n.* A light leap or spring, esp. from one foot to the other.

**skipper** (skip'ér) [Dut. *schipper* (*schip*, ship, -ER)], *n.* The master of a merchant vessel.

**skirl** (skèrl) [Sc., shrill], *v.t.* To make a shrill noise like that of the bagpipes; to shriek.

**skirmish** (skèr'mish) [O.F. *eskermis*, to fence], *n.* A fight between small parties; a desultory combat; a light contest. *v.t.* To fight in a slight, desultory, or preliminary way.

**skirt** (skèrt) [Icel. *skyrtá*, shirt], *n.* The part of a garment hanging below the waist; a woman's outer garment like a petticoat; a border, margin; (*pl.*) the outer parts. *v.t.* To lie or go along or by the edge of; to border. *v.t.* To lie on the border or outskirts.

**skit** (skit) [?], *n.* A lampoon, burlesque.

**skittish** (skit'ish) [?], *a.* Easily frightened (of horses); capricious, coquettish, lively.

**skittle** (skitl) [Dan. *skyttel*], *n.* One of the pins thrown at in ninepins; (*pl.*) the game of ninepins.

**skua** (skü'á) [Scand., dusky], *n.* A dark-coloured predatory sea-bird.

**skulk** (skülk) [Dan.], *v.i.* To lurk; to lie concealed, to move about furtively; to sneak away. **skulker**, *n.*

**skull** (skül) [M.E. *skulle*, cogn. with SCALE (2)], *n.* The bony case enclosing the brain, the cranium. **skull-cap**, *n.* A brimless cap fitting closely to the head.

**skunk** (skünk) [Algonkin *segongwa*], *n.* A N. American weasel which when irritated ejects a fetid secretion; (*fig.*) a low fellow.

**sky** (ski) [Icel.], *n.* The apparent vault of heaven, the upper region of the atmosphere; a climate; (*pl.*) the celestial regions. **sky-high**, *a.* or *adv.* Very high. **sky-lark**, *n.* A lark that flies singing high into the air. *v.t.* (*slang*) To lark, to play practical jokes, etc. **skylight**, *n.* A window set in a roof. **skyeey**, *a.* skyward, *a.* and *adv.*

**slab** (släb) [?], *n.* A thin, flat, regularly-shaped piece of anything.

**slack** (släk) [A.-S. *slæac*], *a.* Not drawn tight; limp, careless, not zealous, eager, or active. *adv.* In a slack manner; insufficiently. *n.* The part of a rope that hangs loose; small coal; (*pl.*) overall trousers. *v.* To slacken. **slack-water**, *n.* The interval between the flux and the reflux of the tide. **slacken**, *v.i.* To become slack; **slacken**, *n.*

**slag** (släg) [Scand.], *n.* The dross separated in the reduction of ores; volcanic scoria. **slaggy**, *a.*

**slake** (släk) [A.-S. *slacian*], *v.t.* To quench, satisfy, appease; to mix (lime) with water.

**slam** (släm) [imit.], *v.t.* To shut suddenly

with a loud noise; to put (a thing down) thus; (*whist*, etc.) to beat by winning every trick. *n.* A noise as of the violent shutting of a door.

**slander** (slan'dér) [O.F. *esclander*, as SCANDAL], *n.* A false report maliciously uttered; defamation. *v.t.* To defame falsely. **slanderer**, *n.* **slanderous**, *a.*

**slang** (släng) [prob. Norw. *sleng*, slinging], *n.* Words or language used colloquially but not regarded as correct English; the special language of a class, jargon. *v.t.* To use slang to; to abuse. **slangy**, *a.*

**slant** (slant) [?], *v.t.* To slope; to incline from the vertical or horizontal. *v.t.* To cause to slant. *a.* Sloping, oblique. *n.* A slope; inclination from the vertical or horizontal.

**slap** (släp) [imit.], *v.t.* To strike with the open hand, to smack. *n.* Such a blow. *adv.* Suddenly, plump, bang.

**slash** (släsh) [O.F. *esclachter*], *v.t.* To cut by striking violently at random; to make gashes in, to slit. *v.t.* To strike (at) violently and at random with a knife, sword, etc.; to lash (out at). *n.* A long cut, slit, or incision; a slashing out.

**slat** (slät) [?], *n.* A thin narrow strip of wood, used in Venetian blinds, crates, etc.

**slate** (slät) [O.F. *esclat*, from *esclater*, to break to pieces], *n.* A fine-grained laminated rock easily splitting into thin slabs;

a piece of this for use as a roofing-tile, writing-tablet, etc. *v.t.* To cover or roof with slates; to criticize savagely, to abuse, to berate. **slaty**, *a.*

**slattern** (slät'érn) [obs. *slatter*, to be untidy], *n.* An untidy or sluttish woman. **slatternly**, *a.*

**slaughter** (slaw'tér) [Icel. *slátr*, cogn. with SLAY], *n.* Wholesale or indiscriminate killing, carnage; the killing of beasts for market. *v.t.* To kill wantonly, to massacre; to kill for the market.

**Slav** (slav, släv) [L. *Slavus*, *Slavus*, or Gr. *sklabos*, *sklabēnos*, from Slavonic], *n.* One of an Aryan race comprising the Russians, Poles, Serbo-Croatians, Bulgarians, Slovenes, etc. *a.* Slavonic. **Slavic**, *a.* Slavonic; the Slavonic language. **Slavonian**, *a.* Pertaining to the Slav race. *n.* The Slav language; a member of the Slav race. **Slavonic**, *a.* and *n.*

**slave** (släv) [L. *slavus*, a SLAV captive], *n.* One who is the property of another; one entirely under the influence (of) or a helpless victim (to); a drudge; a mean, abject person. *v.t.* To toll like a slave.

**slaver** (1) (släv'er), *n.* One who deals in slaves; a slave-ship. **slavery**, *n.*

**slaver** (2) (släv'er) [Icel. *slafra*], *v.i.* To let saliva flow from the mouth, to dribble. *n.* Saliva dribbling from the mouth.

**slavish** (släv'ish) [SLAVE, -ISH], *a.* Pertaining to or characteristic of a slave; servile, ignoble; devoid of originality; consisting in drudgery. **slavishly**, *adv.*

**slay** (slä) [A.-S. *slēan*], *v.t.* (*past* slew, *p.p.* slain) To put to death, to kill. **slayer**, *n.*

**sled** (sled), **sledge** (1) (slej) [M.E. *slede*, *n.* A vehicle on runners used on snow or ice; a sleigh; a toboggan.

**sledge** (2) [A.-S. *slecege*, *n.* The heavy two-handed hammer of a blacksmith.

**sleek** (slēk) [Icel. *slúkr*, *a.* Smooth, glossy; (*fig.*) unctuous, smooth-spoken. *v.t.* To make (hair, etc.) sleek; **sleekly**, *adv.* sleeky, *a.*

**sleep** (slēp) [A.-S. *slēpan*], *v.i.* (*past and p.p.* slept) To take rest in sleep, to be asleep; to be inactive or in abeyance; to spin so as to seem motionless (of a top). *v.t.* To rest in (sleep); to lodge. *n.* A state of rest in which consciousness is almost entirely suspended. **sleep**, *n.* One who sleeps; a wooden beam or other support for rails on a railway, etc. **sleepless**, *a.* **sleeplessness**, *n.* **sleepy**, *a.* Inclined to sleep, drowsy; indolent, habitually inactive; (of pears, etc.) beginning to decay. **sleepily**, *adv.* **sleepiness**, *n.*

**sleet** (slēt) [Teut.], *n.* Hail or snow mixed with rain. *v.t.* To snow or hail with rain. **sleety**, *a.*

**sleeve** (slēv) [A.-S. *sluf*], *n.* The part of a garment that covers the arm; a cylindrical sheath. **sleeved**, *a.* Having sleeves.

**sleigh** (slā) [SLED], *n.* A vehicle mounted on runners for driving over snow or ice.

**sleight** (slīt) [Icel. *slægt*, as *SLY*], *n.* Dexterity, skill in manipulating things; a trick.

**slender** (slen'dēr) [O.F. *esclendre*], *a.* Small in width as compared with length; slim; slight, scanty, meagre; feeble.

**slenth** (slooth) [SLOT (2)], *n.* A track as known by the scent. **slenth-hound**, *n.* A bloodhound.

**slice** (slis) [O.F. *esclīce*, *slit*], *n.* A broad thin piece cut off; a part, share; an implement for slicing. *v.t.* To cut (*usu.* up) into broad, thin pieces; to cut (off) slices from; to divide.

**slide** (slīd) [A.-S. *slīdan*], *v.i.* (*past and p.p.* slid) To move smoothly along a surface, to glide, esp. over ice without skates; to pass (away, into, etc.) gradually or imperceptibly. *v.t.* To cause to move along smoothly. *n.* A thing or part that slides into place; a surface, groove, etc., on which a part slides; a shute; ice on which persons slide; act of sliding; a smooth and easy passage.

**slight** (slīt) [M.Dut. *slīcht*], *a.* Inconsiderable; small in amount, intensity, etc.; paltry, superficial; slim; frail, weak. *n.* An act of disrespect or neglect. *v.t.* To treat as of little importance, to disregard; to put a slight upon. **slightly**, *adv.* slightly, *adv.*

**slim** (slīm) [M.Dut. *slīm*, *sly*], *a.* Slender, thin, of slight build; (*colloq.*) cunning, crafty. **slimness**, *n.*

**slime** (slīm) [A.-S. *slīm*], *n.* A soft, viscous substance, esp. moist and sticky earth. *v.t.* To smear or cover with slime. **slimy**, *a.* Consisting of, like, covered with, or abounding in slime; slippery; (*fig.*) repulsively mean or obsequious. **slimly**, *adv.*

**sling** (sling) [Icel. *slýngva*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* slung) To hurl, esp. from a sling; to suspend in a swing or so as to swing; to hoist by a sling. *v.i.* To hurl missiles with a sling; to move swiftly or violently. *n.* A short leather strap with a string at each end for hurling a small missile by hand; a band or loop for suspending, hoisting, or transferring anything; a band for supporting an injured limb.

**slink** (slink) [A.-S. *slincan*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* slunk) To sneak away in a furtive or cowardly manner.

**slip** (slīp) [M.E. *slippen*], *v.i.* To slide, to glide, esp. unintentionally, to miss one's footing; to pass unnoticed, furtively, or quickly; to commit a small mistake or oversight; to go (along) swiftly. *v.t.* To cause to move in a sliding manner; to let loose, to unleash. *n.* Act or state of slipping; an unintentional error, a lapse; a garment easily slipped on or off, a pillow-case; a leash for a dog; an inclined plane on which vessels are built, etc.; a narrow strip of paper, etc.; a cutting for planting or grafting. **slipshod**, *a.* Down at heel; careless, slovenly. **slipper**, *n.* One who or that which slips or lets slip; a loose shoe for indoors. **slippery**, *a.* So smooth, muddy, etc., as to cause slipping; elusive, shift, cunning. **slippy**, *a.* Quick, wide-awake.

**slit** (slīt) [A.-S. *slītan*], *v.t.* To cut lengthways; to cut into strips. *n.* A long cut or narrow opening.

**sliver** (sliv'ēr) [dim. of obs. *slive*, a slip], *n.* A piece of wood, etc., torn off, a splinter. *v.t.* To tear into long, thin pieces.

**slobber** (slob'ēr) [Dan. *schlubbre*, to slaver], *v.t.* To let saliva run from the mouth.

**sloe** (slō) [A.-S. *slā*], *n.* The wild plum; the blackthorn bearing it.

**slog** (slog) [?], *v.* To hit vigorously and at random. *n.* Such a stroke.

**slogan** (slō'gān) [Gael. *sluagh*, host, *gairm*, outcry], *n.* The war-cry of the old Highland clans; a catchword, motto.

**sloop** (sloop) [Dut. *sloep*], *n.* A fore-and-aft rigged vessel with one mast.

**slop** (1) (slop) [A.-S. *sloppe*], *n.* Liquid carelessly thrown about; (*pl.*) dirty water; liquid food, weak liquors. *v.t.* To spill or allow to overflow; to make sloppy. *v.i.* To overflow the side of a vessel. **sloppy**, *a.* Wet, splashed, covered with puddles; (*fig.*) slovenly, done carelessly; maudlin. **sloppily**, *adv.*

**slop** (2) [Icel. *sloppr*], *n.* (*Usu. pl.*) Ready-made clothing, etc.

**slope** (slōp) [as SLIP], *n.* An inclined direction, an incline, ground whose surface makes an angle with the horizon. *v.i.* To be inclined, to lie obliquely, to slant. *v.t.* To place or form with a slope.

**slot** (1) (slot) [?], *n.* A depression or opening for some part to fit into; an oblong aperture in a slot-machine. *v.t.* To make a slot in.

**slot** (2) [A.F. and O.F. *esclot*, as SLEUTH], *n.* The track of a deer.



**sloth** (slôth) [A.-S. *slæwþ*, as SLOW], *n.* Laziness, sluggishness; a S. American arboreal mammal. **slothful**, *a.*

**slouch** (slouch) [Icel. *slökkr*], *n.* An ungainly drooping attitude or movement; a downward bend of the hat-brim; an awkward fellow. *v.i.* To droop or hang down carelessly; to stand or move in a negligent or ungainly way.

**slough** (1) (slou) [A.-S. *slôh*], *n.* A bog, quagmire.

**slough** (2) (slûf) [M.E. *sloh*], *n.* The cast skin of a snake, dead tissue separating from living, a scab. *v.t.* To cast off (a skin, dead tissue, etc.). **sloughy** (slûf'i), *a.*

**sloven** (slûv'en) [M.E. *sloveyn*], *n.* One who is careless of dress or negligent of cleanliness. **slovenly**, *a.*

**slow** (slô) [A.-S. *slâw*], *a.* Not quick, moving at a low speed; taking a long time; not hasty, behind the right time; stupid, dull; tedious. *adv.* Slowly. *v.t.* To slacken speed, to go slower (*usu.* up or down). *v.t.* To reduce the speed of. **slowly**, *adv.* **slowness**, *n.*

**slow-worm** (slô'wërm) [A.-S. *slâ-wyrm*], *n.* A small limbless lizard, the blind-worm.

**sludge** (slûj) [?], *n.* Mud, mire, slush.

**slue** (sloo) [?], *v.* To turn or swing (round, etc.) as on a pivot. *n.* Such a twist.

**slug** (slûg) [Scand.], *n.* A shell-less invertebrate very destructive to plants; a roughly-shaped bullet or lump of metal.

**sluggard**, *n.* A person habitually lazy.

**sluggish**, *a.* Habitually lazy, inactive; inert, torpid.

**sluice** (sloos) [O.F. *escluse*, L. *exclusa*, flood-gate, as EXCLUDE], *n.* A waterway with a valve controlling the level of a body of water; a flood-gate. *v.t.* To flood or drench by means of a sluice; to let out by a sluice.

**slum** (slûm) [?], *n.* A low, dirty back street.

**slumber** (slûm'bër) [M.E. *slumeren*, A.-S. *slâma*], *v.i.* To sleep, esp. lightly. *n.* Light sleep. **slumberous**, *a.*

**slump** (slûmp) [Scand.], *v.t.* (*prov.*) To sink suddenly, as through ice; to collapse (of prices, prosperity, interest in a matter, etc.). *n.* A heavy decline, a collapse (of prices, etc.).

**slur** (slër) [M.Dut. *sluren*, to trail], *v.t.* To speak slightly of; to pass lightly over; to pronounce indistinctly. *v.i.* To speak or articulate indistinctly; to pass lightly or slightly (over). *n.* A stain, a disparagement; a slurring in pronunciation or singing.

**slush** (slûsh) [?], *n.* Liquid mud, sludge; half-melted snow; (*slang*) piffle. **slushy**, *a.*

**slut** (slût) [Scand.], *n.* A dirty, slovenly woman, a slattern. **sluttish**, *a.*

**sly** (sli) [Icel. *slægr*, cogn. with SLAY], *a.* Crafty, stealthily artful; underhand; knowing, arch. **slyly**, *adv.*

**smack** (1) (smäk) [A.-S. *smæc*], *n.* A slight taste or flavour; a trace or dash

(of); a smattering. *v.t.* To have a taste or flavour (of).

**smack** (2) [M.Dut. *smacke*], *n.* A one-masted vessel used in fishing, etc.

**smack** (3) [onomat.], *n.* A smart report as a crack of a whip, etc.; a blow with the flat of the hand, a slap; a loud kiss. *v.t.* To slap; to separate (the lips) with a sharp noise; to crack (a whip).

**small** (smawl) [A.-S. *smæl*], *a.* Deficient or relatively little in size, power, number, etc.; trifling, petty; of low degree, unpretentious; paltry, mean. *adv.* Quietly, humbly. *n.* The slender part of any thing, especially of the back. **small-arms**, *n.pl.* Portable fire-arms, as rifles, pistols, etc. **small beer**: Beer of a mild, light quality; (*fig.*) trivial matters. **small hours**: The time from midnight till 3 or 4 A.M. **smallpox**, *n.* A contagious, feverish disease, characterized by eruptions on the skin.

**smart** (smart) [A.-S. *smeortan*], *v.t.* To feel or give a sharp pain, to rankle. *adv.* Smartly. *n.* A sharp pain, a stinging sensation; a feeling of irritation; distress. *a.* Stinging, severe, poignant; lively, brisk; acute, ingenious; quick at repartee; shrewd; spruce, stylish. **smarten**, *v.* **smartly**, *adv.*

**smash** (smäsh) [onomat.], *v.t.* To break to pieces violently, to shatter; (*fig.*) to rout, to crush. *v.i.* To break to pieces; to crash (into). *n.* A breaking to pieces; a collapse; a disaster; bankruptcy, ruin. *adv.* With a smash.

**smatter** (smät'er) [?], *v.t.* To have a slight knowledge of. *n.* A smattering. **smattering**, *n.* A slight superficial knowledge.

**smear** (smër) [A.-S. *smerien*], *v.t.* To daub with anything sticky; to blur. *v.t.* To make a smear; to be blurred. *n.* A mark made by smearing. **smeary**, *a.*

**smell** (smei) [M.E. *smel*], *n.* The sense by which odours are perceived; the sensation or act of smelling; scent, odour; a stench. *v.t.* (*past and p.p. smelt*) To perceive or inhale the odour of; to detect by means of scent; to trace by the scent. *v.t.* To affect the sense of smell, to give out an odour (of); to smack (of); to have the sense of smell. **smelly**, *a.* Malodorous.

**smelt** (1) (smelt) [Tent.], *v.t.* To fuse (an ore) so as to extract the metal; to extract (metal) from ore thus. **smelter**, *n.*

**smelt** (2) [A.-S.], *n.* A small food-fish allied to the salmon.

**smilax** (smi'läks) [Gr.], *n.* A genus of climbing shrubs, some of which yield sarsaparilla.

**smile** (smil) [M.E. *smilen*], *v.i.* To express pleasure, amusement, or contempt by an instinctive movement of the lips and cheeks; to look gay or favourable (of the weather, fortune, etc.). *n.* The act of smiling; a cheerful or favourable expression. **smilingly**, *adv.*

**smirch** (směrch) [as SMEAR], *v.t.* To soil, stain, defile.

**smirk** (směrk) [A.-S. *smercian*], *v.i.* To smile affectedly, to simper, *n.* A simper.

**smite** (smít) [A.-S. *smitan*], *v.t.* (*past* smote, *p.p.* smitten) To deal a severe blow to; to inflict disaster upon. *v.i.* To strike, knock, come (on, against, etc.) with force.

**smith** (smith) [A.-S.], *n.* One who works in metals, one who forges iron with the hammer. **smithy** (smith'i), *n.* A blacksmith's shop.

**smock** (smok) [A.-S. *smoc*], *n.* A smock-frock; a chemise. **smock-frock**, *n.* A coarse outer shirt-like garment worn by farm labourers.

**smoke** (smök) [A.-S. *smoca*], *n.* Volatile products escaping as visible vapour from a burning substance; (*fig.*) anything unsubstantial. *v.i.* To emit smoke; to fail to draw (of a chimney, etc.); to inhale and exhale tobacco smoke. *v.t.* To colour, cure, destroy, cleanse, etc., with smoke; to use (tobacco) in smoking. **smoke-screen**, *n.* A dense volume of smoke to conceal a ship, the movements of troops, etc., from the enemy. **smoke-stack**, *n.* A funnel, esp. on a steamer. **smokable**, *a.* **smoker**, *n.* **smoky**, *a.*

**smolt** (smölt) [?], *n.* A salmon in its second year.

**smooth** (smooth) [A.-S. *smethe*], *a.* Having an even surface, free from roughness; or impediments; not harsh; not hairy; equable, pleasant, polite, flattering. *v.t.* To make smooth; to free from harshness, discomforts, etc.; to soften, to cloak (over). **smooth-faced**, *a.* Beardless; having a suave appearance. **smoothly**, *adv.* **smoothness**, *n.*

**smother** (smüth'ér) [M.E. *smother*, A.-S. *smorian*, to stifle], *n.* A stifling cloud of dust, smoke, etc. *v.t.* To suffocate, to stifle; to keep from being divulged. *v.i.* To be suffocated. **smothery**, *a.*

**smoulder** (smöl'dér) [M.E. *smolder*, smoke], *v.t.* To burn in a smothered way without flame; (*fig.*) to exist in a suppressed condition.

**smudge** (smüj) [M.E. *smogen*], *v.t.* To blur (writing, drawing, etc.); to make a smear on; (*fig.*) to soil, defile, sully. *n.* A dirty mark, a smear, blur.

**smug** (smüg) [Teut.], *a.* Trim in dress, bearing, etc.; self-satisfied. **smugly**, *adv.*

**smuggle** (smügl) [L.G. *smuggein*], *v.t.* To import or export illegally without paying the duties; to introduce clandestinely. **smuggler**, *n.* **smuggling**, *n.*

**smut** (smüt) [Teut.], *n.* A particle of soot, etc., a smudge made by this; a disease of corn due to parasitic fungi; obscene language. *v.t.* To mark with smut; to infect with smut; to tarnish. **smutty**, *a.*

**snack** (snäk) [SNATCH], *n.* A slight meal.

**snaffle** (snäfi) [Teut.], *n.* A bridle-bit with a joint in the middle and without a curb.

**snag** (snäg) [Scand.], *n.* A jagged projection, esp. of a tree-stump.

**snail** (snäl) [A.-S. *snægl*], *n.* A slow-moving mollusc feeding on vegetation; (*fig.*) a sluggish person.

**snake** (snäk) [A.-S. *snaca*], *n.* A serpent; a snake-like lizard or amphibian; (*fig.*) a treacherous person. **snaky**, *a.*

**snap** (snäp) [Teut.], *v.t.* To bite, try to bite, or snatch (at); to make a sharp, quick sound; to break suddenly; to speak sharply. *v.t.* To snatch; (*fig.*) to take (up) in the midst of a speech, etc.; to cause (a whip, the fingers, etc.) to make a sharp crack; to break with such a noise; to shut (to) thus; to photograph instantaneously. *n.* Act of snapping; the sound produced by this, a spring catch; a snapshot; (*colloq.*) dash, go. *a.* Done, taken, etc., suddenly. **snapshot**, *n.* An instantaneous photograph. *v.t.* To photograph thus. **snapper**, *n.* **snappish**, *a.* Given to snapping or biting, spiteful, irascible. **snappy**, *a.*

**snare** (snär) [A.-S. *snear*], *n.* A trap; (*fig.*) a trick by which one is brought into difficulty, defeat, sin, etc. *v.t.* To catch in a snare; to entrap, inveigle.

**snarl** (snarl) [M.Dut. *snarren*, to trawl], *v.i.* To growl as an angry dog; to speak in a harsh, surly, or savage manner. *n.* A sharp-toned growl; a savage remark. **snarlingly**, *adv.*

**snatch** (snäch) [M.E. *snacchen*], *v.t.* To seize suddenly, eagerly, or without permission.

**sneak** (snäk) [A.-S. *snican*, to creep], *v.i.* To creep, slink, or steal (about, away, off, etc.); to behave in a mean or underhand way; to tell tales. *v.t.* (*slang*) To steal. *n.* One who sneaks. **sneakingly**, *adv.*

**sneer** (snér) [M.E. *sneren*], *v.i.* To show contempt by a smile or grin; to jibe. *n.* An expression of contempt or derision.

**sneeze** (snéz) [M.E. *snesen*, A.-S. *snēosan*], *v.i.* To eject air through the nostrils audibly and convulsively. *n.* The act of sneezing.

**sniff** (snif) [M.E. *sneven*], *v.i.* To draw air audibly up the nose. *v.t.* To smell, to perceive by sniffing. *n.* Act of sniffing; that which is sniffed in.

**snigger** (snig'ér) [imit.], *v.i.* To laugh in a half-suppressed manner. *n.* A suppressed laugh.

**snip** (snip) [Teut.], *v.t.* To clip, as with shears. **snippet**, *n.* A small bit snipped off; (*pl.*) scraps (of news, etc.).

**snipe** (snip) [Icel. *snípa*], *n.* A long-billed marsh- and shore-bird.

**snivel** (sniv'él) [M.E. *snevelen*], *v.i.* To run at the nose; to cry with snuffling; to be affectedly tearful. *n.* Audible or affected weeping. **sniveller**, *n.*

**snob** (snob) [orig. a journeyman cobbler], *n.* A vulgar person who apes gentility, cultivates or truckles to those of higher social position, or regards the great or wealthy with exaggerated and contemptible respect. **snobbery**, **snobbishness**, *n.* **snobbish**, *a.*

**snood** (snood) [A.-S. *snōd*], *n.* A hair-



ribbon formerly worn in Scotland by unmarried girls.

**snooker** (snoo'kér) [?], *n.* A game resembling pool played on a billiard-table.

**snooze** (snooz) [?], *v.i.* To take a short sleep. *n.* A short sleep, a nap.

**snore** (snör) [?], *v.i.* To breathe with a hoarse noise in sleep. *n.* Act or sound of snoring.

**snort** (snört) [imit.], *v.i.* To force air violently and loudly through the nostrils. *n.* Act or sound of snorting.

**snout** (snout) [A.-S. *snūtan*, to blow the nose], *n.* The projecting nose of a beast; a nozzle.

**snow** (snō) [A.-S. *snāw*], *n.* Watery vapour frozen into crystals and falling to the ground in flakes; a fall of this. *v.i.* (*impers.*) Snow falls. *v.t.* To sprinkle or block (up) with snow; to scatter down as snow. **snow-blind**, *a.* Blinded, usu. temporarily, through the glare of light from snow. **snow-drift**, *n.* A mass of snow accumulated by the wind. **snow-drop**, *n.* A bulbous plant with a white flower appearing in early spring. **snow-white**, *a.* **snowy**, *a.*

**snub** (snüb) [Icel. *snubba*, to chide], *v.t.* To check or rebuke with sarcasm or contempt, to slight. *n.* An act of snubbing, a check.

**snuff** (1) (snüf) [Teut.], *v.t.* To draw in through the nostrils. *v.i.* To sniff; to take snuff. *n.* A snuff; finely powdered tobacco. **snuffy**, *a.*

**snuff** (2) [?], *n.* The charred part of a wick. *v.t.* To trim (a wick, candle, etc.) by removing this. **snuffers**, *n.pl.* A scissor-like instrument for trimming away snuff.

**snuffle** (snüfl) [freq. of SNUFF (1)], *v.i.* To breathe noisily as when the nose is obstructed; to talk through the nose.

**snug** (snüg) [Teut.], *a.* Lying close and comfortable; cosy, compact, well secured. **snugly**, *adv.*

**so** (sō) [A.-S. *swā*], *adv.* and *conj.* In such a manner or to such an extent, degree, etc. (with *as*); in the manner or to the extent, intent, etc. (with *that* or *but*); provided (that); extremely, very; therefore, accordingly; (*ellipt.*) thus, this, that, as follows; in such a case. **so-and-so**, *n.* An indefinite person or thing. **so-called**, *a.* Usually called thus (with implication of doubt). **so-so**, *a.* Middling, mediocre. *adv.* Indifferently.

**soak** (sōk) [A.-S. *socian*], *v.t.* To suck (in or up); to steep, to wet thoroughly. *v.i.* To lie in liquid so as to become permeated. **soaking**, *a.* and *n.*

**soap** (sōp) [A.-S. *sāpe*], *n.* An unctuous compound of a fatty acid and soda or potash, used for washing. *v.t.* To rub or wash with soap. **soapy**, *a.* (*fig.*) Unctuous, flattering. **soapiness**, *n.*

**soar** (sōr) [F. *essorer*], *v.i.* To fly aloft, to float at a great height (of a bird, etc.); (*fig.*) to rise intellectually or morally.

**sob** (sob) [M.E. *sobben*], *v.i.* To catch the

breath in a convulsive manner, as in weeping. *n.* A convulsive catching of the breath, as in weeping.

**sober** (sō'ber) [L. *sōbrius* (SE-, *sōbrius*, drunk)], *a.* Not drunk; temperate in the use of alcoholic liquors; well-balanced, self-possessed, sedate; quiet (of colours, etc.). *v.t.* To make sober. *v.i.* To become calm or quiet. **soberly**, *adv.*

**sobri'ety**, *n.*

**sobriquet** (sō'bri-kā) [F], *n.* A nickname.

**sociable** (sō'shabl) [L. *sociābilis*, from *socius*, companion], *a.* Fit or inclined to associate or be companionable; of a friendly character (of a party, etc.).

**sociability**, *n.* **sociably**, *adv.*

**social** (sō'shāl) [L. *sociālis*, as prec.], *a.* Pertaining to society or to the mutual relations of man; living in communities, companionable, convivial. **social'ity**, *n.*

**so'cialize**, *v.t.* **socially**, *adv.*

**Socialism** (sō'shā-lizm) [SOCIAL -ISM], *n.* The doctrine that society should be based on the subordination of the individual to the interests of the community. **Socialist**, *n.* and *a.* **Socialistic**, *a.*

**society** (sō-si'è-ti) [L. *societātem*, as SOCIAL], *n.* A social community; mankind regarded as a community; social organization, civilization; the upper classes of a community; a body of persons associated for some common object; companionship, fellowship.

**sociology** (sō-si-ol'o-jī) [L. *socius*, -LOGY], *n.* The science of the evolution and constitution of human society. **sociological**, *a.* **sociologist**, *n.*

**sock** (1) (sok) [A.-S. *socē*], *n.* A short stocking; a removable inner sole; the light shoe worn by classic comic actors (L. *soccus*), hence (*fig.*) comedy.

**socket** (sok'et) [O.F. *socket*], *n.* A hollow adapted for receiving and holding another part or thing. **socketed**, *a.*

**socle** (sōkl) [L. *socculus*, dim. of *soccus*, SOCK], *n.* (*Arch.*) A plain, low, rectangular plinth.

**Socratic** (sō-krāt'ik), *a.* Pertaining or according to Socrates, Greek philosopher (d. B.C. 399).

**sod** (sod) [Teut.], *n.* Turf, sward; a piece of this.

**soda** (sō'dā) [It.], *n.* Carbonate or bicarbonate of sodium, esp. in the crystalline form used in washing, etc.; (*colloq.*) soda-water. **soda-water**, *n.* An effervescent drink composed of water charged with carbonic acid.

**sodality** (sō-dāl'i-ti) [L. *sodālis*, comrade], *n.* A fellowship, esp. (R.-C. Ch.) a charitable association.

**sodden** (sodn) [p.p. of SEETHE], *a.* Soaked, saturated; heavy, doughy (of bread); stupid with drink. *v.t.* To soak, to saturate, esp. with drink.

**sodium** (sō'di-um) [SOD-A, -IUM], *n.* A silver-white metallic element, the base of soda.

**sofa** (sō'fā) [Arab. *suffah*], *n.* A long stuffed couch with raised back and ends.

**soffit** (sof'it) [It. *soffita*, ceiling], *n.* The under surface of a cornice, balcony, arch, etc.

**soft** (soft) [A.-S. *sōfte*], *a.* Yielding easily to pressure, easily moulded or cut, pliable, plastic; mild, delicate; smooth to the touch; not hot or cold, genial; not glaring (of colours, etc.); low-toned; free from mineral salts (of water); conciliatory; impressionable, sympathetic; weak, effeminate; silly, spoony; (*Phon.*) not guttural or explosive, sibilant (as *c* in *cede* or *g* in *gem*), voiced (as *b*, *d*, and *g*). *adv.* Softly, gently, quietly. *int.* Gently; hush! **soften** (sofn), *v.t.* To make soft or softer; to mitigate, tone down. *v.i.* To become soft or softer. **softish**, *a.* **softly**, *adv.* **softy**, *n.* A silly, weak-minded person.

**soil** (1) (soil) [A.-F.], *n.* The ground, esp. the top stratum whence plants derive their mineral food; land, country.

**soil** (2) [A.-F., *soyler*], *v.t.* To make dirty; to tarnish, pollute.

**soirée** (swa'ra) [F.], *n.* An evening party for social intercourse, discussion, etc., and music.

**sojourn** (soj'urn) [O.F. *sojourner*], *v.i.* To stay (in, among) temporarily. *n.* A temporary stay.

**sol** (sol) [L. *sol-ve*, see GAMUT], *n.* The fifth tone of the diatonic scale.

**solace** (sol'as) [O.F. *solaz*], *n.* Comfort in grief, etc., consolation, compensation. *v.t.* To comfort or console.

**solan** (goose) (sō'lan) [Icel. *sála*], *n.* The gannet.

**solar** (sō'lār) [L. *sol*, the sun], *a.* Pertaining to or proceeding from the sun.

**solatium** (sō-lā'shi-um) [L., SOLACE], *n.* (*pl. -tia*) Compensation for suffering or loss.

**solder** (sol'-, sō'dér) [O.F. *soudure*, from L. *solidāre*, to make firm], *n.* A fusible alloy for uniting less fusible metals. *v.t.* To unite with solder.

**soldier** (sōl'jér) [O.F., from late L. *sol-dārius*], *n.* A man engaged in military service; a man of military experience; an able commander. **soldier-like**, *-ly*, *a.* and *adv.* **soldiery**, *n.* Soldiers collectively; a body of soldiers.

**sole** (1) (sōl) [A.-S., L. *solea*], *n.* The flat underside of the foot; the part of a boot, etc., under the foot. *v.t.* To furnish (a boot, etc.) with a sole.

**sole** (2) [L. *solea*, from *solum*, the ground, see *prec.*], *n.* A flat-fish highly esteemed as food.

**sole** (3) [L. *sōlus*], *a.* Single, only, unique; (*Law*) unmarried. **solely**, *adv.*

**solecism** (sol'e-sizm) [Gr. *soleikos*, speaking incorrectly], *n.* A deviation from correct idiom or grammar; an impropriety.

**solemn** (sol'ém) [L. *sōlemnis*], *a.* Performed with or accompanied by rites or due formality; impressive; grave, momentous; formal, pompous. **solemnity**, *n.* Impressiveness; affected gravity or formality; a rite or ceremony. **solemnize** (sol'ém-niz), *v.t.* To celebrate with for-

malities or ceremonies; to make solemn. **solemniza'tion**, *n.*

**solicit** (sō-lis'it) [L. *sollicitāre*], *v.* To make earnest request for or persistent appeals to, to importune. **solicitant**, *a.* and *n.* **solicita'tion**, *n.*

**solicitor** (sō-lis'i-tór) [as *prec.*], *n.* A legal practitioner authorized to advise clients and prepare causes for barristers. **Solicitor-General**, *n.* A law officer of the British Crown, advising and representing it in legal matters.

**solicitous** (sō-lis'i-tūs) [L. *sōlicitus*], *a.* Anxious, apprehensive; eager (to). **solici-tude**, *n.*

**solid** (sol'id) [L. *solidus*], *a.* Dense, compact; not hollow, broken, or porous; firm, unyielding; sound, not flimsy; (*fig.*) real, reliable; homogeneous; feeling or acting unanimously; (*Geom.*) cubic. *n.* A rigid, compact body. **solidar'ity**, *n.* Cohesion; community of interests, feelings, responsibilities, etc. **solid'ify**, *v.* **solidifiable**, *a.* **solidifica'tion**, *n.* **solid'ity**, *n.* **solidly**, *adv.*

**solloquy** (sō-lil'ō-kwi) [L. *sōlus*, alone, *loqui*, to speak], *n.* A talking to oneself; a monologue. **solloquize**, *v.i.* **sollo-quist**, *n.*

**solitaire** (sol-i-tār') [F., as *fol.*], *n.* A gem set singly; a game played by one person.

**solitary** (sol'i-tār-i) [A.-F. *solitarie*, L. *sōlitārius*, as *SOLE* (3)], *a.* Lonely, not gregarious; living, passed, or spent alone; unfrequented, secluded; individual. *n.* A recluse. **solitude**, *n.* Seclusion; a lonely place.

**solo** (sō'lō) [It., as *SOLE* (3)], *n.* A composition for a single instrument or voice; solo whist, a call in this game. **soloist**, *n.*

**solstice** (sol'stis) [L. *sōlstitium*, a standing of the sun], *n.* The time (about 21 June and 22 Dec.) when the sun is farthest from the equator (N. in summer, S. in winter), and seems to stand for a little before moving back. **solstitial** (-stish'al), *a.* Pertaining to the solstice.

**soluble** (sol'ūbl) [L. *sōlūbilis*, from *solvere*, to solve], *a.* Capable of being dissolved or solved. **solubil'ity**, *n.*

**solution** (sō-lū'shun) [L. *solutio*, as *fol.*], *n.* The liquefaction of a body by mixture with a liquid; the combination so produced; the act or process of solving a problem, the correct answer; separation, disintegration.

**solve** (solv) [L. *solvere*], *v.t.* To resolve or find an answer to (a problem, etc.); to put an end to. **solvable**, *a.*

**solvent** (sol'vent) [L. *solvens*, solving], *a.* Having the power to dissolve; able to pay all claims. *n.* A liquid that can dissolve a substance. **solvency**, *n.*

**somatic** (sō-māt'ik) [Gr. *sōma*, body], *a.* Pertaining to the body, corporeal, physical.

**sombre** (som'bér) [F.], *a.* Dark, gloomy. **sombrero** (som-brār'ō) [Sp., from *sombra*, shade], *n.* A wide-brimmed hat.

**some** (sūm) [A.-S. *sum*], *a.* An indeterminate quantity of; a certain, a particular



but not definitely known or specified (person or thing). *adv.* About, approximately. *pron.* A particular but undetermined part or quantity; certain not definitely known or unspecified ones. **somebody**, *n.* Some person; a person of consequence. **somehow**, *adv.* In some indeterminate way; in some way or other. **something**, *n.* Some indeterminate or unspecified thing; some quantity or portion if not much. *adv.* In some degree. **sometime**, *adv.* Once, formerly, at one time. *a.* Former, late. **sometimes**, *adv.* At some times. **some-what**, *adv.* To some extent, rather. *n.* A certain amount or degree; something. **somewhere**, *adv.* In some unknown or unspecified place; in some place or other. **some** [A.-S. *-sum*], *suf.* Forming adjectives, full of, as in *gladsome*, *troublesome*, *winsome*.

**somersault**, \***somerseset** (sŭm'ēr-sawlt, -set) [O.F. *sombresaut*, L. *supra*, above, *saltus*, a leap], *n.* A leap in which one turns heels over head and alights on one's feet.

**somnambulism** (som-nām'bū-lizm) [L. *somnus*, sleep, *ambulare*, to walk], *n.* The act of walking in sleep; the mental affection causing this. **somnambulist**, *n.*

**somniferous** (som-nif'ēr-us) [L. *somnus*, see prec., -FEROUS], *a.* Causing or inducing sleep.

**somnolent** (som'nō-lēnt) [L. *somnolentus* (*somnus*, sleep)], *a.* Sleepy, drowsy; inducing sleep. **somnolence**, *n.*

**son** (sŭn) [A.-S. *sunu*], *n.* A male child in relation to a parent; (*fig.*) a descendant.

**son-in-law**, *n.* The husband of one's daughter. **sonship**, *n.*

**sonata** (sō-na'tā) [It., from L. *sonus*, sounding], *n.* An instrumental composition in three or four movements in different rhythms.

**song** (song) [A.-S. *sang*], *n.* Musical utterance, singing; a melodious cry, as of a bird; a musical composition accompanied by words; a short poem suitable for singing. **songster**, *n.* One skilled in singing. **songstress**, *n.*

**sonnet** (son'ēt) [F., It. *sonetto*], *n.* A poem of fourteen iambic pentameter lines with a definite rhyme-scheme. **sonneteer**, *n.* A writer of sonnets.

**sonorous** (sō-nōr'ūs) [L. *sonor sonōris*, sound], *a.* Resonant; sounding rich or full; high sounding, impressive. **sonor'ity**, **sonorousness**, *n.*

**soon** (soon) [A.-S. *sōna*], *adv.* In a short time from now or after a specified time, early; quickly, readily, willingly.

**soot** (sut) [A.-S. *sōt*], *n.* A black substance rising from burning fuel. **sooty**, *a.*

\***sooth** (sooth) [A.-S. *sōth*], *n.* Truth, reality.

**soothe** (sooth) [A.-S. *gesōthian*, to assent to, as prec.], *v.t.* To calm; to soften, mitigate; to humour.

**soothsayer** (sooth'sā-ēr) [SOOTH, SAY, -ER], *n.* A prognosticator, a diviner.

**sop** (sop) [A.-S. *sopp*], *n.* Any food steeped in milk, gravy, etc.; (*fig.*) something given to pacify. **soppy**, *a.* soppliness, *n.*

**sophism** (sof'izm) [Gr. *sophos*, wise], *n.* A specious but fallacious argument. **sophist**, *n.* A fallacious reasoner, a quibbler. **sophis'tic**, -al, *a.* **sophisticate**, *v.t.* To obscure with sophistry; to mislead thus; to garble (a text) in order to support one's arguments; to adulterate; to deprive of simplicity, to make artificial. **sophistication**, *n.* **sophistry** (sof'is-tri), *n.*

**sporific** (sō-pō-rif'ik) [L. *sopor*, sleep], *a.* Causing or tending to cause sleep. *n.* A sporific medicine.

**soprano** (sō-pra'nō) [It.], *n.* A female or boy's voice of the highest kind; a singer having such a voice; a part for such voices.

**sorcerer** (sōr'sēr-ēr) [L. *sortiāre*, to cast lots, from *sors*, lot], *n.* One who uses magic, a wizard. **sorceress**, *n.* **sorcery**, *n.*

**sordid** (sōr'did) [L. *sordidus*, from *sordes*, filth], *a.* Mean, ignoble, vile; niggardly. **sordidly**, *adv.* **sordidness**, *n.*

**sore** (sōr) [A.-S. *sār*], *a.* Tender and painful to the touch; aggrieved, vexed; touchy; grievous, heavy. *adv.* **Sorely**, severely, intensely. *n.* A place on the body where the surface is bruised, broken, or inflamed; (*fig.*) a subject that excites resentment, remorse, etc. **sorely**, *adv.*

**sortes** (sō-rī'tēz) [Gr. *sōros*, heap], *n.* A series of syllogisms so connected that the predicate of one forms the subject of that which follows.

**sorrel** (sor'ēl) [O.F. *sorel*], *a.* Of a reddish or yellowish-brown. *n.* This colour; a horse of this colour; a herb allied to the dock.

**sorrow** (sor'ō) [M.E. *sorwe*, A.-S. *sorg*], *n.* Mental pain from loss, disappointment, etc., grief, sadness; something causing this; mourning, lamentation. *v.i.* To grieve; to lament. **sorrowful**, *a.*

**sorry** (sor'ī) [A.-S. *sārig*], *a.* Feeling grief for some loss, etc., regretful; paltry, despicable. **sorribly**, *adv.*

**sort** (sōrt) [L. *sortem*, nom. *sors*, lot, chance], *n.* A number (of things, etc.) having the same or similar qualities; way, manner. *v.t.* To separate into sorts, classes, etc.; to select from a number. *v.i.* To consort, to agree or accord (with).

**sortie** (sōr'ti) [F., gone out], *n.* A sally, as from a besieged place.

**sortilege** (sōr'ti-lēj) [O.F., from L. *sortilegus*, diviner, as *sort*], *n.* Divination by drawing lots.

**soot** (sot) [M.E.], *n.* An habitual drunkard. **sottish**, *a.*

**sou** (soo) [F.], *n.* A French copper coin, the five-centime piece.

**soubrette** (soo-bret') [F.], *n.* A waiting-maid.

**soufflé** (soo'flā) [F.], *n.* A light dish of beaten whites of eggs, etc.

**sough** (sūf, sou) [A.-S. *swōgan*], *v.i.* To

make a murmuring, sighing sound, as the wind. *n.* This sound.

**soul** (sôl) [A.-S. *sāwel*], *n.* The spiritual, the moral and emotional, or intellectual part of a person; consciousness; the vital principle and mental powers possessed by living creatures; (*jam.*) a person.

**soulful**, *a.* Rich in the spiritual, emotional, or higher intellectual qualities.

**soulless**, *a.*

**sound** (1) (sound) [A.-S. *sund*], *a.* Whole, free from injury, defect, or decay; healthy; based on truth or reason, correct; solvent; thorough. **soundness**, *n.*

**sound** (2) [L. *sonus*], *n.* The sensation produced through the organs of hearing; that which causes this sensation; a specific tone or note. *v.i.* To give out sound. *v.t.* To cause to sound; to give a signal for by sound; to make known, proclaim; to test by sound. **sound-proof**, *a.* Impenetrable to sound. **sounding** (1), *a.* Making or giving out sound; sonorous, noisy; (*fig.*) imposing, high-flown.

**sound** (3) [A.-S. *sund*], *n.* A narrow passage of water connecting two seas; the swimming-bladder of a fish.

**sound** (4) (sound) [F. *sonder*], *v.t.* To measure the depth of with a sounding-line or rod; to test; to endeavour to discover (intentions, feelings, etc.). *v.i.* To use the line and lead to ascertain the depth of water. **sounding** (2), *n.* The act of measuring depths; (*pl.*) a part of the sea where the bottom can be reached by sounding.

**soup** (soop) [F. *soupe*], *n.* A liquid food made from meat, fish, or vegetables.

**sour** (sour) [A.-S. *sār*], *a.* Sharp to the taste, tart; rancid; harsh of temper, morose. **sourish**, *a.*

**source** (sôrs) [O.F. *sorse*, as *BURGE*], *n.* The spring from which a stream of water proceeds; original, first cause.

**souse** (sous) [O.F. *souse*, sauce], *n.* Pickle made with salt; anything preserved in pickle, esp. the ears, feet, etc., of swine; plunging into water. *adv.* With sudden descent, plump. *v.t.* To pickle; to plunge into or drench thoroughly with water, etc.

**south** (south) [A.-S. *sūth*], *n.* The cardinal point of the compass directly opposite to the north; a southern region; a wind from the south. *a.* Situated in or facing the south; coming from the south (of the wind). *adv.* Towards or from the south. **south-east**, *n.* and *a.* The point of the compass midway between south and east. **southeaster**, *n.* A S.E. wind. **south-easterly**, *a.* and *adv.* **south-eastern**, *a.* southerly (*sūth'ér-li*). *a.* and *adv.* **southern** (*sūth'érn*), *a.* **southerner**, *n.* An inhabitant or native of the south, esp. of the Southern States of America. **southernmost**, *a.* **southmost**, *a.* **southward** (*south'wārd*), *adv.* and *a.* **southwards**, *adv.* **south-west**, *n.* and *a.* **southwester**, *sou'wester*,

*n.* A wind from the S.W.; a waterproof hat with a wide brim hanging behind.

**souvenir** (soo've-nēr) [F., to remember], *n.* A keepsake, a memento.

**sovereign** (sov'rān) [M.E. *soverein*, O.F. *soverain*], *a.* Supreme; royal; efficacious (as a remedy). *n.* A supreme ruler, a king, an emperor; an English gold coin, value 20s. **sovereignty**, *n.*

**soviet** (sov'yēt) [Rus., council], *n.* A popular assembly for managing the affairs of a body of troops, a town, or a district.

**sow** (1) (sō) [A.-S. *sāwan*], *v.t.* (*past* sowed, *p.p.* sown, sowed) To scatter (seed) for growth; to scatter over, to cover thickly with; to disseminate. *v.i.* To scatter seed for growth. **sower**, *n.*

**sow** (2) (sou) [A.-S. *sugu*, *sū*], *n.* A female pig; the main channel for molten iron; a block of iron solidified in this.

**soy** (sol) [Jap. *shōyu*], *n.* A fish sauce prepared in the Far East from bean-like seeds.

**spa** (spa, spaw) [town in Belgium], *n.* A mineral spring; a place where there is such a spring.

**space** (spās) [L. *spatium*], *n.* Continuous extension or any portion of this; an interval between points, etc.; an interval of time. *v.t.* To put the proper spaces between (words, lines, etc.). **spacial**, *a.* **spacing**, *n.* **spacious** (spā'shūs), *a.* Having ample room; capacious, roomy.

**spade** (spād) [A.-S. *spadu*, *spadu*], *n.* An implement for digging worked with both hands and one foot, a playing-card of a black suit; (*pl.*) this suit. *v.t.* To dig with or use a spade.

**spalpeen** (spāl'pēn) [Ir.], *n.* A scamp, rascal.

**span** (spān) [A.-S. *spannan*], *v.t.* To extend from side to side of; to measure with one's hand expanded. *n.* The space from the end of the thumb to the end of the little finger when extended; nine inches; a brief space; the space from end to end of a bridge, etc.; a yoke or team of oxen, etc. **spanner**, *n.* An instrument for tightening or loosening nuts, a wrench.

**spandrel** (spān'drél) [?], *n.* The space between the shoulder of an arch and the rectangular moulding enclosing it.

**spangle** (spāngl) [dim. from A.-S. *spang*, a metal clasp], *n.* A small disk of glittering metal, etc.; any small sparkling object. *v.t.* To adorn with spangles.

**Spaniard** (spān'yārd) [as foll.], *n.* A native of Spain.

**spaniel** (spān'yél) [O.F. *espagneul*, Sp. *español*, Spanish], *n.* A dog with large drooping ears, long silky coat, and a gentle disposition.

**Spanish** (spān'ish) [*Spain*, -ISH], *a.* Pertaining to Spain. *n.* The Spaniards; their language.

**spank** (spānk) [?], *v.t.* To strike with the open hand, to slap. *v.i.* To move briskly along. *n.* A slap, a smack.



**spanner** [SPAN].

**spar** (1) (spar) [M.E. *sparre*], *n.* A pole, esp. used as a mast, boom, etc.

**spar** (2) [A.-S. *spar*], *n.* A lustrous crystalline mineral.

**spar** (3) [rel. to SPUR], *v.i.* To move the arms about as in boxing.

**spare** (spär) [A.-S. *spar*], *a.* Meagre, scanty, frugal; kept in reserve, available for an emergency, etc. *v.t.* To use frugally; to refrain from using; to dispense with; to refrain from punishing, injuring, etc. *sparely*, *adv.* sparingly, *adv.*

**spark** (spark) [A.-S. *spearca*], *n.* An incandescent particle thrown off from a burning substance; a flash of wit, a particle of energy; a gay young fellow. *v.i.* To give out sparks; to sparkle.

**sparkish**, *a.* Gay, gallant.

**sparkle** (sparkl) [dim. of prec.], *n.* A gleam, glitter, brilliance. *v.i.* To emit sparks; to glisten, glitter, twinkle; to bubble (of some wines). **sparkling**, *a.* Glittering; lively.

**sparrow** (spär'ō) [A.-S. *spearwa*], *n.* A small brownish-grey bird. **sparrowhawk**, *n.* A small hawk.

**spare** (spars) [L. *sparsus*, scattered], *a.* Thinly scattered, not dense. **sparsity**, *n.*

**Spartan** (spart'an), *n.* A native of Sparta; one of great hardihood or endurance. *a.* Pertaining to Sparta or the Spartans; like a Spartan.

**spasm** (spázm) [Gr. *spasmos*, from *spain*, to draw out], *n.* A convulsive and involuntary muscular contraction, movement, etc. **spasmodic**, *a.*

**spat** (1) (spät) [?], *n.* The spawn of shellfish.

**spat** (2) [SPATTERDASH], *n.* A short gaiter. **spatchcock** (späch'kok) [?], *n.* A fowl killed and immediately cooked.

**spate** (spät) [?], *n.* A heavy flood, especially in a mountain stream.

**spatter** (spät'er) [freq. of obs. *spat*, cogn. with SPIT], *v.t.* To scatter (water, etc.) about; to splash with water, mud, etc.; (*fig.*) to defame. *n.* A sprinkling, a pattering. **spatterdash**, *n.* A legging for protecting against mud.

**spavin** (späv'in) [O.F. *esparvin*], *n.* A disease in horses affecting the hock-joint.

**spawn** (spawn) [L. *expandere*, to expand], *v.t.* To deposit or produce eggs (of fish, etc.). *n.* The eggs of fish, frogs, and molluscs. **spawner**, *n.*

**speak** (spëk) [A.-S. *sprecan*], *v.i.* (*past* spoke, spoke, *p.p.* spoken) To utter words; to talk, converse; to deliver a speech; to be highly expressive. *v.t.* To utter articulately; to tell, declare; to talk in a language. **speaker**, *n.* One who speaks, esp. delivers a speech; an officer presiding over a deliberative assembly (esp. the House of Commons). **speakership**, *n.* **speaking**, *a.* Animated, vivid (of a likeness).

**spear** (spër) [A.-S. *sperer*], *n.* A weapon with a pointed head on a long shaft. *v.t.*

To pierce or capture with a spear. **spear-mint**, *n.* The garden mint.

**special** (spesh'äl) [L. *specialis*], *a.* Particular, not ordinary or general; for a particular purpose. *n.* A person or thing designed for a special purpose, etc.; a special train, constable, edition of a newspaper, etc. **specialist**, *n.* One who devotes himself to a particular branch of a profession, etc. **specialism**, *n.* **speciality**, *n.* A special characteristic, a peculiarity; a special occupation, commodity, etc. **specialize**, *v.t.* **specialization**, *n.*

**specie** (spë'shë) [L. *in specie*, in kind], *n.* Coin as dist. from paper money.

**species** (spë'shëz) [L., appearance, sort], *n.* (*Nat. Hist.*) A group of organisms (subordinate to a genus); a group of individuals having certain common attributes; a kind, sort.

**specific** (spë-sif'ik) [L. *specificus*, as prec.], *a.* Clearly specified, explicit, precise; pertaining to a species; special. *n.* An efficacious medicine, etc. **specifically**, *adv.* **specification**, *n.* Act of specifying; a detailed statement of particulars, description of an invention, etc. **specify** (spë-si-fi), *v.t.* To mention expressly; to include in a specification.

**specimen** (spes'i-mën) [L.], *n.* Something illustrating or typifying the nature of a whole or a class, an example, an instance.

**specious** (spë'shüs) [L. *speciosus*], *a.* Apparently right, plausible; showy.

**speck** (spek) [A.-S. *specca*], *n.* A small stain or blemish; a minute particle of rottenness, etc. *v.t.* To mark with specks.

**speckle** (spekl) [dim. of prec.], *n.* A small spot, stain, or patch of colour, etc.

**spectacle** (spek'täkl) [L. *spectaculum*], *n.* A show, a pageant; a sight; (*pl.*) lenses mounted in a light frame for assisting the sight. **spectacular**, *a.*

**spectator** (spek-tä'tör) [L.], *n.* One who looks on.

**spectre** (spek'tär) [as SPECTRUM], *n.* An apparition, a ghost. **spectral**, *a.* Ghostlike, pertaining to ghosts or to the spectrum.

**spectroscope** (spek'trō-sköp) [as foll., -SCOPE], *n.* An instrument for forming and analysing the spectra of rays emitted by bodies. **spectroscopic**, *a.*

**spectrum** (spek'trüm) [L., a vision, from *specere*, to look], *n.* (*pl.* spectra) An image produced by the decomposition of rays of light by means of a prism.

**speculate** (spek'ü-lät) [L. *speculatus*, beheld], *v.i.* To pursue an inquiry or form conjectures, to theorize; to make investments, etc., on the chance of profit. **speculation**, *n.* Act or practice of speculating; a mental inquiry, series of conjectures; a speculative investment or undertaking; a card-game. **speculative**, *a.*

**speech** (spëch) [A.-S. *spëc*], *n.* The faculty or act of uttering words; that which is spoken; an oration; the language

of a nation, etc. **speechifier**, *n.* **speechless**, *a.* Silent through emotion; dumb.

**speed** (spēd) [A.-S. *spēd*], *n.* Rapidity, rate of motion. *v.t.* (*past and p.p. sped*) To move rapidly; to hasten; to prosper, to fare (well, ill, etc.). *v.t.* To promote, to cause to succeed; to cause to go fast, to urge; (*past and p.p. speeded*) to regulate the speed of. **speedwell**, *n.* A flowering herb. **speedy**, *a.* **speedily**, *adv.*

**spell** (1) (spel) [A.-S. *spel*, cogn. with foll.], *n.* A charm, an incantation; occult power. **spellbound**, *a.* Under the influence of a spell.

**spell** (2) [O.F. *espeler*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. spelt*) To say or write the letters of a word; to form a word (of letters); (*fig.*) to mean, portend. **speller**, *n.* **spelling**, *n.*

**spell** (3) [A.-S. *speltan*], *n.* A turn of work; a short period.

**spelt** (spelt) [A.-S.], *n.* A variety of wheat cultivated in S. Europe.

**spelter** (spel'tēr) [Teut.], *n.* (Comm.) Zinc.

**spencer** (1) (spen'sēr) [Earl Spencer (d. 1845)], *n.* A short jacket.

**spend** (spend) [A.-S. *spendan* as *dispende*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. spent*) To pay out (money); to use up; to squander, waste; to wear out; **spendthrift**, *a.* Prodigal, wasteful. *n.* A prodigal person.

**sperm** (spērm) [Gr. *sperma*], *n.* The male seminal fluid of animals; a whale yielding **spermaceti**, a cachalot.

**spermaceti** (spēr-mā-sē'ti) [prec., Gr. *kētos*, whale], *n.* A white, fatty, brittle substance obtained from the sperm-whale.

**spermology** (spēr-mō'lō-gi), *n.* The branch of botany dealing with seeds.

**spew** (spū) [A.-S. *speovan*], *v.* To vomit; to cast out with abhorrence.

**sphere** (sfēr) [M.E. *sphere*, Gr. *sphaira*, ball], *n.* A solid bounded by a surface every part of which is equally distant from the central point within; a ball, a globe, a heavenly body; (*fig.*) field of action, influence, etc., scope, range. **spherical**, *a.* Spherical; pertaining to spheres. **spherical**, *a.* Sphere-shaped, globular; relating to spheres. **sphericity** (sfē-ris'i-ti), *n.* **spheroid**, *n.* A body nearly spherical. **spheroidal**, *a.*

**sphinx** (sfinks) [Gr.], *n.* (*Gr. Ant.*) A winged monster, half woman and half lion, said to have proposed a riddle to the people of Thebes; (*Egypt. Ant.*) a figure with the body of a lion and a human or animal head; (*fig.*) a taciturn or enigmatic person.

**spice** (spis) [L. *speciēs*, kind], *n.* Any aromatic and pungent vegetable seasoning; (*fig.*) a flavour, a trace. *v.t.* To season with spice. **spicy**, *a.*

**spick-and-span** (spik'and-spān') [SPIKE, AND, SPOON], *a.* New and fresh, fresh and smart.

**spider** (spī'dēr) [A.-S.], *n.* An eight-legged insect that spins webs to catch its prey. **spidery**, *a.*

**spigot** (spig'ót) [?], *n.* A peg for stopping a faucet or the vent-hole in a cask; a faucet.

**spike** (spik) [Scand. *spik*], *n.* A pointed piece of metal, a sharp point; a large nail; a flower cluster along a common axis. *v.t.* To fasten or furnish with spikes; to sharpen to a point; to pierce; to plug the touch-hole (of a cannon) with a spike.

**spikenard** (spik'nard) [O.F. *spiquenard*], *n.* A herb related to valerian; an ancient and costly aromatic ointment prepared from this.

**spill** (1) (spil) [?], *n.* A slip of paper or wood used to light a lamp, etc.

**spill** (2) [A.-S. *spillan*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. spilt, spilled*) To suffer to fall or run out of a vessel; to shed. *v.i.* To run or fall out (of liquid). *n.* A fall, esp. from a vehicle or saddle.

**spillikin** (spil'ik-in) [dim. of **SPILL** (1)], *n.* A pin of bone, wood, etc., used in certain games.

**spin** (spin) [A.-S. *spinnan*], *v.t.* (*past spun, span, p.p. spun*) To draw out and twist (wool, cotton, etc.) into threads; to make (yarn, etc.) thus; to produce threads (of spiders, etc.); to make (a top, etc.) rotate rapidly. *v.i.* To draw out and twist cotton, etc., into threads; to whirl round. *n.* The act or motion of spinning, a whirl; (*colloq.*) a run, ride, etc., at a brisk pace. **spinner**, *n.* One who spins; a machine for spinning thread; a spider.

**spinach** (spin'áj) [Arab. *aspanāch*], *n.* An annual herb with succulent leaves cooked as food.

**spinal** (spī'nál) [as **SPINE**], *a.* Pertaining to the spine. **spinal column**: The backbone.

**spindle** (spindl) [A.-S. *spini*, as **SPIN**], *n.* A rod in a spinning-wheel for twisting and winding the thread; a rod which revolves or on which anything revolves. *v.i.* To grow into a long slender stalk, etc. **spindle-legged**, *a.* Having long, thin legs.

**spindrift** (spin'drift) [var. of *spoomdrift* (L. *spūma*)], *n.* Fine spray from the surface of water.

**spine** (spin) [L. *spīna*, thorn, backbone], *n.* The backbone. **spinescent**, *a.* (*Bot.*) Tending to be spinous; thorny. **spinous**, **spiny**, *a.*

**spinnet** (spin'ēt) [It. *spinetta*, as **SPINE**], *n.* An obsolete musical instrument, similar to the harpsichord.

**spinnaker** (spin'á-kér) [?], *n.* A large jib-shaped sail carried opposite the mainsail.

**spinney** (spin'ī) [as **SPINE**], *n.* A small wood with undergrowth, a copse.

**spinous** (**SPINE**).

**spinster** (spin'stēr) [SPIN, -STER], *n.* An unmarried woman. **spinsterhood**, *n.*

**spiracle** (spīr'ákl) [L. *spīrdre*, to breathe], *n.* A breathing-hole, esp. in the lower animals; a vent-hole for lava, etc.



**spiral** (spîr'ál) [SPIRE, -AL], *a.* Forming a spire, spiral, or coil; continually winding as the thread of a screw. *n.* A spiral curve, spring, or other object. **spirally**, *adv.*

**spire** (spîr) [A.-S. *spîr*], *n.* A tapering structure, the tapering portion of a steeple, etc. *v.t.* To shoot up like a spire.

**spirit** (spîr'it) [L. *spiritus*, from *spirâre*, to breathe], *n.* The immaterial part of man, the soul; this disembodied, a ghost; a sprite, an elf, a fairy; vigour of mind; vivacity, ardour, enthusiasm; disposition; mental attitude, mood; (*usu. pl.*) distilled alcoholic liquors. *v.t.* To animate, to inspire; to convey (away) secretly and rapidly. **spirits of wine**: Pure alcohol.

**spirit-level**, *n.* An instrument for determining the horizontal by an air-bubble in a tube containing alcohol.

**spirited**, *a.* Full of spirit, animated, lively, courageous. **spiritless**, *a.*

**spiritual** (spîr'i-tû-ál) [late L. *spirituális*, as prec.], *a.* Pertaining to or consisting of spirit; incorporeal, pertaining to the soul; derived from God, pure, holy, inspired; not lay or temporal. **spirituality**, *n.* Unworldliness.

**spiritualism** (spîr'i-tû-ál-izm) [prec., -ISM], *n.* A system of professed communion with departed spirits; (*Phil.*) the doctrine that the spirit exists as distinct from matter. **spiritualist**, *n.* **spiritualistic**, *a.*

**spirituous** (spîr'i-tû-ús) [SPIRIT, -OUS], *a.* Containing spirit, alcoholic.

**spit** (1) (spit) [A.-S. *spitu*], *n.* A rod on which meat for roasting is rotated before a fire; a point of land extending into the sea.

**spit** (2) [A.-S. *spittan*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. spat*) To eject (saliva, etc.) from the mouth; to utter in a violent or spiteful way. *v.t.* To eject saliva from the mouth; to make a spitting noise. *n.* Spittle, saliva; spitting. **spitfire**, *n.* An irascible person. **spittle**, *n.* Saliva. **spittoon**, *n.* A receptacle for spittle.

**spite** (spit) [DESPITE], *n.* Ill-will, malice; a grudge. *v.t.* To thwart maliciously; to vex. **in spite of**: Notwithstanding.

**spiteful**, *a.*

**splash** (splăsh) [FLASH], *v.t.* To bespatter with water, mud, etc. *v.t.* To dash liquid about; to be dashed about in drops, to dabble, to plunge; to make one's way (along, etc.) thus. *n.* A spot or patch of liquid, colour, etc. **splash-board**, *n.* A guard to protect the occupants of a vehicle from mud. **splashy**, *a.*

**splay** (splā) [DISPLAY], *v.t.* To form (an opening, etc.) with oblique sides. **splay-foot**, *n.* A broad, flat foot turned outwards.

**spleen** (splēn) [Gr. *splēn*], *n.* A soft vascular organ in vertebrates; (*fig.*) spitefulness, ill-temper; melancholy. **spleenish**, *a.*

**splendid** (splēn'did) [L. *splendēre*, to shine], *a.* Magnificent, glorious, illus-

trious; brilliant; fine, first-rate. **splendour**, *n.*

**splenetic** (splē-net'ik) [SPLEEN], *a.* Pertaining to the spleen; peevish, ill-tempered.

**splice** (splis) [Dut. *splitsen*, to splice], *v.t.* To unite (two ropes, etc.) by interweaving; to unite (timbers, etc.) by fitting the ends together. *n.* A union of ropes, timbers, etc., by splicing.

**splint** (splint) [M.Dut. *splinte*], *n.* A thin piece of wood, etc., used to keep the parts of a broken bone together. *v.t.* To secure or support with splints.

**splinter** (splin'tēr) [M.Dut.], *n.* A thin piece broken, split, or shivered off. *v.* To split, shiver, or rend into splinters.

**split** (split) [M.Dut. *splitten*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. split*) To break, cleave or divide longitudinally or with the grain; to divide (votes) between different candidates. *v.t.* To be divided longitudinally; to go to pieces; to divide into opposed parties. *n.* The act or result of splitting; a crack, rent, fissure; a rupture, a schism.

**splodge** (sploj), **splotch** (sploch) [?], *n.* A daub, a blotch. **splotchy**, *a.*

**splutter** (splūt'ēr) [imit.], *v.* To splutter. *n.* A noise, a fuss. **splutterer**, *n.*

**spoil** (spoil) [L. *spolia*, booty], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. spoilt, spoiled*) To mar, impair the goodness, usefulness, etc., of; to injure by over-indulgence; to plunder. *v.t.* To decay, deteriorate. *n.* Plunder, booty. **spoiler**, *n.*

**spoke** (spōk) [A.-S. *spōca*], *n.* One of the members connecting the hub with the rim of a wheel; a rung of a ladder. **spoke-shave**, *n.* A small plane with a handle at each end.

**spokesman** (spōks'man) [SPOKE, MAN], *n.* One who speaks for another or others.

**spoliation** (spō-lī-ā'shūn) [L. *spoliāre*, to spoil], *n.* Robbery, pillage, the act or practice of plundering. **spoliator**, *n.*

**spondee** (spōn'dē) [Gr. *spondeios*], *n.* A metrical foot of two long syllables.

**sponda'ic**, *a.*

**sponge** (spūnj) [A.-S., Gr. *spongios*], *n.* A marine animal with pores in the body-wall; its soft, elastic skeleton used as an absorbent; a parasite. *v.t.* To wipe or cleanse with a sponge; to obliterate.

**spongy**, *a.* **sponger**, *n.* One who or that which sponges; a mean parasite.

**sponsor** (spōn'sor) [L.], *n.* One who undertakes to be responsible for another; a godparent. **sponsorship**, *n.*

**spontaneous** (spōn-tā'nē-ús) [L. *sponte*, of one's own accord], *a.* Arising, done, acting, etc., without external cause; voluntary; instinctive, automatic, involuntary; self-originated. **spontane'ity**, *n.* **spontan'iously**, *adv.*

**spook** (spook) [Dut.], *n.* A ghost.

**spool** (spool) [M.Dut. *spoole*], *n.* A small cylinder for winding thread on.

**spoon** (1) (spoon) [A.-S. *spōn*, chip], *n.* A utensil for conveying liquid food to the mouth, etc.; an oar, golf-club, bait, etc.,

shaped like a spoon. **spoon-meat**, *n.* Liquid food. **spoonful**, *n.*

**spoon** (2) [?], *n.* A silly fellow; a mawkish lover. *v.i.* To indulge in foolishly demonstrative love-making. **spoon-y**, *a.*

**spoor** (spoor) [Dut.], *n.* The track of a wild animal. *v.i.* To follow a spoor.

**sporadic** (spô-râd'ik) [Gr. *sporas* -ados, from *speirein*, to sow], *a.* Scattered, occurring here and there. **sporadically**, *adv.*

**spore** (spôr) [Gr. *spora*, sowing], *n.* (*Biol.*) A minute organic body that develops into a new individual.

**sporran** (spôr'an) [Gael.], *n.* A fur pouch worn by Highlanders in front of the kilt.

**sport** (spôrt) [DISPORT], *n.* Amusement; fun, jest; a game, pastime, hunting, shooting, fishing, racing, running, etc. *v.i.* To play, to divert oneself; to trifle, to jest. *v.t.* To display ostentatiously.

**sporting**, *a.* **sportive**, *a.* Gay, frolicsome, playful. **sportiveness**, *n.* **sportsman**, *n.* One skilled in or devoted to sports, one who faces good or bad luck with equanimity. **sportsmanlike**, *a.* **sportsmanship**, *n.*

**spot** (spot) [M.E.], *n.* A small mark, a speck; a particular locality. *v.t.* To mark with spots. *v.i.* To become or be liable to be marked with spots. **spotted fever**; Cerebro-spinal meningitis. **spotless**, *a.* **spotty**, *a.*

**spouse** (spouz) [O.F. *spus*, L. *sponsus*, promised], *n.* A husband or wife. **spousal**, *a.* Pertaining to marriage.

**spout** (spout) [M.E. *spouten*], *v.t.* To pour out with force; to utter in a declamatory manner. *v.i.* To issue forcibly or copiously, to declaim. *n.* A short pipe or channelled projection for carrying off water from a gutter, conducting liquid from a vessel, etc.; a continuous jet of water. **spouter**, *n.*

**sprain** (sprân) [O.F. *espreindre*], *v.t.* To wrench muscles or ligaments so as to injure without dislocation. *n.* Such a twist or wrench or the injury due to it.

**sprat** (sprât) [A.-S. *sprott*], *n.* A small food-fish of the herring tribe.

**sprawl** (sprawl) [A.-S. *spreawlian*], *v.i.* To lie or stretch out the limbs in a careless posture; to straggle.

**spray** (sprâ) [Teut.], *n.* Liquid flying in small, fine drops; a small branch used as a decoration; an ornament resembling a sprig of leaves, flowers, etc. *v.t.* To throw or apply in the form of spray; to treat with a spray.

**spread** (sprêd) [A.-S. *sprædan*], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* *spread*) To extend by opening, unrolling, flattening out, etc.; to diffuse, disseminate; to cover the surface of. *v.i.* To be extended in length and breadth; to be scattered or disseminated. *n.* Act of spreading; breadth, extent, expansion; diffusion; a feast. *a.* Bombastic; bombastically patriotic.

**spree** (sprê) [?], *n.* A lively frolic.

**sprig** (sprig) [?], *n.* A small branch; an

ornament resembling this; a small brad; a scion, a young fellow. **spriggy**, *a.*

**sprightly** (sprit'li) [SPRITE, -LY], *a.* Lively, spirited, gay.

**spring** (spring) [A.-S. *springan*], *v.i.* (*past* *sprang*, *p.p.* *sprung*) To leap, bound, jump; to rise, as from a source, to originate, to appear; to warp (of wood, etc.). *v.t.* To cause to move, act, etc., suddenly by releasing a spring; to cause (a mine) to explode; to develop (a leak). *n.* A leap; a recoil, a rebound; the starting of a plank, seam, leak, etc.; elastic force; an elastic body or structure, usu. of bent or coiled metal; an issue of water from the earth; (*fig.*) an origin; the first of the four seasons (about 21st March-22nd June); (*fig.*) the early part, youth. **spring-board**, *n.* A springy board giving impetus in diving, etc. **spring tide**: A high tide occurring a day or two after the new or the full moon. **springtime**, *n.* The season of spring. **springy**, *a.* Elastic, like a spring.

**springbok** (spring'bok) [S. Afr. Dut. (SPRING, *bok*, BUCK)], *n.* A S. African gazelle.

**springe** (sprin) [M.E., as SPRING], *n.* A noose, a snare for small game.

**sprinkle** (sprinkl) [as SPRING], *v.* To scatter in small drops.

**sprint** (sprint) [?], *v.* To run at one's topmost speed. *n.* A short run thus.

**sprit** (sprit) [A.-S. *spræot*, pole], *n.* A small spar set diagonally to the top outer corner of a sail. **spritsail**, *n.*

**sprite** (sprit) [SPIRIT], *n.* A fairy, an elf.

**sprocket** (sprog'et) [?], *n.* One of the teeth on a wheel engaging with a chain.

**sprocket-wheel**, *n.* A wheel set with sprockets.

**sprout** (sprout) [A.-S. *sprûtan*], *v.i.* To shoot forth, to germinate. *v.t.* To cause to put forth sprouts or to grow. *n.* A new shoot on a plant; (*pl.*) Brussels sprouts.

**spruce** (1) (sproos) [?], *a.* Neat, trim, smart. *v.t.* To smarten (up). **sprucely**, *adv.* **spruceness**, *n.*

**spruce** (2) [G. *sprossen*, sprouts], *n.* Spruce-fir, a pine of the genus *Picea*.

**spry** (spri) [?], *a.* Active, sharp, wide-awake.

**spud** (spûd) [M.E. *spuddle*], *n.* A short spade for cutting up weeds by the root; a potato.

**spume** (spûm) [L. *spûma*], *n.* Froth, foam. *v.i.* To froth.

**spunk** (spûnk) [Ir. *sponc*, tinder], *n.* Mettle, pluck; touchwood, tinder.

**spur** (spër) [A.-S. *spura*], *n.* An instrument worn on a horseman's heel having a point or a rowel; (*fig.*) incentive, stimulus; a spur-shaped projection, as on a cock's leg. *v.t.* To prick with spurs; to urge, incite; to furnish with spurs.

**spurge** (spërj) [O.F. *espurge*, as EXPURGATE], *n.* A plant with milky and usu. acrid juice.

**spurious** (spûr'î-ûs) [L. *spurius*], *a.* No genuine, false, counterfeit.



**spurn** (spĕrn) [A.-S. *spornan*], *v.i.* To thrust away; to reject with disdain.

**spurt** (1) (spĕrt) [A.-S. *spryttan*, causal of *sprutan*, to sprout], *v.i.* To gush out in a jet. *v.t.* To force out thus. *n.* A forcible gush or jet of liquid.

**spurt** (2) [Icel. *sprettr*, cogn. with *SPRINT*], *n.* A sudden vigorous effort, esp. in racing. *v.i.* To make a spurt.

**sputter** (spüt'ér) [freq. of *SPOUT*], *v.i.* To emit saliva in scattered particles, to splutter; to speak in an excited way.

**sputum** (spū'tum) [L.], *n.* (*pl. -ta*) Spit; matter expectorated.

**spy** (spi) [ESPY], *v.i.* To see, to discover, esp. by close observation; to explore secretly. *v.i.* To act as a spy; to pry. *n.* One sent secretly into an enemy's territory to obtain information.

**squab** (skwob) [Swed.], *a.* Fat, short, squat. *adv.* With a heavy fall; plump. *n.* A short, fat person; a young pigeon.

**squabble** (skwobl) [Swed.], *v.i.* To engage in a petty quarrel, to wrangle. *n.* A petty or noisy quarrel.

**squad** (skwod) [M.F. *esquadre*, It. *squadra*, square], *n.* An organized group of soldiers; a small party of people. *awkward squad*: A body of recruits.

**squadron** (skwod'ron) [M.F. *esquadron*, as prec.], *n.* A main division of a cavalry regiment; a detachment of several warships.

**squalid** (skwol'id) [L. *squālĕre*, to be dirty], *a.* Dirty, poverty-stricken. *squalor*, *n.*

**squall** (skwawl) [Icel. *skaala*], *v.* To scream discordantly. *n.* A harsh, discordant scream; a sudden, violent gust or succession of gusts, esp. accompanied by rain, etc. *squally*, *a.*

**squander** (skwon'dér) [?], *v.t.* To spend wastefully; to dissipate by foolish prodigality.

**square** (skwā) [O.F. *esquarre* (EX-, L. *quadrāre*, to make square)], *n.* A rectangle with equal sides; any surface, area, etc., of this shape; an instrument for laying out and testing right angles; the product of a quantity multiplied by itself; (*fig.*) order, proper proportion; equity, fairness. *a.* Rectangular; at right angles (to); broad with straight sides; (*fig.*) fair, honest; in proper order; even, settled absolute; full. *v.t.* To make square or rectangular; (*fig.*) to bring into conformity (with); to make even, to settle. *v.i.* To be at right angles (with); (*fig.*) to agree, to harmonize; to put oneself in a fighting attitude. **square-rigged**, *a.* Having the principal sails extended by horizontal yards suspended from the middle. **square root**: The quantity that, multiplied by itself, will produce the given quantity. **squarely**, *adv.*

**squash** (skwosh) [?], *v.t.* To crush, to press flat or into pulp. *n.* A thing or mass squeezed to pulp. **squashy**, *a.*

**squat** (skwot) [O.F. *esquatir*, to flatten], *v.i.* To sit on the haunches; to crouch; to settle on land without any title. *a.*

Short, dumpy; in a squatting position. **squatter**, *n.* One who settles without a title, esp. on public land; (*Austral.*) one who leases pasturage from the Government.

**squaw** (skwaw) [N. Am. Ind. *squa*], *n.* A N. American Indian woman or wife.

**squawk** (skwawk) [as foll.], *v.i.* To utter a loud, harsh cry. *n.* Such a cry.

**squeak** (skwĕk) [Scand.], *v.i.* To utter a sharp, shrill cry; to break secrecy. *n.* A sharp, shrill sound; (*colloq.*) a narrow escape. **squeaky**, *a.*

**squeal** (skwĕl) [M. Swed. *squæla*], *v.i.* To utter a more or less prolonged shrill cry. *n.* A shrill cry.

**squeamish** (skwĕ'mish) [A.-F. *escoymous*], *a.* Easily disgusted or offended; fastidious, excessively nice, prudish.

**squeeze** (skwĕz) [A.-S. *cwiesan*], *v.t.* To press closely, esp. between two bodies or with the hand; to extract (juice, etc.) thus; to force (oneself into, out of, etc.). *v.i.* To press, to push, to force one's way (into, etc.). *n.* The act of squeezing; pressure; a close embrace; a throng. **squeezable**, *a.*

**squelch** (skwelch) [?], *v.t.* To crush; to silence, to discomfit.

**skib** (skwib) [?], *n.* A firework emitting sparks and exploding; a petty lampoon.

**squid** (skwid) [Scand.], *n.* A cuttle-fish.

**squill** (skwil) [L. *squilla*], *n.* A plant resembling the bluebell; its bulb used as an expectorant, diuretic, etc.

**squint** (skwint) [?], *v.t.* To look with the eyes differently directed. *a.* Looking obliquely or askance. *n.* An affection of the eyes causing the axes to be differently directed; a stealthy or oblique look.

**squire** (skwir) [ESQUIRE], *n.* A country gentleman; the chief landowner in a place; a beau; (*Hist.*) an attendant on a knight. *v.t.* To attend as a squire.

**squireen**, **squireling**, *n.* A petty squire.

**squirm** (skwĕrm) [?], *v.i.* To writhe about, to climb (up) by wriggling; (*fig.*) to display embarrassment, etc. *n.* A wriggling movement.

**squirrel** (skwir'ĕl) [Gr. *skiouros*], *n.* A brown bushy-tailed rodent quadruped living chiefly in trees.

**squirt** (skwĕrt) [Teut.], *v.t.* To eject in a jet from a narrow orifice. *n.* A syringe; a jet (of liquid).

**stab** (stāb) [Scand.], *v.t.* To wound with a point; to plunge (a weapon into). *v.i.* To aim a blow with a pointed weapon (at). *n.* A blow or thrust with a pointed weapon; a wound inflicted thus.

**stable** (1) (stābl) [O.F. *estable*, from L. *stāre*, to stand], *a.* Firmly fixed, established; resolute, not changeable. **stability**, *n.* **stabilize**, *v.t.* **stably**, *adv.*

**stable** (2) [O.F. *estable*, L. *stabulum*, as prec.], *n.* A building for horses or cattle; (*fig.*) the race-horses belonging to a particular stable. *v.t.* To put or keep in a

**stable**. *v.i.* To lodge in a stable.  
**stabling**, *n.* Accommodation in a stable.  
**stabilize**, **stably** [STABLE (1)].

**staccato** (stá-ka'tó) [It.], *adv.* (*Mus. direction*) With each note sharply distinct.

**stack** (sták) [Icel. *stakkr*], *n.* A regular pile of corn, hay, straw, etc., usu. with a thatched top; an orderly pile or heap; a chimney, a smoke-stack. *v.t.* To pile in a stack. **stackyard**, *n.* A yard for stacks.

**stadium** (stá'di-um) [L., from Gr. *stadion*], *n.* (*pl. -dia*) (*Gr. Ant.*) A measure of about 202 yds.; an enclosure for foot-racing and other sports.

**staff** (staf) [A.-S. *staf*], *n.* (*pl. staffs, Mus., etc., staves, stávz*) A stick; a support; a rod used as an emblem of office, as a handle, a flagstaff, in surveying, etc.; (*Mil.*) a body of officers assisting an officer in command; a body working under a manager, etc.

**stag** (stág) [A.-S. *stagga*], *n.* The male of the red deer and other large deer.  
**staghound**, *n.* A large hound used for hunting stags.

**stage** (stáj) [O.F. *estage*], *n.* An elevated platform; a raised platform on which theatrical performances take place; the theatre, the drama, the profession of an actor, actors collectively; a regular stopping-place on a route; the distance between two such; a definite portion of a journey. *v.t.* To put on the stage.  
**stage-coach**, *n.* A coach running regularly for conveyance of passengers, etc.  
**stage-effect**, *n.* Theatrical effect.  
**stage-fright**, *n.* Nervousness in facing an audience.  
**stage-struck**, *a.* Smitten with intense desire to become an actor.  
**stage-whisper**, *n.* An aside.

**stagger** (stág'ér) [Icel. *stakra*], *v.i.* To move unsteadily, to totter, to reel; to waver, to hesitate. *v.t.* To cause to reel or hesitate; to shock with surprise, etc. *n.* A staggering movement.

**stagnate** (stág'nát) [L. *stagnum*, pool], *v.i.* To cease to flow; to be without current; to become sluggish or inert.  
**stág'nant**, *a.* stagnancy, stágna'tion, *n.* The state of being stagnant.

**staid** (stád) [STAYED], *a.* Sober, steady, sedate. *staidly*, *adv.*

**stain** (stán) [M.E. *stainen*], *v.t.* To discolour, to soil; to blemish (a reputation, etc.). *v.i.* To cause discoloration; to take stains. *n.* A discoloration; a blot, a blemish. **stainer**, *n.* stainless, *a.*

**stair** (stár) [A.-S. *stæger*], *n.* One of a series of steps; a flight of stairs. **staircase**, *n.* A flight of stairs with banisters, supporting structure, etc.

**stake** (sták) [A.-S. *staca*], *n.* A pointed stick set in the ground as a support, part of railing, etc.; anything wagered on a contingency, etc.; (*pl.*) money competed for; (*fig.*) anything contended for. *v.t.* To fasten, support, mark off, or protect with stakes; to wager.

**stalactite** (stál'ák-tít) [Gr. *stalaktos*, dripping], *n.* A deposit of carbonate of lime, hanging like an icicle. **stalac'tiform**, **stalactit'ic**, *a.*

**stalagmite** (stál'ág-mít) [Gr. *stalagmos*, dripping], *n.* A deposit of the same material as in a stalactite on the floor or walls of a cave. **stalagmit'ic**, *a.*

**stale** (stál) [O.F. *estaler*, to make water], *a.* Not fresh, musty; kept too long; (*fig.*) trite.

**stalemate** (stál-mát) [?], *n.* (*Chess*) The position when the king, not actually in check, is unable to move without placing himself in check, and there is no other piece that can be moved. *v.t.* To subject to a stalemate; (*fig.*) to bring to a standstill.

**stalk** (1) (stawk) [A.-S. *stealcen*], *v.i.* To walk with high, pompous steps; to go stealthily, to steal (up to game) under cover. *v.t.* To pursue stealthily. *n.* The act of stalking game; a pompous gait. **stalker**, *n.* **stalking-horse**, *n.* A horse behind which a sportsman conceals himself; a mask, a pretence.

**stalk** (2) (stawk) [M.E. *stolke*, A.-S. *stæla*], *n.* The stem of a plant. **stalky**, *a.*

**stall** (stawl) [A.-S. *steal*], *n.* A compartment for a horse, ox; a booth; a bench, table, etc., for the sale of goods; a finger-stall; a canopied seat in a choir for a clergyman, chorister, etc.; a canonry; a theatre seat in front of the pit. *v.t.* To keep in a stall (esp. cattle for fattening); to furnish with stalls.

**stallion** (stál'yón) [O.F. *estalon*], *n.* An uncastrated male horse.

**stalwart** (stawl'wért) [A.-S. *stælwyrthe*], *a.* Sturdy; stout, resolute.

**stamen** (stám'mén) [L.], *n.* The pollen-bearing male organ of a flower. **stamin'al**, **stamin'eous**, *a.*

**stamina** (stám'i-ná) [L., *pl.* of prec.], *n.* Strength, power of endurance.

**stammer** (stám'ér) [M.E. *stameren*, A.-S. *stamun*, *stamor*, stammering], *v.* To speak haltingly, with nervous hesitation or repetitions of the same sound; to stutter. *n.* A stammering utterance or vocal affection.

**stamp** (stámp) [A.-S. *stempen*], *v.t.* To mark with a dye, pattern, etc.; to affix a stamp to; to impress; (*fig.*) to imprint; to bring (the foot) down heavily; to crush, pulverise, or extinguish by downward force or pressure. *v.i.* To strike the foot forcibly on the ground. *n.* Act of stamping; an instrument for stamping designs, etc.; the mark made by this; an official mark showing that duty has been paid; a postage-stamp for affixing to letters, receipts, etc.; a label certifying genuineness, etc. **stamp-duty**, *n.* A duty imposed on certain legal documents.

**stampede** (stám-péd') [Sp. *estampar*, to stamp], *n.* A sudden fright causing horses or cattle to scatter and run; a sudden panic. *v.i.* To take part in a stampede. *v.t.* To cause to do this,



**Stentor** (sten'tör, -tör) [Gr. *Stentör*, herald in Trojan war], *n.* A person with a loud, strong voice. **stentorian** (-tör'i-än), *a.*

**step** (step) [A.-S. *steppan*], *v.t.* To lift and set down a foot or the feet alternately, to walk; to dance slowly or with dignity. *v.t.* To perform or measure by stepping; (*Naut.*) to insert the foot of (a mast) in a step. *n.* A single complete movement of one leg in the act of walking, dancing, etc.; the distance traversed; a short distance; action taken towards some end; a single stair in a flight of stairs; a degree in rank; a socket for the end of a mast, shaft, etc. **step-ladder**, *n.* A ladder with flat treads or rungs. **stepping-stone**, *n.* A raised stone in a stream or swamp for crossing; (*fig.*) a means to an end.

**step-** [A.-S. *steop*, orphaned], *pref.* A prefix used to express relation only by the marriage of a parent, as **stepbrother**, **-sister**. **stepchild**, *n.* The child of one's husband or wife by a former marriage. **stepfather**, **-mother**, *n.* The later husband or wife of one's parent.

**steppe** (step) [Rus. *steppe*], *n.* A vast plain devoid of forest, esp. Russia and Siberia.

**-ster** [A.-S. *-estre*, as in *L. minister*], *suf.* Denoting an agent, as in *malster, songster*; or a female agent, as in *spinster*.

**stereo-** [Gr. *stereos*, stiff, solid], *comb. form.*

**stereoscope** (ster'é-ô-sköp) [STEREO-SCOPE], *n.* A binocular instrument for blending into one two pictures taken at slightly divergent angles. **stereoscopic**, -al (-sköp'ik, -äl), *a.* Giving the effect of solidity. **stereotype** [STEREO-TYPE], *n.* A printing plate cast from a mould taken from movable type. *v.t.* To take a stereotype of; (*fig.*) to fix in unchangeable form.

**sterile** (ster'il) [L. *sterilis*], *a.* Barren, unfruitful. **sterility** (stê-ril'i-ti), *n.* **sterilize**, *v.t.* **sterilizer**, *n.*

**sterling** (stêr'ling) [?], *a.* Of standard value, genuine, pure (of coins and precious metals).

**stern** (1) (stêrn) [A.-S. *styrne*], *a.* Severe, grim; harsh, strict; ruthless, resolute. **sternly**, *adv.* **sternness**, *n.*

**stern** (2) [Icel. *stjörn*, steering], *n.* The hind part of a ship; the rump of an animal.

**stern-chase**, *n.* A chase in which one vessel follows the other straight behind.

**stern-sheets**, *n.pl.* The space in a boat between the stern and the aftermost thwart. **sternmost**, *a.*

**sternum** (stêrn'um) [Gr. *sternon*], *n.* The breast-bone.

**sternutation** (stêrn-nü-tä'shùn) [L. *sternutare*, freq. of *sternuere*, to sneeze], *n.* The act of sneezing, a sneeze. **sternu'ta-tive**, *a.*

**stertorous** (stêr'tör-üs) [L. *stertere*, to snore], *a.* Characterized by deep snoring.

**stet** (stet) [L.], *v.t.* (*Print.*) Let it stand (cancelling a previous correction).

**stethoscope** (steth'ô-sköp) [Gr. *stêthos*, breast, -SCOPE], *n.* An instrument used in auscultation of the chest.

**stevedore** (stê'vê-dör) [Sp. *estivador*], *n.* One who loads or unloads ships.

**stew** (stü) [O.F. *estuve*, hot-house], *v.t.* To cook by boiling slowly. *v.t.* To be cooked thus; (*fig.*) to be stifed by a close atmosphere. *n.* Meat, etc., cooked by stewing; (*fig.*) a state of mental agitation.

**steward** (stü'ard) [A.-S. *stigweard* (STY (1), WARD)], *n.* A person employed to manage the affairs, estate, or household, etc., of another, or the service of provisions, etc., in a college, club, on shipboard, etc.; **stewardess**, *n.* **stewardship**, *n.*

**stich** (stik) [Gr. *stichos*], *n.* A metrical line, a verse. **stichic**, *a.*

**stick** (stik) [M.R. *steken*, to pierce, A.-S. *stician*, to stick], *v.t.* (PAST and *p.p.* **stuck**) To thrust the point of (in, etc.); to fix (into); to thrust (out or up); to protrude; to fix on a point; to pierce, stab; to cause to adhere to; to set (type). *v.t.* To be inserted (into); to protrude, project, or stand (up, etc.); to adhere; to be inseparable; to persist, persevere; to be hindered or checked; to be perplexed; to have misgivings, to hesitate (at). *n.* A slender piece of wood, a rod, wand, staff, baton, walking-cane; anything resembling this; a drum-stick, fiddle-stick, etc.; (*fig.*) an awkward or stupid person. **sticking-plaster**, *n.* An adhesive plaster for wounds, etc. **sticky**, *a.* Tending to stick, adhesive; glutinous. **stickily**, *adv.* **stickiness**, *n.* **stuck-up**, *a.* Erect; (*fig.*) conceited, giving oneself airs.

**stickle** (stikl) [?], *v.t.* To contend pertinaciously for some trifle. **stickler**, *n.*

**stickleback** (stikl'bäk) [A.-S. *sticel*, prickle, BACK], *n.* A small spiny-backed fish.

**stiff** (stif) [A.-S. *stif*], *a.* Rigid, not pliant, flexible, or working freely; obstinate, stubborn; not graceful; awkward, formal, precise; difficult; high (of prices); viscous. **stiff-necked**, *a.* Stubborn, self-willed. **stiffen**, *v.* To make or become stiff or stiffer. **stiffener**, *n.* **stiffening**, *n.* **stiffness**, *n.*

**stifle** (stifl) [Icel. *stifla*, cogn. with STIFF], *v.* To smother, to suffocate. **stiflingly**, *adv.*

**stigma** (stig'ma) [Gr., a brand], *n.* (*pl.* -mas) A mark branded on slaves, criminals, etc.; a mark of infamy; (*pl.* **stigmata**) (*R.-O. Oh.*) marks miraculously developed on the body, corresponding to the wounds of Christ. **stigmat'ic**, *a.* **stigmatize**, *v.t.* To mark with a brand of disgrace, etc.

**stile** (stil) [A.-S. *stigel*, from *stigan*, to climb], *n.* A series of steps over a fence, etc.

**stiletto** (sti-let'tô) [It., as STYLE], *n.* A small dagger; a pointed instrument for making eyelet-holes, etc.

**still** (1) (stil) [A.-S. *stille*], *a.* At rest, motionless; calm; silent, hushed; not effervescent. *adv.* Now, then, or for the future, as previously; yet; nevertheless, all the same. *v.t.* To quiet, to silence; to appease. **stillness**, *n.*

**still** (2) [L. *stillāre*, to drip], *n.* A vessel or apparatus employed in distillation, esp. of spirituous liquors. *v.t.* To distill.

**still-room**, *n.* A room for distilling; a store-room for liquors.

**stilt** (stilt) [Swed. *styttā*], *n.* A pole having a rest for the foot, used in pairs, to raise a person in walking; a shore-bird related to the plover. **stilted**, *a.* Bombastic, inflated (of literary style, etc.).

**Stilton** (stil'tōn), *n.* A rich, white cheese, orig. made at Stilton, Hunts.

**stimulant** (stim'ū-lānt) [L. *stimulans*, pricking], *a.* Serving to stimulate. *n.* Anything that stimulates or produces a transient increase of vital energy, esp. alcohol. **stimulate**, *v.t.* To rouse to action or greater exertion; to spur on; to excite organic action. *v.i.* To act as a stimulus. **stimulation**, *n.* **stimulative**, *a.* **stimulus**, *n.* (*pl.* -uli) That which stimulates; an incitement.

**sting** (sting) [A.-S. *stingan*], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* stung) To wound with a sting; (*fig.*) to cause acute pain to. *v.i.* To have or use a sting; to have an acute and smarting pain. *n.* A sharp-pointed organ, often conveying poison, with which certain insects, scorpions, and plants are armed; any acute pain, smart, etc.

**stingo** (sting'gō) [from STING], *n.* Strong ale.

**stingy** (stin'ji) [STING], *a.* Close-fisted, niggardly. **stingily**, *adv.* **stinginess**, *n.*

**stink** (stink) [A.-S. *stincan*], *v.i.* (*past* stank, *stunk*, *p.p.* stunk) To emit a strong, offensive smell; to have an evil reputation. *n.* A strong, offensive smell.

**stint** (stint) [A.-S. *stytan*], *v.t.* To give scantily or grudgingly.

**stipend** (stip'end) [L. *stipendium*], *n.* A salary, esp. of a clergyman. **stipendiary**, *a.* Performing services for a stipend; *n.* One receiving a stipend, esp. a magistrate.

**stipple** (stipl) [Dut. *stippel*, dim. of *stip*, point], *v.* To engrave, paint, or draw by means of dots. *n.* This method; work produced thus. **stippler**, *n.*

**stipulate** (stip'ū-lāt) [L. *stipulus*, firm, fast], *v.t.* To specify as essential to an agreement. *v.i.* To settle terms. **stipulation**, *n.* **stipulator**, *n.*

**stir** (stēr) [A.-S. *styrian*], *v.t.* To cause to move, to disturb; to bestir (oneself, etc.); to rouse (up), to excite, animate. *v.i.* To move, not to be still. *n.* Agitation, commotion, bustle; a movement; the act of stirring. **stirabout**, *n.* Porridge. *a.* Active, bustling. **stirring**, *a.* Moving; animating, exciting.

**stirrup** (stir'up) [A.-S. *stirāp*], *n.* An iron loop suspended from the saddle by a strap as a rider's foot-rest. **stirrup-cup**, *n.* A parting cup on horseback.

**stitch** (stich) [A.-S. *stice*, as STICK], *n.* A sharp pain in the side; a single pass of the needle in sewing; a single turn of wool, etc., round a needle in knitting; the link of thread, wool, etc., thus inserted. *v.* To sew.

**stiver** (stiv'ēr) [Dut.], *n.* Any small coin. **stoat** (stōt) [M.E. *stot*], *n.* The ermine, esp. in its summer coat; the weasel.

**stock** (stok) [A.-S. *stoc*], *n.* The main stem of a tree or other plant; a family, a line of descent, a post, stump; the principal supporting part of anything, the handle, base, body, etc.; liquor from bones, etc., as a basis for soup; the aggregate of goods, etc., kept on hand; the beasts on a farm (live stock) or implements of husbandry and produce (dead stock); (*Finance*) money lent to a government; the capital of a corporate company; (*pl.*) the shares of such capital; (*pl.*) a frame in which the ankles (and sometimes wrists) of petty offenders were formerly confined; (*pl.*) a framework on which a vessel rests during building; a cravat. *a.* Kept in stock; habitually used, permanent. *v.t.* To provide with goods, live stock, etc.; to keep in stock; to furnish with a handle, butt, etc. **stock-broker**, *n.* One engaged in the purchase and sale of stocks on commission. **stockdove**, *n.* The European wild pigeon. **stock exchange**: The place where stocks or shares are bought and sold. **stockfish**, *n.* Cod, ling, etc., split open and dried in the sun without salting. **stock-in-trade**, *n.* Goods, tools, and other requisites of a trade, etc. **stock-jobber**, *n.* An intermediary between buying and selling stock-brokers. **stock-man**, *n.* (*Austral.*) One in charge of live stock. **stock-rider**, *n.* (*Austral.*) A herdsman in charge of stock. **stock-still**, *a.* Motionless. **stock-yard**, *n.* An enclosure with pens for cattle at market, etc. **stocky**, *a.* Thick-set, short and stout.

**stockade** (stō-kād') [Sp. *estacada*], *n.* A line or enclosure of stakes. *v.t.* To fortify with a stockade.

**stocking** (stok'ing) [dim. of STOCK], *n.* A close-fitting covering for the foot and leg. **stocky**, etc. [STOCK].

**stodgy** (stoj'i) [?], *a.* Heavy, indigestible (of food); dull, matter-of-fact (of books, etc.).

**Stoic** (stō'ik) [Gr. *Stoikos*, from *stoa*, with ref. to the porch where Zeno taught], *n.* A philosopher of the Greek school holding that virtue is the highest good, and that the passions and appetites should be rigidly subdued. **stoical**, *a.* **stoically**, *adv.* **stoicism**, *n.*

**stoke** (stōk) [Dut. *stoken*, to make fire], *v.t.* To tend (a furnace). **stoker**, *n.* One who attends to a furnace.

**stole** (stōl) [Gr. *stolē*], *n.* A narrow band of silk, etc., worn over both shoulders by priests, and by deacons over the left shoulder; a necklet of fur, etc., worn by women.

**stolid** (stol'id) [L. *stolidus*], *a.* Dull, impassive, stupid. **stolid'ity**, *n.* **stolidly**, *adv.*

**stomach** (stūm'āk) [Gr. *stomachos*, dim. of *stoma*], *n.* A digestive cavity formed



by a dilatation of the alimentary canal; the belly; (*fig.*) appetite, inclination. *v.t.* To accept as palatable; (*fig.*) to put up with. **stomachic** (stô-măk'ik), *a.* Pertaining to the stomach; aiding digestion; *n.* A stomachic medicine.

**stone** (stôn) [A.-S. *stān*], *n.* A small piece of rock, a pebble, cobble; material for building, paving, etc.; a millstone, grindstone, tombstone, etc.; a gem; the disease calculus; a testicle; the seed of a grape, etc., the kernel in stone-fruit; a hailstone; a measure of weight of 14 lb. *a.* Made of stone; like stone. *v.t.* To pelt with stones; to free (fruit) from stones. **stone age**: The period in which primitive man used implements of stone. **stone-blind**, *a.* Perfectly blind. **stone-cold**, *a.* Quite cold. **stone-dead**, *a.* Dead as a stone. **stone-deaf**, *a.* Quite deaf. **stone-fruit**, *n.* A fruit with seeds covered by a hard shell, as peaches, plums, etc. **stone-mason**, *n.* One who dresses stones or builds with stone. **stone-ware**, *n.* Pottery made from clay and flint or a hard siliceous clay. **stonework**, *n.* Masonry. **stony**, *a.* Pertaining to, made or consisting of, abounding in or resembling stone; (*fig.*) hard, cruel; impassible; obdurate; (*slang*) destitute of money.

**stonily**, *adv.*

**stook** (stuk) [Teut.], *n.* A bundle of sheaves set up.

**stool** (stool) [A.-S. *stōl*], *n.* A seat without a back, for one person; a low bench.

**stoop** (stoop) [A.-S. *stāpian*], *v.t.* To bend the body downward and forward; to incline forward habitually; (*fig.*) to bring oneself down (to). *v.t.* To incline (the head, shoulders, etc.) downward and forward. *n.* Act of stooping; an habitual inclination of the shoulders, etc.

**stop** (stop) [A.-S. *stoppian*], *v.t.* To close, stanch, plug (up); to fill a crack or cavity; to impede; to cause to cease moving, working, etc.; to prevent the doing of; to keep back, suspend. *v.i.* To come to an end, to come to rest; to cease or desist (from); (*colloq.*) to stay, sojourn; to punctuate. *n.* Act of stopping, state of being stopped, a cessation, interruption; a punctuation mark; a block, etc., used to stop the movement of something; (*Mus.*) the pressing down of a string, closing of an aperture, etc., effecting a change of pitch; a key, etc., employed in this; a set of pipes in an organ having tones of a distinct quality. **stoppage**, *n.* **stopper**, *n.* One who or that which stops; a stopple. *v.t.* To close with a stopper. **stopple**, *n.* That which stops or closes the mouth of a vessel, a stopper, plug, bung, etc.

**store** (stôr) [O.F. *estor*, from L. *staurāre*, see **RESTORE**], *n.* A stock, an abundant supply, abundance; a place where things are laid up, a storehouse, warehouse; a large establishment where articles of various kinds are sold; (*pl.*) articles kept on hand for special use. *v.t.* To accumu-

late or lay (up or away) for future use; to stock (with); to deposit in a warehouse. **storehouse**, *n.* A place where things are stored up, a warehouse, granary, etc. **storage**, *n.* Act of storing; price paid or space reserved for this.

**storied** (STORY (1 and 2)).

**stork** (stôrk) [A.-S. *storc*], *n.* A long-necked, long-legged wading-bird allied to the heron.

**storm** (stôrm) [A.-S.], *n.* A violent atmospheric disturbance, a tempest; a violent agitation of society, the mind, etc., a tumult, commotion; a direct assault on a fortified place. *v.t.* To rage (of wind, rain, etc.); to bluster, fume, behave violently. *v.t.* To take by storm. **storming-party**, *n.* A party told off to lead an assault. **stormy**, *a.* Characterized by storms; tempestuous; (*fig.*) violent, passionate.

**story** (1) (stôr'i) [A.-F. *storie*, O.F. *estoire*, L. *historia*, **HISTORY**], *n.* A narrative of actual or fictitious events, a tale; the plot or incidents of a novel, play, etc.; an account of an incident, etc.; a falsehood. **storied** (1), *a.* Adorned with scenes from or celebrated in story.

**story** (2) [as prec.], *n.* A set of rooms on the same floor. **storied** (2), *a.* (*usu. in comb., as three-storied*).

**stoup** (stoop) [Icel. *staup*], *n.* A basin for holy water.

**stout** (stout) [O.F. *estout*], *a.* Strong, sturdy, well-built, vigorous, intrepid; corpulent, bulky. *n.* A malt liquor, strong porter. **stoutish**, *a.* stoutly, *adv.* stoutness, *n.*

**stove** (stôv) [A.-S. *stofa*], *n.* An apparatus in which fuel is burned for heating, cooking, etc. *v.t.* To heat, dry, etc., in a stove. **stove-pipe**, *n.* A pipe for conducting smoke from a stove.

**stow** (stô) [A.-S. *stôwigan*], *v.t.* To put in a suitable or convenient place; to pack away. **stowaway**, *n.* One who hides on a vessel so as to get a free passage.

**stowage**, *n.*

**straddle** (strădl) [STRIDE], *v.i.* To stand or walk with the legs wide apart. *v.t.* To stand or sit astride of thus.

**strafe** (straf) [G. *strafen*, to punish], *v.t.* To punish severely; to do a serious injury to.

**straggle** (străgl) [?], *v.t.* To wander away from the direct course; to get dispersed; to spread irregularly (of plants, etc.). **straggler**, *n.*

**straight** (străt) [A.-S. *streht*, stretched], *a.* Not curved or crooked; upright, not deviating from truth or fairness, correct, right; level; unobstructed; reliable, authoritative. *n.* A straight part, piece, or stretch of anything. *adv.* In a straight line; without deviation; immediately. **straight-edge**, *n.* An implement having one edge straight, used as a ruler, etc. **straightforward**, *a.* Upright, honest, frank. **straighten**, *v.t.* straightway, *adv.* Forthwith, at once.

**strain** (1) (strān) [O.F. *estraindre*, as **STRINGENT**], *v.t.* To stretch tight; to exert to the utmost; to weaken or injure by excessive effort; to force beyond due limits; to embrace; to make artificial or uneasy; to purify by passing through a colander or other strainer; to remove (solids) by straining (out). *v.i.* To exert oneself; to pull or tug (at); to be filtered; to percolate. *n.* Act of straining, a violent effort, a pull, tension; a distortion or change of structure, caused by excessive effort or tension, impulse; a song, melody; spirit, manner, style. **strainer**, *n.*

**strain** (2) [A.-S. *strēon*], *n.* Race, stock, family, breed; natural tendency or disposition.

**strait** (strāt) [A.-F. *estreit*, as **STRICT**], *a.* Narrow, confined, restricted. *n.* A narrow passage of water between two seas; a trying position. **straiten**, *v.t.*

**strake** (strāk) [STREAK], *n.* A continuous line of planking or plates from stem to stern of a vessel.

**strand** (1) (strānd) [A.-S.], *n.* A shore or beach. *v.* To run aground. **stranded**, *a.* Brought to a standstill or into straits, esp. from lack of funds.

**strand** (2) (strānd) [O.N.F. *estran*], *n.* One of the twists of which a rope is composed.

**strange** (strānj) [O.F. *estrange*, as **EX-TRANEOUS**], *a.* Foreign; not well known, new; unusual, extraordinary, queer, surprising; fresh or unused (to), unacquainted. **strangely**, *adv.* **strangeness**, *n.* **stranger**, *n.* A foreigner; a visitor; a person unknown (to one); one ignorant or unaccustomed (to).

**strangle** (strāngl) [Gr. *strangalē*, halter], *v.t.* To kill by compressing the windpipe, to throttle.

**strangulate** (strāng'gū-lāt) [L. *strangulātus*, strangled], *v.t.* To strangle; to compress a blood-vessel, intestine, etc. **strangulation**, *n.*

**strap** (strāp) [A.-S. *stropp*], *n.* A long, narrow strip of leather, usu. with a buckle. *v.t.* To fasten or to beat with a strap; to strop. **strapper**, *n.* One who uses a strap; a tall, strapping person. **strapping**, *a.* Tall, lusty, strong, muscular. **strata**, *pl.* [STRATUM].

**stratagem** (strāt'ā-jēm) [Gr. *stratos*, army, *agein*, to lead], *n.* An artifice or manoeuvre for deceiving an enemy.

**strategic**, -al (strā-tē'jīk, -tē'jīk, -āl) [as prec.], *a.* Pertaining to, used in, or of the nature of strategy. **strategics**, *n.* **strategy** (strāt'ē-jī), *n.* The art of war, generalship. **strategist**, *n.*

**trath** (strāth) [Gael. *srath*], *n.* A wide valley through which a river runs.

**stratify** (strāt'i-fi) [STRATUM, -FY], *v.t.* To form or arrange in strata. **stratification**, *n.*

**stratum** (strāt'ūm) [L.], *n.* (*pl.* -ta) A bed or layer spread out horizontally, esp. by the action of water.

**stratus** (strāt'ūs) [L.], *n.* (*pl.* -ti) A continuous horizontal sheet of cloud.

**straw** (straw) [A.-S. *strēaw*], *n.* The dry, ripened stalks of wheat, rye, oats, etc.; (*fig.*) anything worthless; a straw-hat. **strawberry**, *n.* A low, stemless perennial plant; its fleshy red fruit. **strawberry-tree**, *n.* An evergreen arbutus.

**stray** (strā) [O.F. *estrayer*, as **STREET**], *v.i.* To wander, to go wrong, to lose one's way. *n.* Any domestic animal that has gone astray; a waif. *a.* Gone astray; straggling; occasional.

**streak** (strēk) [Scand.], *n.* A long narrow mark of a distinct colour from the ground. *v.t.* To mark with streaks. **streaky**, *a.* **streakily**, *adv.*

**stream** (strēm) [A.-S.], *n.* A body of flowing water or other fluid; a brook; a steady flow, a current; a moving throng, etc. *v.i.* To flow, move, or issue in a stream; to wave in the wind. **streamer**, *n.* A long narrow ribbon, a pennon. **streamlet**, *n.* **streamy**, *a.*

**street** (strēt) [A.-S. *stræt*, L. *strāta* (*via*), paved (way)], *n.* A road in a town with houses on one side or both.

**strength** (strength) [A.-S. *strengthu*, as **STRONG**], *n.* The quality of being strong; muscular force, firmness; amount of the whole number (of an army, etc.). **strengthen**, *v.t.* To make strong or stronger. *v.i.* To increase in strength.

**strenuous** (stren'ū-as) [L. *strenuus*], *a.* Energetic, ardent; eagerly persistent. **strenuously**, *adv.*

**stress** (stres) [O.F. *estrecter*, as **DISTRESS**], *n.* Constraining or impelling force; pressure, violence; weight, importance; emphasis. *v.t.* To lay the stress or accent on; to subject to force.

**stretch** (strech) [A.-S. *streccan*], *v.t.* To draw out, to extend; to tighten; to straighten; to strain; to exaggerate. *v.i.* To be extended in length or breadth; to reach; to admit of being drawn out; to extend one's body or limbs. *n.* Act of stretching, state of being stretched; extent, reach; a sweep or tract (of land, water, etc.). **stretcher**, *n.* One who or that which stretches; a litter for carrying a disabled person; a cross-piece for a rower to press his feet against.

**strew** (stroo) [A.-S. *strēowian*, as **STRAW**], *v.t.* (*p.p.* strewn, strewed) To scatter, to spread; to cover by scattering or by being scattered over.

**strict** (strikt) [L. *strictus*, drawn tight], *a.* Enforcing or observing rules precisely; severe, stringent; precise. **strictly**, *adv.*

**strictness**, *n.* **stricture**, *n.* A censure.

**stride** (strīd) [A.-S. *strīdan*], *v.i.* (*past* strode, *p.p.* stridden, strid) To walk with long steps. *v.t.* To pass over in one step; to bestride. *n.* A long step, the distance covered by this.

**strident** (strī'dēt) [L. *strīdens*, creaking], *a.* Sounding harsh, grating.

**strife** (strif) [O.F. *estri*], *n.* Contention, conflict, hostile struggle.



**strike** (stri<sup>k</sup>) [A.-S. *strican*, to go], *v.t.* (*past struck*, *p.p. struck*, *stricken*) To hit; to deliver, to inflict (a blow, etc.); to afflict (*usu. in p.p.*), to drive (a ball, etc.) with force; to produce, make, effect, etc., by a stroke, to ignite (a match), to mint (a coin), to blind, deafen, etc.; to make (a bargain); to notify by sound (of clocks); to thrust (into); to hook (a fish); to occur suddenly to the mind of; to lower (sails, tent, etc.); to surrender by lowering (a flag); to leave off (work), esp. to enforce a demand; to determine, (an average, etc.); to assume (an attitude). *v.i.* To hit; to dash (against, etc.); to be driven on shore, a rock, etc.; to sound (the time) by a stroke (of a bell, etc.); to lower a flag, etc., in surrender; to take root; to leave off work to enforce a demand; to happen (upon); to enter (a track). *n.* The act of striking for an increase of wages, etc. **striker**, *n.* One who or that which strikes, esp. a workman on strike. **striking**, *a.* Surprising, forcible, impressive, noticeable.

**string** (string) [A.-S. *streng*], *n.* Twine, a fine line thinner than cord; a length of this; a piece of wire, catgut, etc., in a piano or stringed instrument; a cord upon which anything is strung, a series of things or persons connected together or following in close succession. *v.t.* (*past and p.p. strung*) To furnish with strings; to fasten the string on (a bow); (*fig.*) to make (nerves, etc.) tense (*usu. in p.p.*); to thread on a string. **stringy** (string'ī), *a.* Consisting of strings or small threads, fibrous; ropy, viscous.

**stringent** (strin'jēt) [L. *stringens*, drawing tight], *a.* Strict, binding, rigid; tight, unaccommodating. **stringency**, *n.*

**strip** (1) (strip) [A.-S. *stripan*], *v.t.* To pull or remove the covering from, to skin, peel; to despoil, plunder. *v.i.* To take off one's clothes; to come away in strips; to have the thread torn off (of a screw).

**strip** (2) [foll.], *n.* A long, narrow piece.

**stripe** (strip) [?], *n.* A long, narrow distinctive band; a chevron. *v.t.* To mark with stripes.

**stripling** (strip'ling) [dim. of prec.], *n.* A lad.

**strive** (striv) [STRIFE], *v.i.* (*past strove*, strōv, *p.p. striven*, striv'en) To endeavour, earnestly to struggle; to vie, to emulate; to quarrel (with each other).

**stroke** (1) (strōk) [A.-S. *strāc*], *n.* Act of striking, a blow; act of stroking, a gentle rub; a sudden attack (of disease, etc.); a mark of a pen, pencil, etc.; a stroke-oar. *v.t.* To pass the hand over the surface of caressingly; to act as stroke for (a boat). **stroke-oar**, *n.* The aftermost oarsman in a boat who sets the time for the rest.

**stroll** (strōl) [?], *v.i.* To walk idly, to saunter. *n.* A leisurely ramble. **stroller**, *n.*

**strong** (strong) [A.-S. *strang*], *a.* Able to exert great force, muscular, capable;

forcible, energetic; having great powers of resistance or endurance; robust, hale, tough; having great resources, etc.; having a specified number of men, etc.; having a powerful effect on the senses; (*Gram.*) forming inflexions by internal vowel-change. **stronghold**, *n.* A fortress, a refuge. **strongly**, *adv.*

**strop** (strop) [STRAP], *n.* A strip of leather for sharpening razors on. *v.t.* To sharpen on a strop.

**strophe** (strof'ī, strōf'ī) [Gr.], *n.* The first part of an ode (consisting of strophe, antistrophe, and epode).

**structure** (strūk'chūr) [L. *structus*, built], *n.* A combination of parts, as a building, machine, organism, etc., esp. the framework; the manner in which a complex whole is constructed, or its arrangement.

**structural**, *a.*

**struggle** (strūgl) [Scand.], *v.i.* To put forth great efforts, esp. against difficulties; to strive (to); to contend (with or against). *n.* An act or spell of struggling; a strenuous effort; a confused fight.

**strum** (strūm) [imit.], *v.* To play carelessly on a stringed instrument.

**trumpet** (strūm'pēt) [?], *n.* A prostitute.

**strut** (strūt) [M.E. *strouten*, prob. Scand.], *v.t.* To brace with a strut; to walk with a pompous, conceited gait. *n.* Such a gait; a beam inserted in a frame-work to keep other members apart, a brace.

**strychnine** (strik'nin) [Gr. *struchnos*, nightshade], *n.* A highly poisonous alkaloid used in medicine as a stimulant, etc.

**stub** (stūb) [A.-S. *stybb*], *n.* A stump, end, or remnant of anything. *v.t.* To grub up by the roots; to clear of stubs.

**stubby**, *a.* Containing stubs; short and thick.

**stubble** (stūbl) [O.F. *estouble*], *n.* The stumps of wheat, barley, etc., left in the ground after harvest; (*fig.*) short, bristly hair.

**stubborn** (stūb'ōrn) [M.E. *stoburn*], *a.* Unreasonably obstinate; intractable, refractory. **stubbornness**, *n.*

**stucco** (stūk'ō) [It.], *n.* Fine plaster for coating walls or moulding. *v.t.* To coat with stucco.

**stud** (1) (stūd) [A.-S. *studu*, a post], *n.* A large-headed nail, head of a bolt, etc., esp. as an ornament; an ornamental button. *v.t.* To set with studs or ornamental knobs; to bestrew.

**stud** (2) [A.-S. *stōd*], *n.* A number of horses kept for racing, breeding, etc.

**studding sail** (stūnsīl) [?], *n.* An additional sail set with a square sail in light winds.

**student** (stū'dēt) [L. *studens*, as STUDY], *n.* A person engaged in study, esp. at an institution for higher education or technical training; a studious person.

**studied** [STUDY].

**studio** (stū'di-ō) [It., as STUDY], *n.* The working-room of a sculptor, painter, photographer, etc.

**studious** (stū'di-ūs) [L. *studiōsus*, as foll.], *a.* Devoted to study; diligent, anxious (to do something); observant (of); studied, deliberate.

**study** (stūd'i) [L. *studium*, zeal, whence, med. L. *studiāre*, O.F. *estudier*, to study], *n.* Application to books, etc.; the pursuit of knowledge; a piece of work done for practice or as a preliminary; a room devoted to study, literary work, etc.; a reverie; earnest endeavour, watchful attention; the object of this. *v.t.* To apply the mind to for the purpose of learning; to investigate; to consider attentively. *v.t.* To apply oneself to study, esp. to reading; to meditate, to cogitate, to muse; to be assiduous, diligent, or anxious (to do).

**studied**, *a.* Deliberate, premeditated, intentional.

**stuff** (stūf) [O.F. *estoffe*], *n.* The material of which anything is made; a woollen fabric as opp. to silk or linen; (*fig.*) nonsense, trash. *v.t.* To cram, to pack, to stop (up); to fill (a fowl, etc.) with seasoning; (*fig.*) to fill with notions, nonsense, etc. *v.i.* To cram oneself with food. **stuffing**, *n.* Material with which anything is filled; seasoning for a fowl, etc. **stuffy**, *a.* Ill-ventilated, close.

**stiffness**, *n.*

**stultify** (stūl'ti-fī) [L. *stultus*, foolish, -FY], *v.t.* To render absurd, to cause to appear ridiculous. **stultification**, *n.*

**tumble** (stūmbl) [M.E. *stumblen*, cogn. with STAMMER], *v.i.* To trip in walking or to have a partial fall; to act, move, or speak blunderingly; to come (upon) by chance. *n.* An act of stumbling.

**stumbling-block**, *n.* An impediment, a cause of difficulty, etc.

**tump** (stūmp) [Icel. *stumpur*], *n.* Any part left when the rest of a tree, branch, limb, tooth, etc., has been cut away, amputated, destroyed, or worn out, a stub; (*Cricket*) one of the three posts of a wicket. *v.i.* To walk stiffly or noisily, as on wooden legs; to make stump-speeches. *v.t.* To go about (a district) making stump-speeches; to put out (the batsman) at cricket while he is out of the crease.

**stump-orator**, *n.* One who makes stump-speeches. **stump-speech**, *n.* A speech from a tree-stump or an improvised platform; an electioneering speech.

**tun** (stūn) [A.-S. *stunian*], *v.t.* To daze with noise; to render senseless by a blow. **stunner**, *n.* One who or that which stuns; (*slang*) something first-rate. **stunning**, *a.* (*slang*) Wonderfully good, fine, etc.

**tupe** (stūp) [L. *stūpa*, stuff], *n.* A compress of flannel used in fomentations.

**tupefy** (stū'pē-fī) [L. *stupēre*, to be amazed, -FY], *v.t.* To make stupid or senseless; to deprive of sensibility. **stupefaction**, *n.*

**tupendous** (stū-pen'dūs) [L. *stupendus*, as prec.], *a.* Astounding in magnitude, force, etc., amazing, astonishing.

**tupid** (stūp'id) [as STUPEFY], *a.* Stupefied; dull of apprehension, wit, or under-

standing; senseless. **stupid'ity**, **stupid-ness**, *n.*

**stupor** (stū'pōr) [L., as prec.], *n.* A dazed condition, torpor, deadened sensibility.

**sturdy** (1) (stēr'di) [O.F. *estourdi*, as, tounded], *a.* Robust, lusty, hardy.

**sturdily**, *adv.* **sturdiness**, *n.*

**sturdy** (2) [O.F. *estourdie*, giddiness], *n.* A disease in sheep characterized by giddiness.

**surgeon** (stēr'jōn) [O.H.G. *sturjo*], *n.* A large fish characterized by bony scales, valued as a delicacy, and yielding caviare and isinglass.

**stutter** (stūt'ēr) [freq. of obs. *stut*], *v.i.* To keep hesitating or spasmodically repeating in the articulation of words. *v.t.* To utter thus. *n.* This act or habit.

**sty** (1) (stī) [A.-S. *stigo*], *n.* A pen for swine; a mean or filthy habitation.

**sty** (2) [prob. A.-S. *stigend*, rising], *n.* An inflamed swelling on the edge of the eyelid.

**Stygian** (stij'i-ān) [Gr. *stugios*], *a.* Pertaining to the river Styx; (*fig.*) gloomy, dark.

**style** (stīl) [L. *stilus*, *stylus*], *n.* A pointed instrument used for writing on wax; an etching-needle, a graver, a blunt-pointed surgical instrument; manner of writing, expressing ideas, doing, etc., as dist. from the matter expressed or done; kind, make; the general characteristics of literary diction or artistic expression, distinguishing a particular people, person, period, etc.; (*colloq.*) fashion, distinction; mode of address, title, description. *v.t.* To designate, to describe formally by name and title. **stylish**, *a.* Fashionable, smart, showy. **stylishness**, *n.* **stylist**, *n.* A writer having a good style.

**stylistic**, *a.*

**stylite** (stī'līt) [as STYLE], *n.* A mediæval recluse who lived on the top of a pillar.

**stylograph** (stī'lō-grāf) [STYLE -GRAPH], *n.* A pen with a tubular point fed with ink from a reservoir in the shaft.

**stylus** (stī'lūs) [STYLE], *n.* A pointed instrument for writing by means of carbon paper.

**stymie** (stī'mī) [?], *n.* (*Golf*) The position when an opponent's ball lies between the player's ball and the hole. *v.t.* To hinder by a stymie.

**styptic** (stīp'tik) [Gr. *stuphein*, to contract], *a.* That stops bleeding. *n.* A preparation that arrests bleeding.

**suasion** (swā'zhūn) [L. *suāsio*, from *suādēre*, to persuade], *n.* Persuasion. **suasive** (swā'siv), *a.*

**suave** (swāv, swav) [F.], *a.* Agreeable, bland, polite. **suavity** (swāv'i-ti), *n.*

**sub-** [L. *sub-*, pref, *sub*, prep., under], *pref.* Under; from below, upward; denoting inferior position; slightly; (*Chem.*) less than normal; (*Math.*) denoting the inverse of a ratio. **subacid** (sūb-ās'id), *a.* Slightly acid or sour. *n.* A subacid substance.

**subaltern** (sūb'al-tēr-n) [SUB-, L. *alternus*, see ALTERNATE], *a.* Subordinate; of



inferior rank. *n.* (*Mil.*) An officer below the rank of captain.

**subconscious** (-kon'shús), *a.* Slightly or partially conscious.

**subdivide** (süb-di-vid') [SUB-, DIVIDE], *v.* To divide again or into smaller parts.

**subdivision** (-vizh'ün), *n.*

**subdue** (süb-dü') [*M.E.* *soduen*, *O.F.* *subduz*], *v.t.* To conquer, vanquish, overcome; to tame; to tone down, soften.

**subduable**, *a.*

**sub-edit** (süb-ed'it) [SUB-, EDIT], *v.t.* To prepare matter (esp. newspaper matter) for the press.

**sub-editor**, *n.*

**subjacent** (süb-jä'sent) [SUB-, *L.* *jacens*, lying], *a.* Underlying; lower in position.

**subject** (süb'jekt) [*M.E.* and *O.F.* *suget*, *L.* *subjectus*, p.p. of *subjicere* (SUB-, *jacere*, to cast)], *a.* Being under the power of another.

**subject-matter**, *n.* The object of consideration, discussion, etc.

**subject'ion**, *n.* One under the dominion or political rule of a person or State, one owing allegiance to a sovereign; that which is treated, as the topic under consideration, a body for dissection, etc.; the cause or occasion (for), (*Log.*) that member of a proposition about which something is predicated; (*Gram.*) the nominative of a sentence.

**subject'ive**, *a.* Concerned with or proceeding from the consciousness as opp. to objective or external things; due to the individual mind, fanciful.

**subject'ivity**, *n.*

**subjectivism**, *n.* The doctrine that human knowledge is purely subjective, and therefore relative.

**subjoin** (süb-join') [SUB-, JOIN], *v.t.* To add at the end, to append, to affix.

**subjugate** (süb'jü-gät) [SUB-, *L.* *jugatus*, brought under the yoke], *v.t.* To subdue, bring into subjection, enslave.

**subjugat'ion**, *n.*

**subjunctive** (süb-jüñk'tiv) [*L.* *subjunctivus* (*junctus*, joined)], *a.* Denoting the mood of a verb expressing condition, hypothesis, or contingency.

**sublease** (süb'lēs), *n.* A lease held by a subtenant.

**sublet** (süb-let'), *v.t.* To let to another, the person letting being the tenant.

**sublimate** (süb'li-mät) [as foll.], *v.t.* To convert (a solid) to the state of vapour and to solidify again; (*fig.*) to refine, purify.

**sublimat'ion**, *n.*

**sublime** (sü-blím') [*L.* *sublimis*], *a.* Of the most lofty or exalted nature, inspiring awe; (*iron.*) indifferent to criticism (of conceit, etc.), elevated.

**sublimity** (-lim'i-ti), *n.*

**sublunary** (süb-lü'när-i) [SUB-, *L.* *luna*, the moon], *a.* Situated beneath the moon, pertaining to this world, mundane.

**submarine** (sub-má-rén'), *a.* Situated, acting, or growing beneath the surface of the

sea. *n.* A vessel that may be submerged, esp. one employed in war.

**submerge** (süb-mérj') [SUB-, *L.* *mergere*, to dip], *v.t.* To put under water, etc., to flood, inundate; to overwhelm.

**submergence**, *n.*

**submersible**, *a.* and *n.* submer-sion, *n.*

**submit** (süb-mít') [SUB-, *L.* *mittere*, to send], *v.t.* To yield or surrender (one-self); to present or refer for consideration; to put forward deferentially.

**submission** (-mish'ün), *n.* Act of submitting; state of being submissive; compliance, resignation, meekness.

**submissive**, *a.*

**suborder** (süb-ör'dér) [SUB-, ORDER], *n.* (*Zool. and Bot.*) A subdivision of an order.

**subordinate** (süb-bör'di-nät) [SUB-, *L.* *ordo -dinem*, order], *a.* Inferior in order, rank, power, etc.; subject, subsidiary (to).

**subordinate**, *n.* A person working under another; an inferior.

**subordina'tion**, *n.*

**suborn** (sü-börn') [SUB-, *L.* *ornare*, to incite], *v.t.* To procure by underhand means, esp. bribery, to commit a crime.

**subornat'ion**, *n.*

**subpoena** (süb-pē'nä) [*L.*, under penalty], *n.* A writ commanding a person's attendance in a court of justice.

**subscribe** (süb-skrib') [SUB-, *L.* *scribere*, to write], *v.t.* To write (one's name, etc.) at the end of a document; to sign (a document, promise, etc.); to contribute (a sum to a fund, etc.); to publish by securing subscribers beforehand.

**subscrib'ion**, *n.*

**subsequent** (süb'sé-kwént) [SUB-*L.* *sequens*, following], *a.* Coming immediately after, in time or order; following, succeeding.

**subserve** (süb-sěrv') [SUB-, *SERVE*], *v.t.* To serve as a means or instrument in promoting (an end, etc.).

**subservient**, *a.* Useful as a means; obsequious, servile.

**subside** (süb-sid') [SUB-, *L.* *sidere*, to settle], *v.i.* To sink, to settle (of lees, etc.); to collapse; (*fig.*) to settle down, become tranquil.

**subsidence** (süb'si-déns), *n.*

**subsidiary** (süb-sid'i-á-ri) [as foll.], *a.* Auxiliary, supplemental; pertaining to a subsidy; tributary.

**subsidy** (süb'si-di) [*L.* *subsidium* (SUB-, *sedere*, to sit)], *n.* A tax to defray special expenses; a sum paid by one government to another; a State contribution

to a commercial or charitable undertaking of public benefit. **subsidize**, *v.t.*

**subsist** (sûb-sist') [SUB-, *L. sistere*, causal of *stare*, to stand], *v.t.* To exist, remain in existence; to live, to find sustenance, be sustained (on); to inhère. **subsistence**, *n.* **subsistent**, *a.*

**subsoil** (sûb-soil) [SUB-, SOIL (1)], *n.* The stratum of earth immediately below the surface-soil.

**substance** (sûb'stâns) [*L. substantia*], *n.* That of which a thing consists; matter, material; the essence, gist, or main purport; that which is real, solidity, firmness; property, resources. **substantial** (-stân'shâl), *a.* **substantiate**, *v.t.* To make real; to establish, prove, make good (a statement, etc.). **substantiation**, *n.*

**substantive** (sûb'stân-tiv) [*L. substantivus*], *a.* Expressing real existence; having substance or reality; independently existent, not merely implied. *n.* A noun or clause used as a noun. **substantival** (-t'vâl), *a.* **substantively**, *adv.*

**substitute** (sûb'sti-tût) [*L. substitutus*], *n.* A person or thing serving for another. *v.t.* To put in the place of another person or thing. **substitution**, *n.* **substratum** [SUB-, STRATUM], *n.* (*pl.* -ta) That which underlies anything; subsoil; ground or basis. **substructure**, *n.* An under-structure or foundation.

**subtenant** [SUB-, TENANT], *n.* One holding land, etc., from a tenant. **subtenancy**, *n.* **subtend** [*L. tendere*, to stretch], *v.t.* To extend under or be opposite to (of a chord relatively to an arc, or side of a triangle to an angle).

**subter-** [*L.*, under, less than], *pref.*

**subterfuge** (sûb-tér-fûj) [SUBTER-, *L. fugere*, to flee], *n.* A shift, an evasion, a prevarication.

**subterranean**, -terraneous (sûb-té-râ-né-ân, -âs) [SUB-, *L. terra*, earth, -ANEUS], *a.* Underground.

**sub-title** (sûb'titl) [SUB-, TITLE], *n.* A subsidiary title to a book, etc.; a half-title.

**subtle** (sûtl) [*L. subtilis*, finely woven], *a.* Refined, delicate, hard to seize, elusive; making fine distinctions, discerning; skilful, artful, insidious. **subtlety** (sûtl'ti), *n.* **subtly** (sûtl'i), *adv.*

**subtract** (sûb-trâkt') [SUB-, *L. tractus*, drawn], *v.t.* To take away (a part) from the rest, to deduct. **subtraction**, *n.* **subtractive**, *a.* **subtrahend**, *n.* The number to be subtracted from another.

**suburb** (sûb'urb) [SUB-, *L. urbs*, city], *n.* An outlying part of a city or town. **suburban**, *a.* and *n.*

**subvene** (sûb-vên') [SUB-, *L. venire*, to come], *v.t.* To happen so as to aid or effect a result. **subvention**, *n.* A grant in aid, a subsidy. **subvert** [*L. vertere*, to turn], *v.t.* To overthrow, destroy; to corrupt, pervert. **subversion**, *n.* **subversive**, *a.* **subvertible**, *a.* **sub'way**, *n.* An underground passage, conduit, etc.

**suc-** [SUB-], *pref.* (before *c*).

**succedaneum** (sûk-sé-dâ-né-ûm) [*L.* as foll.], *n.* (*pl.* -nea) That which is used instead of something else, a substitute.

**succedaneous**, *a.*

**succeed** (sûk-séd') [SUC-, *L. cedere*, see *cede*], *v.t.* To come after (in time or order), to be subsequent to; to take the place previously occupied by. *v.i.* To follow in time or order; to be the heir or successor (to); to be successful, to attain a desired object.

**success** (sûk-ses') [*L. successus*, as SUCCEED], *n.* The act of succeeding, favourable result, attainment, esp. of worldly prosperity. **successful**, *a.* **successor**, *n.* One who follows another in an office, etc.

**succession** (sûk-sesh'un) [*L. successio*, as *prec.*], *n.* A following in order; a series of things in order; the act or right of succeeding to an office or inheritance; the order in which persons so succeed, **successional**, *a.*

**successive** (sûk-ses'iv) [*F. successif*, as SUCCEED], *a.* Following in order, consecutive. **successively**, *adv.*

**succinct** (sûk-sinkt') [SUC-, *cingere*, *L. cinctus*, girt], *a.* Compressed into few words, concise. **succinctly**, *adv.*

**succour** (sûk'ôr) [SUC-, *L. currere*, to run], *v.t.* To come to the aid of, to relieve in distress, etc. *n.* Aid in time of difficulty or distress.

**succulent** (sûk'û-lent) [*L. succulentus*], *a.* Juicy; thick and fleshy (of plants, stems, etc.). **succulence**, *n.* **succulently**, *adv.*

**succumb** (sû-kûm') [SUC-, *L. cumbere*, to lie], *v.t.* To cease to resist, to give way; to die.

**such** (sûch) [A.-S. *swylc*], *a.* Of that or the like kind or degree (as); of the kind or degree mentioned or implied; so great, intense, etc. (as or that); so. *pron.* Such a person or thing (as); the same.

**suck** (sûk) [A.-S. *sûcan*], *v.t.* To draw into the mouth by the action of the lips and lungs; to drink in, acquire; to draw liquid from with the mouth; to dissolve thus. *v.i.* To draw liquid, milk, nourishment, etc., in by suction. *n.* An act or spell of sucking, suction. **sucker**, *n.* One who or that which sucks; the piston of a suction-pump; a tube for suction; (*Bot.*) a shoot from a root. **sucking**, *a.* Not yet weaned.

**suckle** (sûkl) [freq. of SUCK], *v.t.* To give suck to. **suckling**, *n.* A child or animal not yet weaned.

**suction** (sûk'shûn) [*F.*, from *L. suckus*, sucked], *n.* Act or process of sucking; the production of a vacuum in a confined space causing fluid to enter, or a body to adhere to something.

**sudation** (sû-dâ'shûn) [*L. sudatio*, a sweating], *n.* Sweating, sweat. **su'datory**, *a.* Exciting perspiration.

**sudden** (sûdn) [O.F. *sodain*, *L. subitus*], *a.* Happening unexpectedly; instantaneous, abrupt. **suddenly**, *adv.* **suddenness**, *n.*



**sudoriferous** (sū-dō-rif'ēr-ūs) [L. *sādor*, sweat, -FEROUS], *a.* Secreting perspiration. **sudorific**, *a.* Causing perspiration. *n.* A sudorific drug.

**suds** (sūdz) [lit., things *sodden*, see SEETHE], *n.pl.* Soapy water forming a frothy mass.

**sue** (sū) [O.F. *suir*, to follow], *v.t.* To prosecute or pursue a claim by legal process; to entreat. *v.i.* To take legal proceedings (for); to make petition (to or for).

**suède** (swād) [F., Swedish], *n.* Undressed kid.

**suet** (sū'ēt) [O.F. *seu*], *n.* The hard fat about the kidneys of oxen, etc. **suety**, *a.*

**suf-** [-SUB], *pref.* (before *f*).

**suffer** (sūf'ēr) [SUF-, L. *ferre*, to bear], *v.t.* To undergo (something unpleasant or unjust); to endure, support (unflinchingly, etc.); to put up with; to allow. *v.i.* To undergo pain, injury, etc.; to undergo punishment, to be executed. **sufferable**, *a.* **sufferance**, *n.* Toleration, allowance, tacit permission; patience, submissiveness. **sufferer**, *n.* **suffering**, *n.*

**suffice** (sū-fis') [SUF-, L. *facere*, to make], *v.i.* To be enough, to be sufficient (for or to do, etc.). *v.t.* To be enough for, to satisfy. **sufficiency** (-fish'en-si), *n.* The quality of being sufficient; an adequate supply (of); competence. **sufficient**, *a.* Enough, adequate, sufficing (for). *n.* Enough, a sufficiency.

**suffix** (sūf'iks) [SUF-, L. *fixus*, fixed], *n.* A letter or syllable appended to a word. *v.t.* (sū-fiks') To add as a suffix, to append.

**suffocate** (sūf'ō-kāt) [L. *suffocātus*, throttled], *v.t.* To kill by choking; to smother, to stifle. *v.i.* To be or feel suffocated. **suffocation**, *n.*

**suffragan** (sūf'rā-gān) [F. *suffragant*, as foll.], *a.* Assisting (of an assistant bishop). *n.* A suffragan or auxiliary bishop.

**suffrage** (sūf'rāj) [L. *suffrāgium*, from *suffrāgo*, ankle-bone (used for voting) or *suffringere*, to break], *n.* A vote; approval, consent; the right to vote, esp. in parliamentary elections. **suffragette** (-jet'), *n.* A female agitator for women suffrage. **suffragist**, *n.* An advocate of extension of the suffrage.

**suffuse** (sū-fūz') [SUF-, L. *fusus*, poured], *v.t.* To overspread, as from within.

**suffusion**, *n.*

**sugar** (shug'ār) [M.E. *sugre*, Sp. *azúcar*, Arab. *sakkar*], *n.* A sweet, crystalline substance obtained from the sugar-cane, beet, and other plants; a substance resembling sugar, esp. in taste; (*fig.*) flattering or mitigating words. *v.t.* To sweeten or sprinkle with sugar; (*fig.*) to render palatable. **sugar-cane**, *n.* A very tall grass, with jointed stems, from the juice of which sugar is made. **sugar-plum**, *n.* A sweetmeat. **sugar-tongs**, *n.pl.* A pair of small tongs for lifting lumps of sugar at table. **sugary**, *a.*

Like or containing sugar; (*fig.*) flattering, unctuous.

**suggest** (sū-jest') [L. *suggestus*, brought under], *v.t.* To cause (an idea) to arise in the mind; to propose (a plan, etc.) for consideration. **suggestible**, *a.* That may be suggested. **suggestion**, *n.* Act of suggesting; a hint, prompting. **suggestive**, *a.* **suggestively**, *adv.*

**suicide** (sū'i-sid) [L. *suī*, of oneself, -CIDE], *n.* The act of intentionally taking one's own life; one who takes his own life intentionally. **suicidal**, *a.*

**suit** (sūt) [F. *suīte*, from L. *secūtus*, followed], *n.* The act of suing, request; courtship; a legal prosecution; one of the four sets in a pack of cards; a set of outer clothes, or of other articles used together. *v.t.* To adapt, to make fitting (to); to meet the desires of; to befit, be appropriate to. *v.i.* To agree, correspond (with); to be convenient. **suitable**, *a.* Suited, fitting, becoming. **suitability**, *n.* **suitably**, *adv.* **suitor** (sū'tor), *n.* A petitioner; a lover; (*Law*) a party to a suit.

**suite** (swēt) [F., as *prec.*], *n.* A retinue; a set (of rooms, furniture, etc.).

**sulk** (sūlk) [A.-S. *solcen*, slothful], *v.i.* To be sulky. *n.pl.* A fit of sulkiness.

**sulky**, *a.* Sullen, ill-humoured, resentful.

**sullen** (sūl'en) [O.F. *solain*, SOLE (3)], *a.* Persistently ill-humoured, morose, cross; dismal, baleful. *n.pl.* The sulks. **sullessness**, *n.*

**sully** (sūl'i) [A.-S. *syllian*, from *sol*, mud], *v.t.* To soil, to tarnish; to defile. *v.i.* To be soiled or tarnished. *n.* A blemish.

**sulph-**, **sulpho-** [SULPHUR], *comb. form.*

**sulphate** (sūl'fāt), *n.* A salt of sulphuric acid. **sulphide**, *n.* A compound of sulphur with an element or radical.

**sulphite**, *n.* A salt of sulphurous acid.

**sulphur** (sūl'fūr) [L.], *n.* A pale-yellow non-metallic element used in the manufacture of gunpowder, matches, vitriol, etc., brimstone. *a.* Pale-yellow.

**sulphurate**, *v.t.* To impregnate with or subject to the action of sulphur.

**sulphureous** (-fūr'ē-ūs), *a.* Consisting of or having the qualities of sulphur; sulphur-coloured.

**sulphureted**, *a.* Saturated or combined with sulphur.

**sulphuric** (-fūr'ik), *a.* Derived from or containing sulphur, esp. in its highest combining quality. **sulphuric acid**: Oil of vitriol.

**sulphurous** (sūl'fūr-ūs), *a.* Containing sulphur in any degree; sulphureous. **sulphury**, *a.*

**sultan** (sūl'tān) [Arab.], *n.* A Mohammedan sovereign, esp. of Turkey. **sultana** (-ta'nā), *n.* The wife, mother, or daughter of a sultan; a kind of raisin grown in Smyrna.

**sul'tanate**, *n.* **sultanic** (-tān'ik), *a.*

**sultry** (sūl'tri) [SWELTER], *a.* Very hot and close; oppressive. **sultrily**, *adv.*

**sum** (sūm) [L. *summa*, fem. super. of *superus*, higher], *n.* The aggregate, the

total; substance, essence; a particular amount of money; an arithmetical problem. *v.t.* To add or combine into one total (*usu.* up); to put in a few words (*usu.* up). *v.t.* To recapitulate (*usu.* up).

**summary** (sŭm'á-ri) [L. *summārium*, as *SUM*], *a.* Abridged, concise; done briefly or unceremoniously. *n.* A condensed statement, an epitome. **summarily**, *adv.* **summarize**, *v.t.* To make or be a summary of.

**summer** (sŭm'ér) [A.-S. *sumor*], *n.* The season when the sun shines most directly upon a region, the warmest season. *a.* Pertaining to or used in summer. **summer-house**, *n.* A light building in a garden, for shade, etc. **summer-time**, *n.* The official time (1 hr. earlier than Greenwich Mean Time) during the summer months in Great Britain. **summery**, *a.*

**summit** (sŭm'it) [F. *sommet*, dim. from L. *summus*, see *SUM*], *n.* The highest point, the top; utmost elevation.

**summon** (sŭm'ón) [SUB-, L. *monēre*, to warn], *v.t.* To command to attend, esp. in court; to call upon (to surrender, etc.); to call (up courage, etc.). **summoner**, *n.* **summons**, *n.* (pl. -ses) Act of summoning; an authoritative call to appear before a court or judge.

**sumpter** (sŭmp'tér) [O.F. *sommetier*, packhorse driver], *n.* A baggage-horse; a driver of this.

**sumptuary** (sŭmp'tŭ-ár-i) [as foll.], *a.* Pertaining to expenditure. **sumptuary law**; One restraining luxury, etc.

**sumptuous** (sŭmp'tŭ-ús) [L. *sumptus*, expense, cost], *a.* Costly, showing lavish expenditure; magnificent.

**sun** (sŭn) [A.-S. *sunne*], *n.* The heavenly body round which the earth revolves and which gives light and heat to all the planets; the light or warmth of this, sunshine, a sunny place; a fixed star that has satellites; a chief source of light, honour, etc. *v.t.* To expose to the rays of the sun. *v.i.* To sun oneself. **sunbeam**, *n.* A ray of sunlight. **sun-blind**, *n.* A window shade. **sunbonnet**, *n.* A large, light, shady bonnet. **sunburn**, *n.* Tanning or inflammation of the skin due to exposure to the sun. **sundew**, *n.* A low, hairy, insectivorous bog-plant. **sundown**, *n.* Sunset. **sunflower**, *n.* A plant with large yellow-rayed flowers. **sunlight**, *n.* **sunlit**, *a.* **sunny**, *a.* Bright with or warmed by sunlight; (*fig.*) cheery, genial. **sunrise**, -**rising**, *n.* The first appearance of the sun above the horizon; the time of this. **sunset**, -**setting**, *n.* The disappearance of the sun below the horizon; the time of this. **sunshade**, *n.* A parasol, awning, etc., used against the sun. **sunshine**, *n.* The light of the sun; the space illuminated by this. **sunshiny**, *a.* **sunspot**, *n.* A dark patch sometimes seen on the surface of the sun. **sunstroke**, *n.* A cerebral affection due to exposure to the hot sun.

**Sunday** (sŭn'di) [A.-S. *sunnan dæg*, day of the sun], *n.* The first day of the week.

**sunder** (sŭn'dér) [A.-S. *sundrian*], *v.t.* To separate; to keep apart.

**sundry** (sŭn'dri) [A.-S. *syndrig*], *a.* Several, various. *n.pl.* Matters or miscellaneous articles, too trifling or numerous to specify. **sup** (sŭp) [A.-S. *sŭpan*], *v.* To take (liquid) in successive sips; to take supper. *n.* A mouthful (of liquor, soup, etc.).

**sup**- [SUB-], *pref.* (*before p.*)

**super**- [L. *super*, prep., orig. compar. of SUB-], *pref.* Over, above; on the top of; excessive, more than, transcending; besides; of a higher kind.

**superable** (sŭ'pér-ábl) [L. *superābilis*], *a.* That may be overcome, conquerable.

**superabound** (sŭ-pér-á-bound') [SUPER-, ABOUND], *v.i.* To be more than enough.

**superabundant**, *n.* **superabundant**, *a.* **superadd'**, *v.t.* To add over and above. **superannuate**, *v.t.* To dismiss or disqualify on account of age; to pension off. **superannuation**, *n.*

**superb** (sŭ-pér'b') [L. *superbus*], *a.* Grand, majestic, stately; (*collog.*) first-rate. **superbly**, *adv.*

**supercargo**, *n.* An officer in a merchant-ship who superintends sales, etc.

**supercilious** (sŭ-pér-sil'i-ús) [SUPER-, L. *cilia*, eyebrows (with alln. to raising the eyebrows)], *a.* Overbearing, haughtily indifferent, disdainful. **superciliousness**, *n.*

**supererogation** (sŭ-pér-ér-ó-gā'shŭn) [L. *supererogāre*, to pay out beyond what is expected], *n.* Performance of more than duty requires. **supererogatory**, *a.* **superexcellent**, *a.* Of outstanding excellence.

**superficies** (sŭ-pér-fish'i-ēz) [SUPER-, L. *facies*, face], *n.* A surface; its area. **superficial** (-fish'ál), *a.* Pertaining to or lying on the surface; not penetrating deep; shallow. **superficiality**, *n.* **superficially**, *adv.*

**superfine** (sŭ-pér-fin) [SUPER-, FINE (2)], *a.* Exceedingly fine, of extra quality; over-refined.

**superfluous** (sŭ-pér'floo-ús) [SUPER-, L. *fluere*, to flow], *a.* More than is necessary or sufficient, superabundant. **superfluity**, *n.* **superfluously**, *adv.* **superhuman**, *a.* Beyond what human beings are ordinarily capable of. **superincumbent**, *a.* Lying or resting on something. **superintend'**, *v.t.* To have or exercise the management or oversight of; to direct, control. **superintendence**, *n.* **superintendent**, *n.*

**superior** (sŭ-pér'i-ór) [L. compar. of *superus*, high (see SUPER-)], *a.* Upper, of higher position, grade, excellence, etc.; greater relatively (to); of wider application (of a class, etc.); situated near the top; above being influenced by or amenable (to). *n.* A person superior to one or to others, one's better, the head of a religious house. **superiority**, *n.*

**superlative** (sŭ-pér'lá-tiv) [L. *superlātus*,



exaggerated], *a.* Raised to the highest degree, consummate, supreme; (*Gram.*) expressing the highest degree. *n.* The superlative degree; a word or phrase in the superlative. *superlatively, adv.*

**superman** (sū'pér-mán) [SUPER-, MAN], *n.* A hypothetical superior being, esp. one advanced in intellect and morals; an overman.

**supernal** (sū-pér'nál) [M.F. *supernel*], *a.* Of a loftier kind or region; celestial, divine, lofty.

**supernatural** (sū-pér-nách'rál) [SUPER-, NATURAL], *a.* Existing by, due to, or exercising powers above the forces of nature, outside the sphere of natural law.

**supernaturalism, n.** Belief in the supernatural. **supernaturally, adv.** **super-numerary, a.** Being in excess of a prescribed or customary number. *n.* A supernumerary person or thing, esp. (*Theat.*) a person appearing on the stage without a speaking part. **superscribe, [L. scribere, to write], v.t.** To write over; to add an inscription to. **super-scrip'tion, n.**

**supersede** (sū-pér-séd') [O.F. *superseder*, to desist, (SUPER-, L. *sedere*, to sit)], *v.t.* To put a person or thing in the place of, to set aside, to annul; to take the place of, supplant.

**superstition** (sū-pér-stish'ún) [L. *superstitio*, standing over, amazement], *n.* Credulity regarding the supernatural or the mysterious, unreasoning dread of the unknown; belief in omens, charms, etc. **superstitious, a.**

**superstructure** [SUPER-, STRUCTURE], *n.* The top part of a building; a structure raised on some other structure.

**supervene** (sū-pér-vén') [SUPER-, L. *venire*, to come], *v.i.* To happen as something additional. **super-ven-tion, n.**

**supervise** (sū-pér-víz) [SUPER-, L. *visus*, seen], *v.t.* To have oversight of, to superintend. **super-vision (-vizh'ún), n.**

**su-pervisor, n.** **supine** (sū-pin') [L. *supīnus*], *a.* Lying with the face upward; listless, careless. *n.* (sū'pin) (*Lat. Gram.*) A verbal noun formed from a p.p. stem.

**supper** (sūp'ér) [O.F. *soper*, *super*, cogn. with SUP], *n.* The last meal of the day.

**supplant** (sū-plánt') [SUP-, L. *planta*, sole of foot], *v.t.* To take the place of or oust, esp. by treachery. **sup-plan-ter, n.**

**supple** (sūpl) [SUP-, L. *plícāre*, to fold], *a.* Pliant, easily bent; yielding, submissive, obsequious. **sup-ple-ness, n.**

**supplement** (sūp'li-ment) [L. *supplēmentum* (SUP-, *plēre*, to fill)], *n.* An addition; an addition to a book or newspaper. *v.t.* (-ment') To make additions to; to complete by additions. **sup-ple-men'tal, -ary, a.**

**suppliant** (sūp'li-ánt) [F., *entreat*], *a.* Entreating, supplicating; expressing entreaty. *n.* A humble petitioner. **sup-pli-ance, n.** **suppliantly, adv.**

**supplicate** (sūp'li-kát) [as SUPPLE], *v.t.*

To ask for earnestly and humbly; to address in earnest prayer. *v.i.* To beseech. **supplicant, n.** A suppliant. **supplica'tion, n.** **sup'plicatory, a.** **supply** (sū-plí') [SUP-, L. *plēre*, to fill], *v.t.* To furnish, to provide; to serve instead of. *n.* Act of supplying things needed; that which is supplied; necessary stores or provisions (*often in pl.*); (*pl.*) money granted to meet the expenses of government.

**support** (sū-pórt') [SUP-, L. *portāre*, to carry], *v.t.* To bear the weight of, to sustain, to keep from yielding, to give endurance to; to provide for; to advocate, defend, second; to bear out, substantiate, corroborate; to endure, put up with; to be able to carry on; to represent (a character, etc.). *n.* Act of supporting, state of being supported; one who or that which supports, aid; subsistence, livelihood. **supportable, a.** **supporter, n.** One who or that which supports or maintains; (*Her.*) a figure on each side of a shield.

**suppose** (sū-pōz') [SUP-, POSE (1)], *v.t.* To assume by way of argument or illustration; to believe; to take to be the case, to surmise; to require as a condition, to imply supposable. *a.* **supposedly, adv.** **supposi-tion, n.**

**supposititious** (sū-poz-i-tish'ús) [L. *suppositicius*, from *supponere*, to substitute], *a.* Substituted, not genuine.

**suppress** (sū-pres') [SUP-, L. *pressus*, pressed], *v.t.* To put down, subdue, quell; to keep back, stifle, repress, conceal. **sup-press-ible, a.** **suppression** (-pres'h'ún), *n.* **suppressive, a.**

**suppurate** (sūp'ú-rát) [L. *suppurāta*, pus], *v.t.* To generate pus, to fester. **sup-pura'tion, n.** **sup-purative, a.**

**supra-** [L. *superā*, abl. of *superus*, higher, see SUPER-], *pref.* Above, over, super-, beyond. **supracostal** (sū-prá-kos'tál) [L. *costa*, a rib], *a.* Lying or situated above or outside the ribs. *n.* **supramun'dane, a.** Celestial; being above the world.

**supreme** (sū-prēm') [L. *suprēmus*, superl. of *superus*, see prec.], *a.* Highest in authority, power, degree, or importance; extreme, greatest possible; last, final. **supremacy** (sū-prem'á-si), *n.*

**sur-** [O.F., from L. SUPER-], *pref.* Super-, as in *surcingle*, *surface*, *surfeit*.

**surcease** (sér-sēs') [A.-F. *sursise*, L. *super-sedere*, to supersede], *n.* Cessation. *v.i.* To cease.

**surcharge** (súr-charj') [SUR-, CHARGE], *v.t.* To overload, overfill; to put an extra charge on; to impose payment of (a sum) or on (a person) for amounts disallowed by an auditor. *n.* An excessive burden or charge; an overcharge; an amount surcharged; over-printing on a postage- or revenue-stamp, a stamp so treated.

**surcingle** (sér'singl) [SUR-, L. *cingula*, belt], *n.* A girth for holding a saddle or

blanket on a horse's back; the girdle of a cassock.

**surcoat** (sēr'kōt) [SUR-, COAT], *n.* A loose robe worn over armour; an outer jacket.

**surd** (sérd) [L. *surdus*, deaf], *a.* (*Math.*) Not capable of being expressed in rational numbers; (*Phon.*) uttered with the breath and not with the voice. *n.* An irrational quantity; (*Phon.*) a surd consonant, as *p, f, z*.

**sure** (shoor) [O.F. *sur*, as SECURE], *a.* Certain, confident; free from doubts (of); confidently trusting (that); infallible, stable; safe, reliable; unquestionably true. **surely**, *adv.* Securely; certainly (often by way of asseveration or to deprecate doubt). **sureness**, *n.*

**surety**, *n.* One undertaking responsibility for payment of a sum, discharge of an engagement, etc., a guarantor; a pledge deposited as security.

**surf** (sérf) [?], *n.* The swell of the sea breaking on rocks, etc.; the foam of this.

**surfy**, *a.*

**surface** (sér'fás) [F. (SUR-, FACĒ)], *n.* The exterior part of anything that has length and breadth, the outside; (*fig.*) that which is apparent at first view.

**surfeit** (sér'fét) [O.F. *sorfait* (SUR-, fait, done)], *n.* Excess, esp. in eating and drinking; satiety, nausea. *v.* To feed to excess, to cloy.

**surge** (sérj) [L. *surgere*], *v.i.* To swell, to heave (of waves). *n.* A large wave, a billow, a heaving and rolling motion.

**surgeon** (sér'jón) [O.F. *chirurgien*], *n.* A medical practitioner treating injuries, deformities, etc., by mechanical procedure; a general practitioner; a medical officer. **surgeonship**, *n.* **surgery**, *n.* Treatment of injuries, diseases, etc., by manual operation; a consulting-room or dispensary. **surgical**, *a.*

**surly** (sér'li) [SIR-, -LY], *a.* Churlish, rude, gruff, uncivil. **surlyly**, *adv.* **surliness**, *n.*

**surmise** (súr-míz) [SUR-, L. *missus*, sent], *n.* A supposition on slight evidence, a conjecture. *v.* To guess; to suspect, to suppose.

**surmount** (súr-mount') [SUR-, MOUNT], *v.t.* To overcome, vanquish; to cap (*usu. in p.p.*); to surpass. **surmountable**, *a.*

**surname** (sér'nám) [SUR-, NAME], *n.* A family name, a name added to the Christian name. *v.t.* To call by a surname; to give a surname to.

**surpass** (súr-pas') [SUR-, PASS], *v.t.* To excel, to go beyond. **surpassable**, *a.* **surpassing**, *a.* Excellent in an eminent degree.

**surplice** (sér'plis) [F. *surplis* (SUPER-, L. *pellicius*, pelisse)], *n.* A loose white vestment worn by the clergy and choristers.

**surplus** (sér'plús) [SUR-, PLUS], *n.* That beyond what is used or required; balance in hand. **surplusage**, *n.*

**surprise** (súr-priz') [O.F. SUR-, *prendre*, L. *prehensus*, taken], *n.* A taking un-

awares; emotion excited by something unexpected, astonishment, an event exciting this. *v.t.* To come or fall upon suddenly and unexpectedly, to attack unawares; to strike with astonishment, to be different from expectation; to shock (*usu. in p.p.*); to disconcert. **surprisal**, *n.* **surprising**, *a.* **surprisingly**, *adv.*

**surrender** (sú-ren'dér) [SUR-, RENDER], *v.t.* To yield up to another; to give up possession of; to yield (oneself) to any influence, habit, etc. *v.i.* To yield, esp. to an enemy in war; to submit; to appear in court in discharge of bail, etc. *n.* Act of surrendering or state of being surrendered.

**surreptitious** (súr-ép-tish'ús) [L. *surrepticius*], *a.* Done by stealth or fraud; clandestine. **surreptitiously**, *adv.*

**surrogate** (súr'ó-gát) [L. *surrogātus*, elected as substitute], *n.* A deputy, esp. of a bishop or his chancellor.

**surround** (sú-round') [SUR-, L. *undāre*, to flow, conf. with ROUND], *v.t.* To lie or be situated all round, to encompass, invest, enclose. **surroundings**, *n.pl.* Things around a person or thing, environment.

**surveillance** (súr-vā'láns) [F.], *n.* Oversight, close watch, supervision.

**survey** (súr-vá') [A.-F. *surveier* (SUR-, O.F. *veir*, to see)], *v.t.* To take a general view of; to examine closely and ascertain the condition, value, etc., of; to determine the boundaries, extent, position, contours, etc., of (a tract of country, etc.). *n.* (sér'vá) Act or process of surveying; a general view; a careful scrutiny; a department carrying on the surveying of land, etc.; a map, etc., recording the results of this. **surveying**, *n.* **surveyor**, *n.*

**survive** (súr-vív') [SUR-, L. *vivere*, to live], *v.t.* To outlive, outlast; to be alive after. *v.i.* To be still alive or in existence. **survival**, *n.* Act of surviving; a person, thing, custom, etc., surviving into a new state of things. **survivor**, *n.*

**sus-** [SUB-], *pref.* (before *p, t*, and sometimes *c*).

**susceptible** (sú-sep'tíbl) [F., from L. *susceptus*, taken up], *a.* Admitting (of); capable of being affected, liable (to); impressionable. **susceptibility**, *n.* **susceptibly**, *adv.* **susceptive**, *a.* Readily receiving impressions, susceptible.

**suspect** (sús-pekt') [L. *suspectus*, suspicious], *v.t.* To imagine to exist, to surmise, to be inclined to believe guilty; to doubt, to mistrust. *v.i.* To be suspicious. *a.* Suspected, under suspicion; doubtful. *n.* A suspected person.

**suspend** (sús-pend') [SUS-, L. *pendere*, to hang], *v.t.* To hang up; to sustain (of the particles of a body, fluid, etc.); to intermit, to defer. **suspender**, *n.* One who or that which suspends; (*pl.*) attachments to hold up socks, etc.

**suspense** (sús-pens') [SUS-, L. *pensus* hung, as prec.], *n.* A state of uncertainty,



apprehensive expectation. **suspension**, *n.* **suspension-bridge**, *n.* A bridge sustained by flexible supports passing over a tower at each extremity. **suspensory**, *a.* Having power to suspend; uncertain, doubtful.

**suspicion** (sūs-pish'ūn) [L. *suspicio*, as SUSPECT], *n.* The act or feeling of one who suspects; doubt, mistrust; (*fig.*) a very slight amount. **suspicious**, *a.* Inclined to suspect; entertaining suspicion.

**sustain** (sūs-tān') [SUS-, L. *tenēre*, to hold], *v.t.* To bear the weight of, to hold up; to stand, to undergo without yielding; to suffer; to enable to bear, to encourage, keep up; to maintain, to establish by evidence; to confirm, bear out. **sustenance**, *n.* That which sustains; food, subsistence. **sustentation**, *n.* Support, maintenance.

**sutler** (sūt'lér) [Dut. *zoetelaar*], *n.* One who follows an army and sells provisions, liquor, etc.

**suttee** (sū-tē') [Sansk. *sati*, virtuous wife], *n.* A Hindu custom by which the widow was burnt on the funeral pyre with her dead husband; a widow so burnt. **sut-teism**, *n.*

**suture** (sū'tyūr) [L. *sūtūra*, from *suere*, to sew], *n.* The junction of two parts as if by sewing, esp. of the bones of the skull; the uniting of the edges of a wound by stitching.

**suzerain** (sū'zē-rān, -rin) [F.], *n.* A lord paramount; a State having sovereignty or control over another. **suzerainty**, *n.*

**svelte** (svelt) [F.], *a.* Slender, lissom.

**swab** (swob) [Dut. *zwabber*, drudge], *n.* A mop for cleaning floors, gun-bores, etc.; an absorbent pad used by surgeons in operations, etc. *v.t.* To wipe or clean with a swab.

**swaddle** (swodl) [A.-S. *swethel*, swaddling-band], *v.t.* To swathe in a bandage or wraps. **swaddling-bands**, **-clothes**, *n.pl.*

**swag** (swäg) [Scand.], *n.* A burglar's booty; (*Austral.*) a bundle.

**swagger** (swäg'ér) [freq. of SWAG], *v.t.* To walk (about) with an air of defiance or superiority; to talk in a blustering or hectoring manner. *n.* A swaggering walk or behaviour; bluster, self-conceit.

**swain** (swān) [Icel. *sveinn*], *n.* A rustic; a country gallant; a male lover.

**swallow** (1) (swol'ō) [A.-S. *swalewe*], *n.* A small, swift, migratory bird. **swallow-tail**, *n.* A deeply-forked tail; a dress-coat.

**swallow** (2) [A.-S. *swelgan*], *v.t.* To take through the throat into the stomach; to engulf, to consume (up); (*fig.*) to accept with credulity; to put up with; to recant. *v.i.* To perform the action of swallowing.

**swamp** (swomp) [Dut. *zwamp*], *n.* A tract of wet, spongy land, a marsh. *v.t.* To cause (a boat) to be filled with water. **swampy**, *a.*

**swan** (swon) [A.-S.], *n.* A large, web-footed aquatic bird noted for its grace in the water. **swansdown**, *n.* Down obtained from a swan; a thick cotton cloth with a nap on one side. **swan-song**, *n.* The song traditionally believed to be sung by a dying swan; (*fig.*) the last work, esp. of a poet.

**swap** (swop) [?], *v.* To exchange, to barter. *n.* An exchange, a barter.

**sward** (swörd) [A.-S. *sweard*, skin], *n.* Land covered with thick short grass; turf.

**swarm** (swörm) [A.-S. *swearm*], *n.* A large number of insects, people, etc.; (*pl.*) great numbers; a cluster of honey-bees seeking a new home with a queen-bee. *v.i.* To collect together, to leave or go (out of) a hive in a swarm (of bees); to throng, to be exceedingly numerous; (of places) to be thronged or overcrowded (with); to climb (up a tree, etc.) by embracing it with arms and legs.

**swarthy** (swör'thi) [A.-S. *sweart*], *a.* Dark or dusky in complexion. **swarthinness**, *n.*

**swashbuckler**, *n.* A bully, a bravo.

**swastika** (swäs'ti-kā) [Sansk., fortunate], *n.* A fylfot or gammadion.

**swath** (swawth) [A.-S. *swæth*, track], *n.* A row of grass, corn, etc., cut and left lying; the space cut in one course.

**swathe** (swäth) [M.E. *swathen*], *v.t.* To bind or wrap in a bandage, cloth, etc. *n.* A bandage.

**sway** (swä) [Scand.], *v.t.* To move backwards and forwards, to oscillate irregularly; to waver, to vacillate. *v.t.* To cause to oscillate, vacillate, or incline to one side; to bias; to control, rule. *n.* Rule, dominion, control; the act of swaying, a swing.

**swear** (swär) [A.-S. *swerian*], *v.t.* (*past* **swore**, **\*sware**, *p.p.* **sworn**, *swörn*) To affirm solemnly invoking God or some other sacred person or object, to take an oath; to use profane language; to give evidence or to promise on oath. *v.t.* To utter or affirm with an oath; to cause to take oath, to administer an oath to, to bind by an oath; to utter profanely. **swearer**, *n.*

**sweat** (swet) [A.-S. *swat*], *n.* The moisture exuded from the skin, perspiration; moisture resembling this; act or state of sweating; (*fig.*) labour, toil, a spell of exercise; drudgery; a state of anxiety. *v.t.* To perspire; to exude (of moisture); (*fig.*) to be in a flurry, panic, etc.; to toil, drudge; to carry on business on the sweating-system. *v.t.* To emit as sweat; to cause to sweat by exertion; to employ at starvation wages; to bleed, to subject to extortion; to wear away (coins). **sweater**, *n.* One who or that which sweats or causes to sweat; a thick woollen jersey. **sweaty**, *a.*

**Swede** (swöd), *n.* A native or inhabitant of Sweden; (s-) a Swedish turnip. **Swedish**, *a.* Pertaining to Sweden or its inhabitants. *n.* The language of the Swedes.

**sweep** (swēp) [A.-S. *swāpan*, to swoop], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* **swept**) To clean or gather (up) with a broom; to carry (along, etc.) with powerful force; to move swiftly and powerfully over, to range, to scour; to pass over swiftly (of the eyes); to rake, enfilade; to dredge (a river bottom); to propel with sweeps; to cause to move with a sweeping motion. *v.i.* To glide along with a strong, continuous or stately motion; to range unchecked (of the eye); to extend continuously (of a curve, etc.). *n.* The act of sweeping; a clearance, a riddance; a sweeping motion, curve, piece of road, etc.; the range or compass of a sweeping motion, etc.; a long oar a chimney-sweeper. **sweepstakes**, *n.* A transaction in which a number of persons stake sums on an event, the total amount being divided among the winning betters. **sweeper**, *n.* **sweeping**, *a.* That sweeps; wide-ranging, comprehensive. *n.pl.* Things collected by sweeping; (*fig.*) rubbish. **sweepingly**, *adv.*

**sweet** (swēt) [A.-S. *swēte*], *a.* Having a taste like that of honey or sugar; pleasing to the senses; fragrant; refreshing; not salt; (*fig.*) agreeable, delightful; charming, lovable, dear. *n.* A sweetmeat; (*pl.*) sweet dishes. **sweetbread**, *n.* The pancreas of a calf or sheep as food. **sweet-heart**, *n.* A lover, male or female. *v.t.* To be love-making. **sweetmeat**, *n.* An article of confectionery consisting principally of sugar, a fruit candied with sugar. **sweet-oil**, *n.* Olive oil. **sweet-pea**, *n.* An annual leguminous climbing plant, with showy flowers. **sweet-potato**, *n.* A tropical climbing plant with an edible root. **sweetwilliam**, *n.* A perennial species of pink with clusters of showy and fragrant flowers. **sweeten**, *v.* **sweetening**, *n.* **sweeting**, *n.* A sweet variety of apple. **sweetish**, *a.* **sweetly**, *adv.* **sweetness**, *n.*

**swell** (swel) [A.-S. *swellan*], *v.t.* (*p.p.* **swollen**, *swō'l'en*, **swelled**) To increase in bulk, volume, strength, or intensity; to expand; to rise in altitude; (*fig.*) to be puffed up, to be inflated with anger, etc. *v.t.* To increase the size of; to inflate, to puff up. *n.* The act or effect of swelling; a succession of long, unbroken waves in one direction; a bulge; (*Mus.*) an increase followed by a decrease in the volume of sound; a contrivance in an organ for effecting this; (*colloq.*) a person of importance, a showy or fashionable person. *a.* Characterized by display, smart, dandified. **swelling**, *n.* Act of expanding or state of being swollen or augmented; (*Path.*) an unnatural enlargement of a part.

**swelter** (swel'ter) [A.-S. *sweltan*], *v.i.* To be hot and oppressive, to cause faintness (of the weather, etc.); to be overcome with heat. **sweltry**, *a.*

**swerve** (swērv) [A.-S. *swearfan*, to rub], *v.i.* To turn to one side, to deviate. *n.* Act of swerving.

**swift** (swift) [A.-S.], *a.* Fleet, rapid, speedy, prompt; soon over, sudden. *adv.* Swiftly. *n.* A long-winged insectivorous bird resembling the swallow. **swiftly**, *adv.* **swiftness**, *n.*

**swig** (swig) [?], *v.* To drink in large draughts. *n.* A deep draught of liquor.

**swill** (swil) [A.-S. *swilian*, to wash], *v.t.* To rinse; to drink greedily. *v.i.* To drink to excess. *n.* A rinsing; hog-wash.

**swim** (swim) [A.-S. *swimman*], *v.i.* (*past* **swam**, *p.p.* **swum**) To float; to move through water by the motion of the hands and feet, fins, etc.; to glide along; to be drenched (with water); to feel dizzy. *v.t.* To pass by swimming; to compete in (a race); to cause (a horse, boat, etc.) to swim; to float (a ship, etc.). *n.* Act or spell of swimming; a run frequented by fish. **swimmer**, *n.* **swimmingly**, *adv.* Smoothly, easily, without impediment.

**swindle** (swindl) [G. *schwindeln*, to be dizzy], *v.* To cheat; to defraud grossly. *n.* Act or process of swindling; a gross imposition, a fraudulent scheme; (*colloq.*) a deception, a fraud. **swindler**, *n.*

**swine** (swin) [A.-S. *swin*], *n.* (*pl.* *unchanged*) A hoofed omnivorous mammal, a pig, a hog; (*fig.*) a greedy or debased person. **swine-herd**, *n.* One who tends swine. **swinish**, *a.*

**swing** (swing) [A.-S. *swingan*], *v.i.* (*past* **swung**, *p.p.* **swung**) To move to and fro, as a suspended body, to sway, hang freely, oscillate; to turn on a pivot; to go with a rhythmical motion; to be hanged. *v.t.* To cause to move to and fro or to turn or move round, as on a pivot. *n.* Act or state of swinging; a swinging or oscillating motion, gait, or rhythm; the sweep of a moving body; unrestrained liberty; a suspended seat in which one can swing to and fro, a spell of swinging in this. **swing-boat**, *n.* A boat-shaped car for swinging in. **swing-bridge**, *n.* A draw-bridge turning horizontally.

**swinge** (swin) [A.-S. *swengan*], *v.t.* To beat, thrash. *n.* **swingeing**, *a.* Thumping, huge.

**swipe** (swip) [A.-S. *swipian*], *v.* To hit with great force. *n.* A hard blow, esp. at cricket; (*pl.*) thin beer.

**swirl** (swērl) [Scand.], *v.t.* To form eddies, to whirl about. *n.* A whirling motion, an eddy.

**swish** (swish) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a whistling sound in cutting through the air.

**Swiss** (swis) [F. *suisse*, Switzerland], *a.* Pertaining to Switzerland or its inhabitants. *n.* A native or the people of Switzerland.

**switch** (swich) [M.Dut. *swick*], *n.* A flexible twig or rod; a tress of hair tied up at one end; a mechanism for diverting vehicles from one line to another, transferring electric current from one wire to another, etc. *v.t.* To lash with a switch;



to shift (a train, etc.) from one line to another; to turn (on or off) with a switch.

**switchback**, *n.* A railway on which the vehicles are carried over a series of ascending inclines by the momentum of previous descents. **switch-board**, *n.* A board from which electric or telephonic circuits are controlled.

**swivel** (swivl) [as **SWIFT**], *n.* Mechanism allowing two parts to revolve independently; a support allowing free horizontal rotation.

**swoon** (swoon) [A.-S. *swogan*], *v.i.* To faint. *n.* Act of swooning, a faint.

**swoop** (swoop) [A.-S. *swāpan*, to rush], *v.i.* To descend upon prey, etc., suddenly, to come (down) upon. *n.* A sudden plunge as of a bird of prey on its quarry.

**sword** (sôrd) [A.-S. *sweord*], *n.* A long blade fixed in a hilt used for cutting or thrusting; (*fig.*) the power of the sword; war, death. **sword-arm**, *n.* The right arm. **sword-fish**, *n.* A sea-fish allied to the mackerel, having the upper jaw prolonged into a formidable sword-like weapon. **sword-play**, *n.* Fencing; (*fig.*) repartee. **swordsman**, *n.* One who carries a sword; one skilled in the use of the sword.

**sybarite** (sib'â-rit), *n.* An inhabitant of Sybaris, an ancient Greek colony in S. Italy, noted for effeminacy; an effeminate and luxurious person.

**sycamore** (sik'â-môr) [SYCOMORE], *n.* A medium-sized tree allied to the maple and plane.

**sycamore** (sik'ô-môr) [Gr. *sukon*, fig, *moron*, mulberry], *n.* A Syrian and Egyptian fig-tree, the Oriental sycamore.

**sycophant** (sik'ô-fânt) [Gr. *sukophantēs*], *n.* A servile flatterer, a parasite. **sycophancy**, *n.* **sycophantic**, *a.*

**syenite** (sî'ê-nit) [*Syene*, Egypt], *n.* A granular igneous rock.

**syl-** [SYN-], *pref.* (before *l*).

**syllable** (sil'abl) [Gr. *sullabē* (SYL-, *lambanein*, to take)], *n.* A word or part of a word containing one vowel sound and uttered at a single effort; (*fig.*) the least particle of speech. *v.t.* To articulate, to utter. **syllab'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to or consisting of a syllable or syllables; having each syllable distinct.

**syllabus** (sil'â-bûs) [as *prec.*], *n.* A summary, abstract, etc., giving the principal heads of a course, etc.

**sylogism** (sil'ô-jizm) [Gr. *sylogismos* (SYL-, *logos*, reason)], *n.* A form of argument consisting of a general statement, an instance, and a conclusion deduced from these. **sylogis'tic**, *a.*

**sylph** (silt) [? Gr. *silphē*, some beetle], *n.* A fabulous being inhabiting the air; a graceful and slender girl.

**sylvan** (sil'vân) [L. *silva*, wood], *a.* Pertaining to a forest; growing in woods; rural. **sylviculture**, *n.* Forestry.

**sym-** [SYN-], *pref.* (before *b*, *m*, or *p*).

**symbol** (sim'bôl) [Gr. *symbolon*, token (SYM-, *ballein*, to throw)], *n.* An object

typifying something, a type, an emblem; a character accepted as representing some thing, idea, process, etc., as the letters of the alphabet, those representing the elements, mathematical signs, etc. **symbol'ic**, *-al*, *a.* **sym'bolism**, *n.* **sym'bolyze**, *v.t.* To typify; to represent by symbols; to treat as symbolic, to make representative of something.

**symmetry** (sim'é-tri) [SYM-, Gr. *metron*, measure], *n.* Due proportion of the several parts of a body, congruity, harmony; arrangement so that opposite parts are similar in shape and size. **symmet'ric**, *-al*, *a.* **symmetrize**, *v.t.* To make symmetrical.

**sympathy** (sim'pâ-thi) [SYM-, Gr. *pathein*, to suffer], *n.* The quality of being affected with the same feelings as another, or of sharing emotions, etc.; fellow-feeling, accord (with); compassion (for) **sympathet'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to sympathy; having sympathy with another; being in agreement, concordant. **sympathetically**, *adv.* **sympathize**, *v.i.* To have or express sympathy with another; to be of the same disposition, opinion, etc.

**symphony** (sim'fô-ni) [SYM-, Gr. *phônē*, sound], *n.* A complex composition for an orchestra. **symphonic** (-fon'ik), **symphonious** (-fô'ni-ûs), *a.*

**symposium** (sim-pô'zi-ûm) [SYM-, Gr. *posis*, drink], *n.* (*pl.* -ia) (Gr. *Ant.*) A convivial party with music, dancing, etc.

**symptom** (simp'tôm) [Gr. *sumptōma*, a chance, a casualty], *n.* A perceptible change in the appearance or functions of the body indicating disease; an indication **symptomat'ic**, *a.*

**syn-** [Gr. *sun*, prep. with], *pref.* With; together; alike. **synæresis** (si-nēr'ê-sis) [Gr. *sunatresis* (*hairein*, to take)], *n.* The contraction of two vowels or syllables into one.

**synagogue** (sin'â-gog) [SYN-, Gr. *agein*, to bring], *n.* A Jewish congregation for religious instruction and observances; a place of meeting for this.

**synalgia** (sin-al'ji-â) [SYN-, Gr. *algos*, pain], *n.* Sympathetic pain.

**synchronism** (sing'krô-nizm) [SYN-, Gr. *chronos*, time], *n.* Concurrence of two or more events in time, simultaneousness; a tabular arrangement of historical events or personages according to date. **synchronal**, **synchronous**, *a.* **synchronis'tic**, *a.* **synchronize**, *v.t.* To concur in time, to happen at the same time. *v.t.* To cause to agree in time.

**syncopate** (sing'kô-pât) [as *foil.*], *v.t.* To contract (a word) by omitting one or more letters from the middle; (*Mus.*) to begin (a note or tone) on an unaccented and continue with an accented beat. **syncopa'tion**, *n.*

**syncope** (sing'kô-pê) [SYN-, Gr. *koptein*, to strike], *n.* The elision of a letter or syllable from the middle of a word;

(*Path.*) fainting, swooning. **syncopize**, *v.t.* To syncopate.

**syndic** (sin'dik) [SYN-, Gr. *dikē*, justice], *n.* An officer invested with varying powers in different places and times.

**syndicalism** (sin'di-kā-lizm) [prec.], *n.* The economic doctrine that workers should participate in the management and profits of the industry, and that the workers in different trades should federate to bring this about. **syndicalist**, *n.*

**syndicate** (sin'di-kāt) [SYNDIC, -ATE], *n.* A body of syndics, esp. at Cambridge; an association formed to promote some special interest.

**syne** (sin) [Sc., SINCE], *adv.* Long ago.

**synecdoche** (si-nek'dō-kl) [SYN-, Gr. *ek*, out, *dechesthai*, to receive], *n.* A rhetorical figure by which a part is put for the whole or the whole for a part.

**synod** (sin'od) [SYN-, Gr. *hodos*, way], *n.* An ecclesiastical council. **synod'ic**, -al, *a.* Pertaining to a synod.

**synonym** (sin'ō-nim) [SYN-, Gr. *onuma*, name], *n.* A word having the same meaning as another of the same language.

**synonym'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to synonymy. **synonymous**, *a.* Expressing the same thing by a different word or words; conveying the same idea.

**synopsis** (si-nop'sis) [SYN-, *opsis*, seeing], *n.* (*pl.* -ses, -sēs) A general view, a conspectus, a summary. **synop'tic**, *a.* Of the nature of a synopsis. *n.* One of the synoptic gospels, viz., those of Matthew, Mark, and Luke; these evangelists.

**syntax** (sin'tāks) [SYN-, Gr. *taskein*, to arrange], *n.* The part of grammar that deals with the arrangement of words in sentences. **syntac'tic**, *a.* Pertaining to, or according to the rules of syntax. **syntactically**, *adv.*

**synthesis** (sin'thē-sis) [SYN-, Gr. *thesis*, putting], *n.* (*pl.* -ses, -sēs) The putting of things together, combination, composition; the building up of a complex whole, the process of forming concepts, theories, etc.; (*Gram.*) the formation of compound words; (*Surg.*) the union of broken parts. **synthet'ic**, -al, *a.* Pertaining to or consisting in synthesis. **syn'thesize**, *v.t.*

**Syriac** (sir'i-āk), *a.* Pertaining to Syria or its language. *n.* The language of the ancient Syrians, western Aramaic. **Syrian**, *a.* and *n.*

**syringa** (si-ring'gā) [Gr. *surinx*, reed], *n.* A genus of plants containing the lilacs.

**syringe** (si-rinj') [as prec.], *n.* A cylindrical instrument, a piston used to draw in and eject liquid, a squirt. *v.t.* To water, spray, or cleanse with a syringe.

**syrup** (sir'up) [Arab. *sharāb*, see **SHERBET**], *n.* A saturated solution of sugar in water, usu. with fruit-juice, etc.; treacle. **syrupy**, *a.*

**system** (sis'tēm) [Gr. *sustēma*], *n.* Organization, method; a co-ordinated body of principles, facts, theories, etc.; a method of classification; a co-ordinated arrangement of things or parts, for working to-

gether; any organic structure taken as a whole, as the animal body, the universe, etc. **systemat'ic**, *a.* Methodical; done, etc., on a regular plan, not haphazard. **sys'tematize**, *v.t.* **systematiza'tion**, *n.* **systole** (sis'tō-lē) [Gr. *sustellein*, to draw together], *n.* The contraction of the heart impelling the blood outwards, alternating with diastole. **systol'ic**, *a.*

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**Taal** (tal) [Dut., language], *n.* S. African Dutch.

**tab** (tāb) [?], *n.* A small flap, tag, etc.

**tabard** (tāb'ard) [O.F.], *n.* A garment worn over armour; a herald's sleeveless coat blazoned with the arms of the sovereign.

**tabby** (tāb'i) [Arab. *utābi*], *n.* Silk or other stuff with a watered surface; a brindled cat, esp. a female.

**tabernacle** (tāb'ēr-nāk'l) [L. *tabernaculum*, tent], *n.* A movable booth, used as a habitation, temple, etc.; a tent-like structure used by the Jews as a sanctuary before their settlement in Palestine; a receptacle for the consecrated elements or the pyx; (*Arch.*) a canopy, esp. over a niche, tomb, etc. *v.t.* To sojourn.

**table** (tābl) [L. *tabula*], *n.* A flat surface resting on supports, used for serving meals upon, working, playing games, etc.; food served upon it, fare, cuisine; the company sitting at a table; a list of numbers, references, etc., arranged systematically; a flat surface, a plateau. **table-cloth**, *n.* A cloth for covering a table, esp. at meal-times. **table d'hôte** (tabl dōt') [F., host's table], *n.* (*pl.* tables-) A common table for guests at an hotel. **table-land**, *n.* A plateau. **table-talk**, *n.* Familiar conversation, miscellaneous chat.

**tableau** (tāb'lō) [F.], *n.* (*pl.* -eaux) A picture; a vivid representation or effect. **tableau vivant**: (*pl.* tableaux vivants) A motionless group representing some scene or event.

**tablet** (tāb'lēt) [dim. of **TABLE**], *n.* A thin flat piece of wood, ivory, etc., for writing on; a small slab, esp. used as a memorial.

**taboo** (tā-boō') [Maori *tapu*], *n.* A custom among Polynesians of prohibiting the use of certain persons, places, or things. *a.* Banned, prohibited.

**tabouret** (tāb'ō-ret) [dim. of O.F. *tabour*, drum], *n.* A small seat; an embroidery frame; a needle-case.

**tabular** (tāb'ū-lār) [as **TABLE**], *a.* In the form of a table; formed in thin plates; arranged in or computed from tables. **tabulate**, *v.t.* To reduce to or arrange (figures, etc.) in tabular form. **tab'ulator**, *n.*

**tacit** (tās'it) [L. *tacere*, to be silent], *a.* Implied but not expressed. **tacitly**, *adv.* **taciturn** (tās'i-tūrn) [L. *taciturnus*, as prec.], *a.* Habitually silent, reserved. **taciturn'ity**, *n.* **taciturnly**, *adv.*

**tack** (tāk) [O.F. *tache*, peg], *n.* A small, flat-headed nail; a long stitch for tem-



porary fastening; the course of a ship as determined by the position of her sails; the act of changing direction to take advantage of a side-wind, etc. *v.t.* To fasten with tacks; to append (to). *v.i.* To change the course of a ship by shifting the position of the sails. **tacky**, *a.* Sticky. **tackiness**, *n.*

**tackle** (tāk'l) [Tent.], *n.* Ropes, pulleys, etc., for lifting or for working spars, sails, etc.; a windlass with its ropes, etc.; the gear for carrying on any particular work or sport. *v.t.* To grapple with; to set to work vigorously upon.

**tact** (tākt) [L. *tactus*, touch], *n.* An intuitive sense of what is fitting, adroitness in doing the proper thing. **tactful**, *a.* **tactless**, *a.*

**tactics** (tāk'tiks) [Gr. *taktos*, ordered], *n.* The art of manœuvring armed forces, esp. in contact with the enemy; (*pl.*) devices to attain some end. **tactical**, *a.* **tactician** (-tish'ān), *n.*

**tadpole** (tād'pōl) [TOAD, POLL, head], *n.* The larva of a frog or toad before the gills and tail disappear.

**tael** (tāl) [Malay *tahīl*], *n.* A Chinese weight of 1½ oz., and a silver monetary unit (about 5s. 10d.).

**tafferel** (tāf'er-ēl) [Dut. *taferel*], *n.* The upper part of a ship's stern.

**taffeta** (tāf'ē-tā) [Pers. *tāftan*, to twist], *n.* A light, thin, glossy silk fabric.

**taffrail** (taf'rāl, -rāl) [corr. of TAFFEREL], *n.* The rail round a ship's stern.

**tag** (tāg) [Scand.], *n.* Any small appendage, as a metal point at the end of a lace, a loop, a label, etc.; a well-worn quotation.

**tail** (1) (tāl) [A.-S. *taegl*, *tægel*, cp. Icel. *tagl*, Swed. *tagel*, G. *zege*], *n.* The hindmost part of an animal extending beyond the body; a prolongation of or a pendant or appendage to anything; a retinue, a queue. *v.t.* To fall behind or drop (away or off) in a scattered line. **tail-board**, *n.* The board at the back of a cart, wagon, etc. **tail-end**, *n.* The fag-end. **tail-piece**, *n.* An ornamental design at the end of a chapter, etc.

**tail** (2) (tāl) [as TALLY], *n.* Limitation of or limited ownership; an estate of inheritance limited to a person and the heirs of his body.

**tailor** (tāl'lor) [O.F. *tailleur*], *n.* One who cuts out and makes men's outer clothes. *v.i.* To work as a tailor.

**tailor-made**, *a.* Made by a tailor (of women's outer clothes). **tailoress**, *n.*

**taint** (tānt) [F. *teint*, stained], *n.* A trace of decay, disease, etc.; infection; a stain, blemish, disgrace.

**take** (tāk) [A.-S. *tacan*], *v.t.* (*past took*, *tuk*, *p.p. taken*) To lay hold of, to grasp, catch, arrest, gain possession of, win, etc.; to carry off, away, or with one, to conduct, withdraw, extort, etc.; to receive, procure, acquire, consume; to adopt, select, submit to; to ascertain by inquiry; to understand, consider, infer; to be infected with; to experience; to bear in a specified

way; to perform (an action, etc.); to photograph. *v.i.* To derogate, detract; to have a desired effect; to come out well (in a photograph); to please; to be attracted or inclined (to); to betake oneself (to). *n.* That which is taken; amount taken at one catch or in one season. **taking**, *a.* Pleasing, alluring. *n.* The act of one that takes; capture; state of agitation; (*pl.*) money taken; receipts.

**talbot** (taw'l'bót) [?], *n.* A large variety of hound, formerly used for hunting.

**talc** (tālk) [Arab. *talq*], *n.* A fibrous, greasy magnesium silicate occurring in prisms and plates, used as a lubricator, etc. **talcky**, *a.*

**tale** (tāl) [A.-S. *tael*, number, *tafu*, story], *n.* An account, a story, true or fictitious; a total, a reckoning.

**talent** (tāl'ent) [Gr. *talanton*, balance], *n.* A weight and denomination of money in ancient Greece, Rome, Assyria, etc.; a particular aptitude or faculty; superior mental capacity; persons of talent. **talented**, *a.* Endowed with talents or ability.

**talisman** (tāl'iz-mán) [Arab. *tilsam*, Gr. *telesma*, payment], *n.* An amulet, a magical figure to which wonderful effects were ascribed.

**talk** (tawk) [M.E. *talken*, as TALE], *v.t.* To utter words; to converse; to have the power of speech. *v.i.* To express in speech; to discuss; to speak (a specified language); to affect by talking. *n.* Chat; a subject of conversation; gossip. **talkative**, *a.* Given to talking. **talker**, *n.* **talking**, *a.* That talks; able to talk.

**tail** (tawl) [Celt.], *a.* Above the average height; having a specified height. **tailness**, *n.*

**tallow** (tāl'ō) [M.E. *talgh*], *n.* A substance composed of the harder fats, used for candles, soap, etc. **tallow-chandler**, *n.* One who makes or deals in candles.

**tallowy**, *a.*

**tally** (tāl'i) [F. *taille*, notch], *n.* A stick in which notches are cut for keeping accounts; such a notch, a reckoning, an account; a counterpart, a duplicate (of); a tag for identification. *v.t.* To score as on a tally, to record. *v.i.* To correspond (with).

**tally-ho** (tāl'i-hō') [F. *taiaut*], *int.* and *n.* The huntsman's cry to hounds.

**talon** (tāl'ōn) [F. *heel*], *n.* A claw, esp. of a bird of prey.

**tamable** (tām'ābl) [TAME, -ABLE], *a.* Capable of being tamed. **tamabil'ity**, *n.*

**tamarind** (tām'ā-rind) [Arab. *tamr*, ripe date, *Hind*, India], *n.* A tropical tree; its pulpy leguminous fruit, used in cooling beverages.

**tamarisk** (tām'ā-risk) [L.], *n.* An evergreen shrub with slender feathery branches.

**tambour** (tām'bōr) [F., drum], *n.* A drum; a circular frame for embroidery; a cylindrical stone, as part of a column. *v.* To embroider with or on a tambour.

**tambourine** (tām-bô-rēn') [dim. of prec.], *n.* A small drum-like instrument, a hoop with parchment stretched across one head and loose jingles in the sides.

**tame** (tām) [A.-S. *tam*], *a.* Domesticated, not wild; tractable; subdued; dull, insipid. *v.i.* To make tame; to domesticate; to humble. **tamely**, *adv.* **tamer**, *n.*

**tam-o'-shanter** (tām-ô-shān'tér) [Burns's poem *Tam o' Shanter*], *n.* A cap fitted closely round the brows but wide and full above.

**tamper** (tām'pér) [TEMPER], *v.i.* To meddle (with); to alter documents, etc., illegitimately, to adulterate, to employ bribery.

**tampon** (tām'pi-ôn) [O.F.], *n.* A stopper for the mouth of a gun.

**tan** (tān) [O.H.G. *tanna*, fir, oak], *n.* Bark bruised and broken and used for tanning hides; its yellowish-brown colour; bronzing of the complexion. *a.* Tan-coloured. *v.i.* To convert (hide) into leather; to brown by exposure to the sun; to subject (sails, artificial marble, etc.) to a hardening process; to flog. *v.i.* To become sunburned. **tan-yard**, *n.* A tannery. **tanner**, *n.* **tannery**, *n.*

**tandem** (tān'dēm) [L., at length], *adv.* With two horses harnessed one behind the other. *n.* A vehicle with two horses so harnessed; a cycle for two riders one behind the other.

**tang** (1) (tāng) [M.E., sting], *n.* A strong taste or flavour, a twang; a distinctive quality.

**tang** (2) [Icel. *tangi*], *n.* A projecting piece, as the shank of a chisel, etc., inserted into the haft. *v.t.* To furnish with a tang.

**tang** (3) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a ringing, twanging noise.

**tang** (4) [TANGLE], *n.* One of various seaweeds.

**tangent** (tān'jēt) [L. *tangens*, touching], *n.* A straight line meeting a curve without intersecting it (even if produced).

**tangible** (tān'jibl) [L. *tangere*, to touch], *a.* Perceptible by touch; definite, not visionary. **tangibil'ity**, *n.* **tangibly**, *adv.*

**tangle** (tāngl) [Scand.], *v.t.* To intertwine in a confused mass; to entangle, entrap; to complicate. *v.i.* To become knotted together or intertwined. *n.* A confused mass of threads, etc.; a state of confusion; various kinds of seaweed. **tangly**, *a.*

**tango** (tāng'gō) [Am. Sp.], *n.* A dance of a complicated kind for couples.

**tanist** (tān'ist) [Ir. *tanaiste*, heir to a prince], *n.* (*Anc. Ir.*) The elected heir presumptive to a chief. **tanistry**, *n.* An ancient Irish tenure, successors being appointed by election from the chief's kin.

**tank** (tānk) [Port. *tanque*, as STANCH (1)], *n.* A large cistern for holding liquid, gas, etc.; a reservoir for water; the part of a locomotive-tender containing water for the boiler; a heavily armoured motor-vehicle on wheels over which run endless chains

with flat links, first used by the British in attacking at Flers, Sept. 1916. **tanker**, *n.* A tank-vessel, a steamer fitted with tanks for carrying oil.

**tankard** (tāng'kard) [M.Dut. *tanckaert*], *n.* A large metal drinking-vessel.

**tannic** (tān'ik) [TAN, -IC], *a.* Pertaining to or derived from tan. **tannin**, *n.* Tannic acid, an astringent obtained from oak-bark, etc.

**tansy** (tān'zi) [O.F. *tanastie*, Gr. *athanasia*, immortality], *n.* A yellow-flowered perennial herb with bitter, aromatic leaves.

**tantalize** (tān'tā-liz) [from Tantalus in Greek Mythology], *v.t.* To torment by holding out some desirable object and continually disappointing by keeping it out of reach.

**tantamount** (tān'tā-mount) [A.-F. *tant amunter*, to amount to so much], *a.* Equivalent (to) in value or effect.

**tantrum** (tān'trūm) [?], *n.* A burst of ill-temper, a fit of passion.

**tap** (1) (tāp) [F. *taper*], *v.t.* To strike gently; to apply leather to the heel of (a shoe). *v.i.* To strike a gentle blow. *n.* A light or gentle blow, the sound of this.

**tap** (2) [A.-S. *tæppa*], *n.* A cock for drawing fluid through; a faucet; a bung for a cask, etc.; liquor of a particular brew or quality. *v.t.* To pierce (a cask, etc.); to let out or draw off (a liquid) thus; (*Surg.*) to draw (fluid) from a person's body; to intercept (a message). **tap-root**, *n.* The main root of a plant. **tap-ster**, *n.* One who serves liquor in a bar.

**tape** (tāp) [A.-S. *tæppe*], *n.* A narrow woven strip used for tying things together, in dressmaking, book-binding, at a winning-post, etc.; a tape-measure; a strip on which messages are recorded by a recording telegraph. **tape-measure**, *n.* A marked tape or strip of metal for measuring. **tape-worm**, *n.* A parasitic worm infesting the alimentary canal of vertebrates.

**taper** (tā'pér) [A.-S. *tapor*], *n.* A small wax-candle; a feeble light; tapering form. *v.i.* To become gradually smaller towards one end. *v.t.* To make taper.

**tapestry** (tāp'és-tri) [TAPIS], *n.* A heavy textile fabric with designs applied by stitches across the warp. *v.t.* To hang with or as with tapestry. **tapestried**, *a.*

**tapioca** (tāp-i-ô-ká) [Tupi-Guarani *tipioka*, cassava-juice], *n.* A starchy, granular, farinaceous food prepared from cassava.

**tapir** (tā'pir) [Tupi-Guarani *tapira*], *n.* A hoofed herbivorous mammal allied to the rhinoceros, with a short, flexible proboscis.

**tapis** (tā-pé', tāp'is) [F., tapestry, carpet, table-cover], *n.* A table-covering. **to be on the tapis**: To be under consideration.

**tar** (1) (tār) [A.-S. *teoru*], *n.* A thick, dark, oily liquid produced by the dry distillation of organic bodies and bituminous minerals. *v.t.* To cover with tar. **tarry** (1), *a.*

**tar** (2) [TARPAULIN], *n.* (*collog.*) A sailor.



**tarantella** (tăr-ăn-tel'ă) [*Taranto*, S. Ital-town], *n.* A rapid Neapolitan dance in triplets for one couple; the music for this.

**tarantula**, *n.* A large venomous spider of S. Europe.

**taraxacum** (tă-răk'să-kūm) [prob. Arab.], *n.* A genus of plants containing the dandelion; a drug prepared from this.

**tardy** (tar'di) [L. *tardus*], *a.* Slow, sluggish; behindhand, dilatory; reluctant.

**tardily**, *adv.*

**tare** (1) (tăr) [M.E.], *n.* The common vetch.

**tare** (2) [Arab. *tarhah*, rejected], *n.* An allowance for the weight of boxes, etc., in which goods are packed; the weight of a vehicle without fuel, load, or equipment.

**target** (tar'get) [dim. of A.-S. *targe*], *n.* A mark to be fired at, a bull's eye; any person or thing made the object of attack, a butt; a small round shield. \***targe** (tarj), *n.*

**tariff** (tăr'if) [Arab. *ta'rif*, information], *n.* A table of import or export duties; a duty on any particular kind of goods; a law imposing such; a table of charges.

**tarn** (tarn) [Icel. *tjörn*], *n.* A small mountain lake.

**tarnish** (tar'nish) [F. *ternir*], *v.t.* To diminish or destroy the lustre of; to sully, to stain. *v.i.* To lose lustre. *n.* Loss of lustre, a blemish.

**tarpaulin** (tar-paw'lin) [TAR (1), PALL (1)], *n.* A waterproofed canvas-cloth; a sailor's tarred or oiled hat.

**tarpon** (tar'pôn) [?], *n.* A large and powerful game-fish of the herring family.

**tarradiddle** (tăr-ă-did'l') [?], *n.* A lie, a fib.

**tarry** (tăr'i) [M.E. *tarien*, A.-S. *tergan*, to vex], *v.i.* To remain behind; to linger, to delay.

**tart** (1) (tart) [A.-S. *teart*], *a.* Sharp to the taste, acid; (fig.) biting, cutting.

**tartly**, *adv.* **tartness**, *n.*

**tart** (2) [O.F. *tarte*], *n.* A pie containing fruit; a piece of pastry with jam, etc.

**tartlet**, *n.*

**tartan** (tar'tán) [perh. from *Tartar*], *n.* A woollen fabric cross-barred with stripes of various colours; the pattern, or a plaid, on this. *a.* Consisting, made of, or like tartan.

**tartar** (1) (tar'tár) [F. *tartre*, Arab. *durd*, dregs], *n.* Impure tartrate of potassium deposited from wines; cream of tartar; calcium phosphate deposited on the teeth.

**tartareous** (-tăr'é-ús), **tartaric** (-tăr'ik), *a.*

**Tartar** (2) (tar'tár), **Tatar** (ta'tár) [Pers.], *a.* Pertaining to Tartary or the races comprising Turks, Cossacks, and Kirghis Tartars. *n.* A native of Tartary or a member of this group of races; (fig.) a person of an intractable temper or more than one's match.

**Tartarus** (tar'tá-rús), *n.* (*Gr. Myth.*) A deep abyss below Hades where the Titans were confined; the abode of the wicked.

**Tartarean** (-tăr'é-án), *a.*

**task** (task) [O.F. *tasche*], *n.* A definite amount of work imposed; work undertaken voluntarily. *v.t.* To impose a task upon; to overtax. **taskmaster**, *n.* One who imposes a task.

**tassel** (tăs'él) [O.F. *tasel*], *n.* A pendent ornament composed of a tuft of threads, cords, silk, etc.

**taste** (täst) [O.F. *taster*], *v.t.* To try or perceive the flavour of by taking into the mouth; to eat a little of. *v.i.* To partake (of); to have experience (of); to have a flavour (of). *n.* Flavour; the sense by which this is perceived; the mental faculty of apprehending and enjoying the beautiful and the sublime or of appreciating degrees of artistic excellence; manner, style, as directed by this; a predilection (for). **tastable**, *a.* **tasteful**, *a.* Having, characterized by, or done with good taste. **tasteless**, *a.* **taster**, *n.* One employed to test teas, liquors, etc., by tasting. **tasty**, *a.* Savoury, toothsome. **tastily**, *adv.*

**tat** (tât) [Scand.], *v.t.* To make by knotting. *v.i.* To make tatting. **tatting**, *n.* Knotted work or lace used for edging, etc.

**tatter** (tât'ér) [Teut.], *n.* A rag; a hanging shred. **tatterdemalion**, *n.* A ragged fellow.

**tattle** (tât'l) [imit.], *v.i.* To chatter, gossip; to tell tales. *n.* Idle talk.

**tattler**, *n.* One who tattles, a gossip.

**tattoo** (1) (tă-too') [Dut. *taptoe*, signal for closing tavern taps], *n.* The beat of drum recalling soldiers to their quarters.

**tattoo** (2) [Tahitian *tatan*], *v.t.* To mark (the skin) by pricking and inserting pigments. *n.* A mark or pattern so produced.

**taunt** (tawnt) [?], *v.t.* To reproach sarcastically or contemptuously. *n.* A bitter reproach.

**taut** (tawt) [M.E. *toft*], *a.* Tight, tense, not slack; in good order, trim.

**tauto-** [Gr., to auto, the same], *comb. form.*

**tautology** (taw-toł'ô-ji) [Gr., TAUTO-, -LOGY], *n.* Repetition of the same thing in different words. **tautolog'ic**, -al, *a.* **tautolog'ist**, *n.*

**tavern** (tăv'érn) [L. *taberna*], *n.* A public-house, an inn.

**taw** [?], *n.* A game at marbles.

**tawdry** (taw'dri) [St. Audrey (*Etheldrida*), whose fair was held on 17th Oct.], *a.* Showy without taste; gaudy. *n.* Tasteless finery. **tawdrily**, *adv.*

**tawny** (taw'ni) [as TAN], *a.* Brownish-yellow, tan-coloured. **tawniness**, *a.*

**taws** (tawz) [A.-S. *tawian*, to prepare], *n.* (*Sc.*) A leather strap with the end cut into strips, used for punishing.

**tax** (tăks) [F. *taxe*, L. *taxāre*, to tax], *n.* A compulsory contribution to meet the expenses of the public service; (fig.) a heavy demand, strain, etc. *v.t.* To impose a tax on; to charge (with an oversight, etc.); (*Law*) to fix amounts of (costs); **taxable**, *a.* **taxa'tion**, *n.*

**taxi** (tāk-sī) [TAXIMETER], *n.* A motor-cab.

**taxidermy** (tāk'si-dēr-mī) [Gr. *taxis*, arrangement, DERM], *n.* The art of mounting the skins of animals so that they resemble the living forms. **taxidermist**, *n.*

**taximeter** (tāk'si-mē-tēr) [F. *taximètre* (TAX, -METER)], *n.* An instrument fitted in a cab for registering distances.

**tea** (tē) [Chin.], *n.* The dried and prepared leaves of a small evergreen shrub of the camellia family: the tea-plant; a decoction of tea-leaves for drinking; a light afternoon or evening meal at which tea is served. **tea-fight**, *n.* (collog.) A tea-party. **tea-garden**, *n.* A garden where refreshments are served to the public. **tea-gown**, *n.* A woman's loose gown. **tea-rose**, *n.* A rose with scent supposed to resemble tea.

**teach** (tēch) [A.-S. *tēcan*], *v.t.* (past and *p.p.* taught, tawt) To instruct or train in; to impart information concerning (a subject), to give lessons in; to educate; to explain, show, make known. *v.i.* To perform the duties of a teacher; to give instruction. **teachable**, *a.* That may be taught (of a subject, etc.); apt to learn. **teacher**, *n.* **teaching**, *n.*

**teak** (tēk) [Malayalam *tekka*], *n.* A large E. Indian tree yielding a heavy durable timber; this timber.

**teal** (tēl) [M.E. *tele*], *n.* A small freshwater duck.

**team** (tēm) [A.-S. *tēam*], *n.* Two or more horses, oxen, etc., harnessed together; a number of persons working together, forming a side in a game, etc. **teamster**, *n.* One in charge of a team.

**tear** (1) (tār) [A.-S. *teran*], *v.t.* (past tore, tōr, *p.p.* torn, tōrn) To pull forcibly apart, to rend; to make (a rent, wound, etc.) thus. *v.i.* To pull violently (at); to part on being pulled; to rush or act with violence. *n.* A rent.

**tear** (2) (tēr) [A.-S. *tēar*], *n.* A drop of the saline liquid moistening the eyes or flowing in strong emotion, etc. **teardrop**, *n.* **tearful**, *a.* **tearless**, *a.*

**tease** (tēz) [A.-S. *tesan*, to pluck], *v.t.* To separate the fibres of; to comb or card (wool or flax); to annoy, irritate, vex; to importune (to do something). *n.* One who teases or irritates.

**teasel** (tēzl) [from prec.], *n.* A plant with large burs covered with stiff, hooked awns, used for raising a nap on cloth; a machine for this purpose.

**teat** (tēt) [M.E. and O.F. *tete*, A.-S. *tīf*], *n.* The nipple of the female breast through which milk is drawn; a projection or appliance resembling this.

**technic** (tek'nik) [Gr. *technē*, art], *a.* Technical. *n.* Technique, technics. **technical**, *a.* Pertaining to the mechanical arts or to any particular art, science, business, etc. **technical'ity**, *n.* A technical term, expression, etc. **technique** (tek-nēk'), *n.* Mode of artistic performance; mechanical skill in art.

**ted** (ted) [A.-S.], *v.t.* To turn over and spread (hay) so as to expose to the sun and air.

**tedious** (tē'di-ūs) [L. *tedium*, from *tædet*, it wearies], *a.* Tiresome, monotonous, fatiguing. **tedium**, *n.*

**tee** (tē) [?], *n.* A mark for quoits, curling-stones, etc.; (Golf) a small eminence from which the ball is played at the commencement of each hole. *v.t.* To put the ball on this.

**teem** (1) (tēm) [A.-S. *tyman*], *v.* To bring forth (offspring); to be prolific; to overflow.

**teem** (2) [Icel. *tæma*, from *tōmr*, empty], *v.t.* To pour out (esp. molten metal); to empty. *v.i.* To pour (down) as rain, etc. **-teen** (A.-S. *-týne, -tēn, -TEN*), *suf.* Denoting the addition of ten (in numbers 13-19).

**teens** (tēnz) [as prec.], *n.pl.* The years of one's age from 13 to 19.

**-teenth** [-TEEN, -TH], *suf.* Forming ordinal numbers from the cardinals 13-19.

**teethe** (tēth) [TOOTH], *v.i.* To cut or develop teeth. **teething**, *n.*

**teetotal** (tē-tō'tál) [redupl. of TOTAL], *a.* Pertaining to, or advocating total abstinence from intoxicants. **teetotalism**, *n.*

**teetotaler**, *n.*

**teetotum** (tē-tō'túm) [T. L. *tōtum*, the whole (take all), marked on one of the sides], *n.* A spinning-top used in a game of chance.

**tegument** (teg'ū-mént) [L. *tegumentum*, from *tegere*, to cover], *n.* A protective covering or membrane in animals. **tegu-men'tal**, **tegu-men'tary**, *a.*

**tele-** (Gr. *tēle*, far off), *comb. form.*

**telegram** (tel'ē-grām) [TELE-, -GRAM], *n.* A communication sent by telegraph.

**telegraph** (tel'ē-gráf) [TELE-, -GRAPH], *n.* An apparatus for transmitting messages to a distance, esp. by electricity; a board on which the names of horses in a race, cricket-scores, etc., are displayed. *v.t.* To transmit (a message) by telegraph; to signal in any way. *v.i.* To send a message by telegraph; to signal (to, etc.). **telegraph-ist**, *n.* One who works a telegraph. **telegraph'ic**, *a.* **telegraph'y**, *n.*

**teleology** (tel'ē-ol'ō-jī) [Gr. *telos teleos*, end, -LOGY], *n.* The doctrine of final causes. **teleolog'ic**, *a.*

**telepathy** (tē-lép'á-thī) [TELE-, -PATHY], *n.* Communication between minds at a distance, thought-transference, mind-reading. **telepath'ic**, *a.* **telep'athist**, *n.*

**telephone** (tel'ē-fōn) [TELE-, -PHONE], *n.* An instrument for transmitting sounds to distances by electrical agency. **telephonic** (-fon'ik), *a.* **teleph'onist**, *n.* **teleph'-ony**, *n.*

**telescope** (tel'ē-skōp) [TELE-, -SCOPE], *n.* An optical instrument for increasing the apparent size of distant objects. *v.* To drive or force (sections, trains, etc.) into each other, like the sections of a telescope. **telescop'ic** (-skop'ik), *a.*

**tell** (tel) [A.-S. *tellan*, as TALE], *v.t.* (past and *p.p.* told, tōld) To relate, recount;



to express in words, to inform; to assure; to bid, direct; to distinguish, ascertain. *v.i.* To give information or an account (of). **teller**, *n.* One who tells; one who numbers, esp. one appointed to count votes in the House of Commons; a bank official who receives or pays out money. **telling**, *a.* Having marked effect. **tell-tale**, *a.* Given to conveying information. *n.* One who tells tales, esp. about the private affairs of others.

**tellural** (tè-lûr'ál) [L. *tellus-lûris*, the earth], *a.* Pertaining to the earth. **tellurian**, *n.* An inhabitant of the earth. **telluric**, *a.*

**temerarious** (tem-è-râr'i-ûs) [L. *temere*, rashly], *a.* Reckless, headstrong; careless, done at random. **temerity** (tèmer'i-ti), *n.*

**temper** (tem'pér) [A.-S. *temprian*, L. *tempus*, time, season], *v.t.* To mix in due proportion; to harden (steel, etc.) by heating and cooling; to modify, tone down, mitigate. *n.* Disposition of mind; composure, self-command; irritation, passion; state of a metal as regards hardness and elasticity; condition or consistency (of a plastic mixture).

**temperament** (tem'pér-à-mént) [L. *temperamentum*, as prec.], *n.* Individual character, natural disposition. **temperament'al**, *a.*

**temperance** (tem'pér-âns) [as prec.], *n.* Moderation, self-restraint, esp. in the indulgence of the appetites; moderation in the use of intoxicants; total abstinence.

**temperate** (tem'pér-ât) [L. *temperatus*, tempered], *a.* Self-restrained; abstemious; mild (of climate). **temperately**, *adv.*

**temperature** (tem'pér-â-chér) [L. *temperatura*, as prec.], *n.* Degree of sensible heat or cold, esp. as registered by the thermometer.

**tempest** (tem'pèst) [L. *tempestas*, weather], *n.* A violent storm, esp. with heavy rain, hail, or snow; (*fig.*) violent tumult. **tempestuous**, *a.*

**Templar** (tem'plâr) [TEMPLE (1)], *n.* A member of a religious and military order, founded in the 12th cent., protecting pilgrims to the Holy Land; a lawyer or student having chambers in the Temple, London.

**temple** (1) (templ) [A.-S. *templ*, L. *templum*], *n.* An edifice dedicated to the service of some deity; the ancient seat of Jewish worship at Jerusalem; a place of public Christian worship.

**temple** (2) [O.F. *temples*, L. *tempus*, time], *n.* The flat portion of the head between forehead and ear. **temporal** (2), *a.*

**templet** (tem'plèt) [F., dim. of *temple*, L. *templum*, a small timber], *n.* A pattern used as a guide in shaping, turning, or drilling.

**tempo** (tem'pō) [It., from L. *tempus*, time], *n.* (*Mus.*) Quickness or rate of movement, time.

**temporal** (1) (tem'pō-râl) [as prec.], *a.* Pertaining to this life; secular. **tem-**

**poral'ity**, *n.* Temporalness; (*pl.*) the revenues of a religious corporation or an ecclesiastic.

**temporary** (tem'pō-râ-ri) [L. *temporarius*, as TEMPORAL], *a.* Lasting or intended only for a time or a special occasion. **temporarily**, *adv.* **temporize**, *v.i.* To pursue a procrastinating or time-serving policy; to yield to the requirements of the occasion; to trim.

**tempt** (tempt) [L. *tentare*, *temptare*, freq. of *tenere*, to hold], *v.t.* To incite or entice (to); to attract, allure, invite. **temptation**, *n.* **tempter**, *n.*

**ten** (ten) [A.-S. *tiēn*, *tyñ*], *n.* The sum of one and nine; 10, X. *a.* One more than nine. **tenfold**, *a.* and *adv.* **tenpenny**, *a.* Priced or sold at tenpence. **tenth**, *a.* and *n.* **tenthly**, *adv.*

**tenable** (ten'abl) [L. *tenere*, to hold], *a.* Capable of being held against attack. **tenabil'ity**, *n.*

**tenacious** (tè-nâ'shûs) [L. *tenax*, from *tenere*, to hold], *a.* Holding fast; obstinate, unyielding; sticky; tough. **tenacity** (tèn-âs'i-ti), *n.*

**tenant** (ten'ânt) [F., holding], *n.* A person holding a land or tenement from a landlord. *v.t.* To hold as tenant; to occupy. **tenancy**, *n.* The holding of lands, etc.; the period of such holding. **tenantry**, *n.* (*collect.*) Tenants.

**tench** (tench) [L. *tinca*], *n.* A freshwater fish of the carp family.

**tend** (1) (tend) [L. *tendere*, to stretch], *v.i.* To move or hold a course (in a certain direction, etc.); to have a bent or inclination, to conduce (to). **tendency**, *n.* Bent, drift, disposition.

**tend** (2) [ATTEND], *v.t.* To watch, look after, take charge of. *v.i.* To attend, to wait (upon).

**tender** (1) (ten'dér) [TEND (2)], *n.* One who tends; a car attached to a locomotive carrying the supply of fuel, etc.; a vessel attending a larger one, to supply provisions, carry despatches, etc.

**tender** (2) [TEND (1)], *v.t.* To present for acceptance, offer in payment. *v.i.* To make a tender. *n.* An offer for acceptance; an offer to do certain work, or supply certain articles, at a certain rate.

**tender** (3) [O.F. *tendre*, L. *tener*], *a.* Easily impressed, etc., delicate, fragile, frail; sensitive, sympathetic; fond; considerate (of). **tenderness**, *n.*

**tendon** (ten'dón) [L. *tendere*, to stretch], *n.* One of the strong cords forming the termination or connexion of a muscle.

**tendrill** (ten'dril) [?], *n.* A leafless organ by which a plant clings for support.

**tenement** (ten'é-mént) [O.F., L. *tenere*, to hold], *n.* An apartment used by one family; a dwelling-house; permanent property that may be held, as lands, houses, etc. **tenement-house**, *n.* A house let out in tenements.

**tenet** (ten'èt, tē'net) [L., he holds], *n.* An opinion, doctrine, etc., held by a person or school.

**tennis** (ten'is) [M.E. *tenetz*, *tenys*, ? O.F. *tenez*, hold], *n.* A game played by striking a ball to and fro with rackets over a net in a walled court; lawn-tennis.

**tenon** (ten'on) [F., as *TENEMENT*], *n.* The projecting end of a piece of timber fitted for insertion into a mortise, etc.

**tenor** (ten'or) [L., a holding on, (*later*) melody], *n.* A settled course or direction; general drift (of thought, etc.); (*Law*) the exact purport, an exact copy; the highest of male chest voices between baritone and alto; one with a tenor voice. *a.* Pertaining to or adapted for the tenor part.

**tense** (1) (tens) [L. *tempus*, time], *n.* (*Gram.*) A form taken by a verb to indicate the time, and also the continuance or completedness, of an action.

**tense** (2) [L. *tensus*, stretched, as *TEND* (1)], *a.* Stretched tight, strained. **tensely**, *adv.* **ten'sile**, *a.* Pertaining to tension; capable of extension. **tension** (ten'shùn), *n.* The act of stretching, state of being stretched; strain, effort; mental stress or excitement; the expansive force of a gas or vapour. **tensity**, *n.*

**tent** (tent) [O.F. *tente*, L. *tentus*, as *TENSE*], *n.* A portable shelter consisting of flexible material stretched over a pole or poles. *v.t.* To lodge in a tent. *v.i.* To encamp in a tent. **tent-peg**, *n.* A peg fixed in the ground for fastening down the ropes stretching a tent.

**tentacle** (ten'tákl) [as *TEMPT*, after *SPECTACLE*, etc.], *n.* A long slender feeler or arm, as of a cuttle-fish. **tentac'ular**, *a.* **tentative** (ten'tá-tiv) [as *TEMPT*], *a.* Consisting or done as a trial, experimental. *n.* An experiment, a conjecture. **tentatively**, *adv.*

**tenter** (ten'tér) [L. *tendere*, to stretch], *n.* A frame or machine for stretching cloth; a tenter-hook. **tenter-hook**, *n.* One of a set of hooks used in stretching cloth on the tenter. **on tenter-hooks**: In a state of suspense.

**tenuity** (tè-nù'i-ti) [L. *tenuis*, thin], *n.* Thinness; rarity; meagreness. **tenuous**, *a.* Thin, slender, minute; rarefied, over-refined.

**tenure** (ten'ür) [as *TENOR*], *n.* Act, manner, or right of holding property; period of holding.

**tepid** (tep'id) [L. *tepere*, to be warm], *a.* Moderately warm; lukewarm. **tepid'ity**, *n.*

**tercentenary** (tèr-sèn-tè'ná-ri) [L. *ter*, thrice, *CENTENARY*], *a.* Comprising 300 years. *n.* A 300th anniversary.

**terebinth** (ter'é-binth) [Gr. *terebinthos*], *n.* The turpentine-tree; its resin.

**teredo** (tèr-è'dò) [Gr. *terèdon*, from *teirein*, to bore], *n.* A mollusc that bores into submerged timber, the ship-worm.

**tergiversate** (tèr'ji-vér-sát) [L. *tergum*, back, *versari*, freq. of *vertere*, to turn], *v.t.* To practise evasions, to equivocate; to change sides. **tergiversa'tion**, *n.*

**term** (tèrm) [L. *terminus*], *n.* A limit, a boundary; a limited period; a period,

esp. during which instruction is regularly given or courts are in session; an appointed date; a word having a definite meaning; (*pl.*) expressions used; (*pl.*) conditions, price, rate of payment; relative position; one of the parts of a mathematical expression connected by the plus or minus sign. *v.t.* To designate, denominate.

**termagant** (tèr'mà-gànt) [M.E. *Tervagant*, name of a supposed Saracen deity], *n.* A shrewish, abusive woman. *a.* Violent, boisterous, shrewish.

**terminal** (tèr'mi-nál) [as *TERM*], *a.* Pertaining to or forming a boundary or terminus. **terminally**, *adv.*

**terminate** (tèr'mi-nát) [L. *terminatus*, ended], *v.t.* To bound; to form the end of; to put an end to. *v.i.* To stop, to end (in, etc.). *a.* Limited, bounded.

**terminable**, *a.* Capable of being terminated; having a given term or period. **termina'tion**, *n.*

**terminology** (tèr'mi-nol'ó-ji) [as *TERM*, -LOGY], *n.* The science of the correct use of terms; (*collect.*) the terms used in any art, science, etc.

**terminus** (tèr'mi-nùs) [*TERM*], *n.* (*pl.* -ni) A boundary, limit; the station at the end of a railway or important branch.

**termite** (tèr'mit) [L. *termes*, wood-worm], *n.* A white ant.

**tern** (tèrn) [Scand.], *n.* A gull-like seabird with narrow, sharp-pointed wings.

**Terpsichorean** (tèrp-si-kò-ré'an) [Gr. *Terpsichorè*, Muse of dancing], *a.* Pertaining to dancing.

**terra** (ter'á) [L.], *n.* Earth. **terra-cotta**, *n.* A hard, unglazed pottery; a statue or figure in this; its brownish-orange colour. **terra firma**: Dry land.

**terrace** (ter'ás) [It. *terrazza*, from prec.], *n.* A raised level space or bank; a row of houses; (*Geol.*) an ancient shore-line.

*v.t.* To form into or furnish with terraces.

**terrapin** (ter'á-pin) [Algonkin], *n.* A N. American freshwater tortoise, highly esteemed for food.

**terraqueous** (ter-á'kwé-ús) [*TERRA*, *AQUEOUS*], *a.* Consisting of land and water, as the globe.

**terrestrial** (tè-res'tri-ál) [L. *terrestris*, as *TERRA*], *a.* Pertaining to or existing on the earth; pertaining to this world; consisting of land; living on the ground, not aquatic, arboreal, etc.

**terrible** (ter'ibl) [L. *terribilis*, as *TERRIFIC*], *a.* Causing terror; awful, appalling, shocking; (*collog.*) excessive. **terribly**, *adv.*

**terrier** (1) (ter'í-ér) [from L. *TERRA*], *n.* A small active dog with an instinct for pursuing its quarry underground.

**terrier** (2) [F. *papier terrier*, as prec.], *n.* A book or roll in which lands are described by ownership, site, boundaries, acreage, etc.

**terrific** (tè-rif'ik) [L. *terrere*, to frighten, -FIC], *a.* Causing terror; frightful. **terrify**, *v.t.* To strike with terror, to frighten.

**territorial** (ter-i-tòr'i-ál) [as foll.], *a.* Per-



taining to territory; of or pertaining to the Territorial Army; limited to a given district. *n.* A member of the Territorial Army. **Territorial Army:** A voluntary military force for British home defence.

**territory** (ter'i-tôr-i) [L. *territorium*, from TERRA], *n.* The extent of land within the jurisdiction of a particular sovereign or state; a large tract of land; (U.S.) a division of the country not yet granted full State rights.

**terror** (ter'ôr) [L. from *terrere*, to frighten], *n.* Extreme fear; an object of fear; (*colloq.*) an exasperating nuisance. **terrorist**, *n.* One who rules or advocates rule by intimidation. **terrorism**, *n.* **terrorize**, *v.t.*

**terse** (tërs) [L. *tersus*, wiped], *a.* Concise, pithy.

**tertian** (tër'shân) [L. *tertius*, third], *a.* Occurring or recurring every third day, esp. of a fever or ague, the paroxysms of which recur thus.

**tertiary** (tër'shâ-ri) [as prec.], *a.* Of the third order, rank, or formation.

**tessellated** (tes-è-lă-téd) [L. *tessellatus*], *a.* Composed of chequered squares, inlaid. **tessellation**, *n.*

**test** (test) [L. *testum*], *n.* A critical trial or examination; a means of trial; judgment, discrimination; a vessel used in refining gold and silver. *v.t.* To put to the test, to prove by experiment; to try severely.

**testament** (tes'tâ-mént) [L. *testamentum*, from *testâri*, to testify], *n.* A writing by which a person disposes of his property after death, a will; one of the two main divisions of the Scriptures; (*colloq.*) a copy of the New Testament. **testamentary**, *a.*

**testate** (tes'tât) [L., as prec.], *a.* Having made and left a will. **testator**, **testatrix**, *n.*

**tester** (tes'tér) [O.F. *testre*, L. *testa*, head], *n.* A canopy, esp. over a four-post bedstead; a shilling of Henry VIII; (*colloq.*) a sixpence.

**testicle** (tes'tikl) [L. *testiculus*], *n.* One of two glands which secrete the seminal fluid in males.

**testify** (tes'ti-fi) [L. *testis*, witness, -FY], *v.t.* To bear witness; to give evidence. *v.t.* To attest; to affirm or declare; to serve as proof of.

**testimonial** (tes-ti-mô'ni-âl) [as foll.], *n.* A certificate of character, qualifications, etc.; a gift as a token of esteem and acknowledgment of services, etc.

**testimony** (tes'ti-mô-ni) [L. *testimonium*, from *testis*, witness], *n.* A solemn declaration or statement: evidence, proof; the decalogue, the Scriptures.

**testudinal** (tes-tû'i-nâl) [L. *testûd-o*, -inis, tortoise], *a.* Pertaining to the tortoise.

**testy** (tes'ti) [A.-F. *testif*, as TESTER], *a.* Irritable, peevish, petulant. **testily**, *adv.*

**tetanus** (tet'a-nûs) [L., from Gr. *tetanos*, from *teinein*, to stretch], *n.* A disease marked by spasms with rigidity, as in lock-jaw.

**tetchy** (tech'i) [?], *a.* Fretful, touchy. **tête-à-tête** (tât'a-tât') [F., head to head], *a.* Private, confidential. *adv.* In close confabulation. *n.* A private interview. **tether** (tet'hér) [M.E. *tedir*], *n.* A halter preventing a grazing animal from moving too far; (*fig.*) scope. *v.t.* To confine with a tether.

**tetra-** [Gr., from *tettares*, four], *comb. form.* **tetrachord** (tet'rá-körd) [CHORD], *n.* A scale series of half an octave, esp. as used in ancient music.

**tetragon** (tet'rá-gôn) [Gr. *tetragōnon*, -GON], *n.* A plane figure having four angles. **tetrahedron** (-héd'rôn) [TETRA-, Gr. *hedra*, base], *n.* A solid figure bounded by four plane, esp. equilateral, triangular faces. **tetrahedral**, *a.* **tetrameter**, [-METER], *n.* A verse consisting of four measures.

**tetrarch** (tet'rark) [TETRA-, Gr. *archein*, to rule], *n.* A governor of the fourth part of a province under the Roman empire; a tributary prince. **tetrarchate**, **tetrarchy**, *n.*

**tetter** (tet'ér) [A.-S. *teter*], *n.* Various kinds of skin-disease.

**Teuton** (tū'tôn) [L. *Teutoni*, *Teutonēs*, from Teut.], *n.* One of an ancient German tribe dwelling near the Elbe; a member of any Teutonic race. **Teutonic**, *a.*

**text** (tekst) [L. *textus*, style], *n.* The original words of an author; a passage of Scripture, esp. as the theme of a discourse; a topic; text-hand. **text-book**, *n.* A standard book for a particular branch of study.

**textile** (tek'stil, -stil) [L. *textilis*, from *texere*, to weave], *a.* Woven; suitable for or pertaining to weaving. *n.* A woven fabric. **textorial**, *a.* Pertaining to weaving.

**textual** (tek'stû-âl) [TEXT], *a.* Pertaining to or contained in the text. **textually**, *adv.*

**texture** (teks'chûr) [L. *texere*, to weave], *n.* The arrangement of threads in a woven fabric; the disposition of the constituent parts of any structure or material. **-th**, *suffix*. Forming abstract names, as *filth*, *wealth*; forming ordinal numbers, as *fifth*, *fiftieth*.

**thaler** (ta'lér) [G., DOLLAR], *n.* A German silver coin nominally worth about 3s.

**than** (thân, thăn) [A.-S.], *conj.* Used after adjectives and adverbs expressing comparison, such as *better*, *worse*, etc., to introduce the second member of a comparison.

**thanat-**, **thanato-** [Gr. *thanatos*, death], *comb. form.* **thanatism** (thăn'â-tizm), *n.* The doctrine of annihilation at death.

**thane** (thân) [A.-S. *thegen*], *n.* (A.-S. *Hist.*) A freeman holding land by military service.

**thank** (thânk) [A.-S. *thanc*, thought, grace], *n.* (*now pl.*) An expression of gratitude; a formula of acknowledgment. *v.t.* To express gratitude; to make acknowledgment to for a gift, etc. **thank-offering**,

- n.** An offering made as an expression of gratitude. **thankful**, **a.** **thankfulness**, **n.** **thankless**, **a.** **thanksgiving**, **n.** Act of returning thanks or expressing gratitude; a form of words expressive of this; a thank-offering.
- that** (*thăt, thăt*) [A.-S. *thæt*], **a.** (*pl. those, thōz*) The person or thing specifically designated or implied; (correlated with *this*) the less obvious of two things; such (*usu.* followed by *as*). **pron.** The person or thing specifically designated or implied; who or which. **adv.** In such a manner, to such a degree. **conj.** Introducing a clause stating a fact or supposition; so that, in order that; implying result, consequence, etc.; because, since.
- thatch** (*thăch*) [A.-S. *thæc*], **n.** A roof-covering of straw, rushes, etc. **v.i.** To cover with this. **thatcher**, **n.**
- thaumaturge** (*thaw'mă-têrj*) [Gr. *thauma*, -atos, wonder, -ergos, working], **n.** A worker of miracles; a magician or conjurer. **thaumaturgic**, **a.** **thaumaturgy**, **n.**
- thaw** (*thaw*) [A.-S. *thāwian*], **v.i.** To become liquid (of ice, snow, etc.); to become so warm as to melt ice, etc. (of weather); (*fig.*) to unbend, to become genial. **v.t.** To melt; (*fig.*) to infuse geniality into. **n.** Act of thawing or state of being thawed; warm weather that thaws.
- the** (*thē, thē*) [A.-S.], **a.** Applied to a person or thing or persons or things mentioned or definitely understood, and to a singular noun to denote a species; prefixed to adjectives used absolutely, giving them the force of a substantive; before nouns expressing a unit to give distributive force (as '4d. the pint'); emphatically (*thē*) to express the chief of several (as 'the Duke of Wellington'). **adv.** Used before adjectives and adverbs in the comparative degree, to that extent, by so much.
- theatre** (*thē'ă-têr*) [Gr. *theatron*], **n.** A play-house; a hall for lectures, demonstrations, etc.; the room in a hospital used for operations; (*fig.*) the drama, the stage; the scene of an action, etc. **theat'rical**, **a.** **theatricals**, **n.pl.** Dramatic performances, esp. private.
- theft** (*theft*) [A.-S. *thīefth* (THIEF, -TH)], **n.** Act of thieving or stealing; that which is stolen.
- theism** (*thē'izm*) [Gr. *theos*, god, -ISM], **n.** Belief in a righteous God supernaturally revealed, as opp. to Deism. **theist**, **n.** **theis'tic**, **a.**
- theme** (*thēm*) [Gr. *thema* -atos], **n.** A subject on which a person writes or speaks; a short essay; (*Mus.*) a melodic subject *usu.* developed with variations. **thematic** (*thē-măt'ik*), **a.**
- themselves** (*thēm-selvz'*) [THEM, SELVES], **pron.** The emphatic and reflexive form of the third plural personal pronoun.
- then** (*then*) [A.-S. *thanne, thonne, thænne*], **adv.** At that time; soon after, next; at another time. **conj.** Therefore; this being so, accordingly. **a.** Of or existing at that time.
- thence** (*thens*) [M.E. *thennes*, A.-S. *thanon, thonan*], **adv.** From that place, source, or time; for that reason. **thenceforth**, **thenceforward**, **adv.** From that time onward.
- theo-** [Gr. *theos*, god], **comb. form.** **theocracy** (*thē-ok'ră-si*) [Gr. *theokratia* (-CRACY)], **n.** Government by the immediate direction of God or through a sacerdotal class; a State so governed.
- theodolite** (*thē-od'ô-lit*) [?], **n.** A portable surveying-instrument for measuring angles.
- theology** (*thē-ol'ô-ji*) [THEO-, -LOGY], **n.** The science of God, His relations to the universe, etc.; the science of religion, esp. Christianity. **theologian** (-lō'ji-an), **theological** (-lō'j'ī-kāl), **a.** **theol'ogize**, **v.t.**
- theorem** (*thē-ô-rēm*) [Gr. *theōrein*, to behold], **n.** A proposition to be proved; a principle to be demonstrated by reasoning; a rule expressed by symbols.
- theoretic**, -al (*thē-ô-ret'ik, -āl*) [Gr. *theōrētikos*, as foll.], **a.** Pertaining to or founded on theory, not practical, speculative. **theoretically**, **adv.** **theoretics**, **n.** The speculative parts of a science. **theoretician** (-tish'ân), **n.**
- theory** (*thē'ô-ri*) [Gr. *theōria*, from *theōrein*, to behold, to contemplate], **n.** Supposition or generalization explaining something; mere hypothesis; speculation, abstract knowledge; an exposition of the general principles of a science, etc. **theorist**, **n.** One given to forming theories. **theorize**, **v.i.** **theoriza'tion**, **n.**
- theosophy** (*thē-os'ô-fi*) [THEO-, Gr. *sophos*, wise], **n.** A form of speculation, mysticism, or philosophy aiming at the knowledge of God by means of intuition, contemplation, or direct communion. **theos'ophist**, **theos'ophism**, **n.**
- therapeutic** (*ther-ă-pū'tik*) [Gr. *therapeuein*, to wait on (also to heal) from *theraps*, servant], **a.** Pertaining to the healing art; curative. **n.pl.** The branch of medical science dealing with the treatment of disease.
- there** (*thār, thēr*) [A.-S. *thēr, thēr*], **adv.** In or at that place, point, or stage; to that place, thither, frequently used before the verb in interrogations, negative sentences, etc. **n.** That place. **int.** Expressing direction, confirmation, triumph, alarm, etc. **thereabout'**, -bouts', **adv.** Near that place, degree, etc. **thereafter**, **adv.** After that; according to that. **thereat'**, **adv.** At that place; thereupon; on that account. **thereby**, **adv.** In consequence of that; thereabouts. **therefor'**, **adv.** For that object. **there'fore**, **adv.** For that reason, consequently. **therefrom'**, **adv.** From this or that time, place, etc. **therein'**, **adv.** In that or this time, place, respect, etc. **thereof** (-ov'), **adv.** Of that or it. **thereon'**, **adv.** On that or it. **thereto** (-too'), **adv.** To that or this; besides, over and above. **there-**



**upon'**, *adv.* In consequence of that; immediately after that. **therewith** (-wíth'), *adv.* With that; thereupon. **therewithal** (-wí-thaw'l'), *adv.* With all this, besides.

**therm** (thěrm) [Gr. *thermē*, heat], *n.* The amount of heat required to raise one gram of water at its maximum density one degree centigrade.

**thermal**, *a.* Pertaining to heat.

**thermo-** [Gr. *thermos*, warm], *comb. form.*

**thermometer** (thěrm-mom'é-těr) [THERMO-, -METER], *n.* An instrument for measuring temperature. **thermomet'ric**, -al, *a.*

**thesis** (thě'sis) [Gr.], *n.* (*pl.* theses, -sěz) A proposition advanced or maintained; a dissertation submitted by a candidate for a degree.

**Thespian** (thes'pi-ăn), *a.* Pertaining to Thespis, traditional Greek dramatic poet; relating to tragedy or the drama. *n.* An actor.

**thew** (thū) [A.-S. *thēaw*, habit], *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) Muscles, sinews; strength. **thewed**, *a.*

**they** (thā) [A.-S. *thā*], *pron.* (*obj.* them, *poss.* their, *absol.* theirs) The plural of the third personal pronoun (*he, she, or it*).

**thick** (thik) [A.-S. *thicce*], *a.* Having extent or depth from one surface to the opposite; set or planted closely, crowded together, abounding (with), following in quick succession; dense, turbid, cloudy, foggy; indistinct (of articulation). **thickhead**, *n.* A blockhead. **thick-headed**, *a.* **thick-set**, *a.* Planted or growing close together; solidly built. **thick-skinned**, *a.* Not sensible to taunts, reproaches, etc. **thicken**, *v.* **thicket** [A.-S. *thicce*], *n.* A thick growth of small trees, bushes, etc. **thickness**, *n.* State of being thick; extent from upper surface to lower, the dimension that is neither length nor breadth.

**thief** (thěf) [A.-S. *thēof*], *n.* (*pl.* thieves) One who steals, esp. without violence.

**thieve** (A.-S. *gethēofian*), *v.i.* To practise theft; to be a thief. *v.t.* To take by theft.

**thievery**, **thievishness**, *n.* **thievish**, *a.* **thigh** (thī) [A.-S. *thēoh*], *n.* The thick, fleshy portion of the leg between the hip and knee.

**thimble** (thimbl) [A.-S. *thymel*, thumb-stall], *n.* A metal cap worn to protect the finger in sewing; a ferrule.

**thin** (thin) [A.-S. *thynne*], *a.* Of little thickness, slender; not dense; scanty, meagre; lean, not plump; easily seen through. *adv.* Thinly. *v.t.* To make thin or less crowded. *v.i.* To become thin or thinner; to waste away. **thin-skinned**, *a.* Sensitive, easily offended. **thinly**, *adv.* **thinness**, *a.*

**thing** (thing) [A.-S.], *n.* Any object or thought; an inanimate object as dist. from a living being; an affair, circumstance, etc.; a person regarded with commiseration; (*pl.*) clothes, belongings. **the thing**: The proper thing (to do, etc.).

**think** (think) [A.-S. *thencan*], *v.t.* (*past*

*and p.p.* **thought**, *thawt*) To examine in the mind, to reflect, to ponder (over, etc.); to consider, be of opinion, to intend. *v.i.* To exercise the mind, to reason; to meditate, cogitate. **thinkable**, *a.* **thinker**, *n.* **thinking**, *a.* and *n.*

**third** (thěrd) [A.-S. *thriidda*, from *thri*, THREE], *a.* Coming next after the second. *n.* One of three equal parts (of anything); the sixtieth part of a second of time or angular measurement; (*Mus.*) an interval between a tone and the next but one on the regular scale. **third-class**, -rate, *a.* Of the class coming next to the second; inferior. **thirdly**, *adv.*

**thirst** (thěrst) [A.-S. *thurst*], *n.* Uneasiness or suffering caused by want of drink; desire for drink; (*fig.*) eager longing. *v.t.* To feel thirst (for or after). **thirsty**, *a.*

**thirteen** (thir-těn') [A.-S. *threotene* (THREE, -TEEN)], *a.* Consisting of one more than twelve. *n.* Ten and three; 13, xiii.

**thirteenth**, *a.* and *n.*

**thirty** (thě'r'ti) [A.-S. *thritig*, *thrittig* (THREE, -TY)], *a.* Consisting of three times ten. *n.* Thrice ten; 30, xxx. **thirtieth**, *a.* and *n.* Tenth after the twentieth.

**this** (thīs) [A.-S. *thes*], *a.* or *pron.* (*pl.* these, *thēz*) Used to denote the person or thing that is present or near or already mentioned, implied, or familiar.

**thistle** (thisl) [A.-S. *thistel*], *n.* A plant of the aster family with prickly stems, etc.; the Scottish national emblem.

**thither** (thith'ēr) [A.-S. *thider*], *adv.* To that place; to that end, point, or result.

**thole** (thōl) [A.-S. *thol*], *n.* A pin in the gunwale of a boat serving as fulcrum for the oar, also called **thole pin**.

**thong** (thong) [A.-S. *thwang*], *n.* A strip of leather used as a whip-lash, reins, etc.

**thorax** (thō'r'aks) [Gr.], *n.* (*pl.* thoraces, thō-rās'ěz) The part of the trunk between the neck and the abdomen; the middle division of the body of insects. **thoracic** (-rās'ik), *a.*

**thorn** (thörn) [A.-S.], *n.* A spine, a prickle; a thorny shrub or tree; (*fig.*) an annoyance. **thornback**, *n.* The British skate. **thorn-bush**, *n.* **thorny**, *a.*

**thorough** (thūr'ó) [THROUGH], *a.* Complete, perfect, not superficial. **thoroughbred**, *a.* Of pure breed; mettlesome. *n.* A thoroughbred animal, esp. a horse. **thoroughfare**, *n.* An unobstructed road or street. **thoroughly**, *adv.* **thoroughness**, *n.*

**thorp**, **thorpe** (thōrp) [A.-S.], *n.* A village, a hamlet (esp. in place-names).

**thou** (thou) [A.-S. *thū*], *pron.* (*obj.* thee, *thē*) The second personal pronoun singular, denoting the person spoken to.

**though** (thō) [M.E. *thogh*, A.-S. *thēah*, *thāh*, *thān*], *conj.* Notwithstanding that; even if; supposing that; (*ellipt.*) and yet; however.

**thought** (thawt) [A.-S. *thōt*; see THINK], *n.* Act or process of thinking; reflection, meditation; solicitude; the faculty of thinking or reasoning; that which is

thought; an idea, a reflection, a conclusion; (*pl.*) one's views, ideas, opinions, etc. **thought-reader**, *n.* One who perceives by telepathy what is passing in another person's mind. **thought-reading**, *n.* **thoughtful**, *n.* **thoughtfully**, *adv.* **thoughtless**, *a.* **thoughtlessly**, *adv.*

**thousand** (thou'zánd) [A.-S. *thūsēnd*], *a.* and *n.* Ten hundred; 1000, *M.*; a great many. **thousandfold**, *a.* and *adv.* **thousandth**, *a.* and *n.*

**thrall** (thrawl) [Icel. *thrall*], *n.* A serf; bondage, thralldom, *a.* In thrall, *v.t.* To enthrall, to enslave. **thralldom**, *n.*

**thrash** (thrāsh), **thresh** (thresh) [A.-S. *threscan*], *v.t.* To beat out the grain from (corn, etc.); to beat soundly, esp. with a stick or whip; to defeat, conquer.

**thrasonical** (thrā-sōn'i-kāl), *a.* [*Thraso*, braggart in Terence's comedies], *a.* Braggart, boastful.

**thread** (thred) [A.-S. *thrēd*], *n.* A slender cord; a single filament of cotton, silk, wool, etc.; anything resembling this; a thin seam or vein; the spiral on a screw. *v.t.* To pass a thread through the eye of; to string (beads, etc.) on a thread; (*fig.*) to pick (one's way) through; to streak (the hair) with grey, etc.; to cut a thread on (a screw). **threadbare**, *a.* Worn so that the thread is visible, having the nap worn off; (*fig.*) trite, hackneyed. **thready**, *a.*

**threat** (thret) [A.-S. *thrēat*], *n.* A declaration of intention to inflict punishment, injury, etc., a menace. **threaten**, *v.t.* To use threats to; to announce intention (to inflict injury etc.). *v.i.* To use threats; to have a threatening appearance.

**three** (thrē) [A.-S. *thrēo*, *thri*], *a.* Consisting of one more than two. *n.* One more than two; the figure representing this, 3, III. **three-decker**, *n.* A vessel carrying guns on three decks; a pulpit in three stories. **threepence** (threp-ēns), *n.* The sum of three pence. **threepenny**, *a.* **three-ply**, *a.* Having three strands, thicknesses, etc. **three-quarter**, *a.* Of three-fourths the usual size or number; showing three-fourths of the face, or going down to the hips (of portraits). **three-score**, *a.* Sixty. *n.* The age of sixty. **threefold**, *a.* and *adv.*

**threnody** (thren'ō-di) [Gr. *thrēnos*, dirge, ODE], *n.* A song of lamentation; a poem on the death of a person.

**threshold** (thresh'ōld) [A.-S. *therscōld*], *n.* The stone or plank at the bottom of a doorway; (*fig.*) an entrance, a beginning.

**thrice** (thris) [M.E. *thries*], *adv.* Three times.

**thrift** (thrift) [as *THRIVE*], *n.* Frugality; economical management; the sea-pink. **thrifless**, *a.* **thriftness**, *n.* **thrifty**, *a.* Frugal, careful, economical. **thriftily**, *adv.*

**thrill** (thril) [A.-S. *thryllan*], *v.t.* To affect with emotion so as to give a sense as of vibrating or tingling; to go through one

(of emotion). *v.i.* To vibrate or quiver (through, etc., of emotion); to have a shivering or tingling sense of emotion. *n.* wave of emotion. **thrilling**, *a.*

**thrive** (thriv) [Icel. *thrifa*, to seize (reflex.) to thrive], *v.i.* (*past*, **throve**, **thrived**, *pp.* **thriven**, **thrived**) To prosper, to be successful; to grow vigorously.

**throat** (thrōt) [A.-S. *throte*], *n.* The front part of the neck; the gullet, the pharynx, the windpipe, etc.

**throb** (throb) [M.E. *throbben*, prob. imit.], *v.i.* To beat rapidly or forcibly (of the heart or pulse); to quiver. *n.* A strong pulsation, a palpitation.

**throe** (thrō) [Icel. *thrā*], *n.* A violent pain, a pang.

**throne** (thrōn) [Gr. *thronos*, seat, support], *n.* A royal seat, a chair of State for a sovereign, bishop, etc.; (*fig.*) sovereign power.

**throng** (throng) [A.-S. *thringan*, to crowd], *n.* A close multitude of persons or living things, a crowd. *v.i.* To crowd or press together; to come in multitudes.

**throstle** (throsl) [A.-S.], *n.* The song-thrush.

**throttle** (throtl) [dim. of THROAT], *n.* The windpipe, the throat; a throttle-valve. *v.t.* To strangle; to shut off (the flow of steam in a steam-engine). **throttle-valve**, *n.* A valve regulating the supply of steam to a cylinder.

**through** (throo) [A.-S. *thurh*], *prep.* From end to end or side to side of, between the sides or walls of; in the midst of, through-out; by means or fault of, on account of. *adv.* From end to end or side to side, from beginning to end; to a final issue. *a.* Going through or to the end, proceeding right to the end or destination. **through-out**, *adv.* Right through, in every part. *prep.* Right through, from beginning to end of.

**throw** (thrō) [A.-S. *thrāwan*, to twist, to hurl], *v.t.* (*past* **threw**, *throo*, *p.p.* **thrown**, *thrōn*) To fling, hurl, cast, esp. to a distance with some force; to cause to fall, to prostrate; to drive, to impel; to make (a cast) with dice; to turn quickly or suddenly (the eyes, etc.); to cast off (the skin, as a snake); to bring forth (young, of rabbits, etc.); to twist, to wind into threads. *v.i.* To hurl a missile (at, etc.); to cast dice. *n.* Act of throwing, a cast; distance to which a missile is thrown; the extent of motion (of a crank, etc.). **to throw back**: To reflect, as light, etc.; to revert (to ancestral traits).

**thrum** (thrūm) [A.-S. *tungethrum*], *n.* The fringe of warp-threads left when the web has been cut off, one of such threads; a tassel; (*pl.*) coarse yarn.

**thrush** (1) (thrūsh) [A.-S. *thrysce*], *n.* A common bird, the song-thrush or throistle. **thrush** (2) [Scand.], *n.* A disease of the mouth and throat; an inflammatory affection of the frog in the feet of horses.

**thrust** (thrūst) [M.E. *thrusten*, Icel. *thrysta*], *v.t.* To push suddenly or forcibly;



to stab. *v.i.* To make a sudden push or stab (at); to force or squeeze (in, etc.). *n.* A sudden or violent push; an attack with a pointed weapon, a stab; horizontal outward pressure, as of an arch against its abutments.

**thud** (thūd) [ʔ], *n.* A dull sound as of a blow on something soft. *v.i.* To make a thud; to fall with a thud.

**thumb** (thūm) [A.-S. *thūma*], *n.* The short thick digit of the hand. *v.t.* To handle awkwardly; to soil or mark with the thumb. **thumb-nut**, *n.* A nut with wings for screwing up with the thumb. **thumb-screw**, *n.* A screw for turning with the finger and thumb; an old instrument of torture for compressing the thumb. **thumb-stall**, *n.* A covering for an injured thumb.

**thump** (thūmp) [imit.], *v.t.* To strike with something giving a dull sound. *v.i.* To knock, to hammer (on, at, etc.). *n.* A blow giving a dull sound; the sound.

**thunder** (thūn'dər) [A.-S. *thunor*], *n.* The sound following a flash of lightning; a loud noise; a vehement denunciation or threat. *v.t.* To make the noise of thunder; to make strong denunciations, etc. *v.i.* To emit or utter as with the sound of thunder. **thunderbolt**, *n.* A flash of lightning; a missile formerly believed to be discharged in this; (*fig.*) an irresistible force, a daring denunciation, etc. **thunder-clap**, **-peal**, *n.* **thunder-cloud**, *n.* A cloud from which lightning and thunder are produced. **thunder-storm**, *n.* A storm with thunder. **thunder-struck**, *a.* Struck by lightning; amazed, astounded. **thunderous**, **thunderly**, *a.*

**thurable** (thūr'ibl) [L. *thūribulum*, from *thūris* *thūris*, frankincense], *n.* A censor. **thurifer**, *n.* One who carries a censor.

**Thursday** (thēr'z-dā, -di) [A.-S. *Thūres dæg*, Thor's day, after *dies Jovis*, Jupiter's day], *n.* The fifth day of the week.

**thus** (thūs) [A.-S.], *adv.* In the way indicated or about to be indicated; accordingly; to this extent.

**thwart** (thwōrt) [M.E., from Icel. *thvert*], *a.* Transverse, oblique. *n.* A transverse plank in a boat serving as seat for a rower. *v.t.* To cross, to frustrate.

**thy** (thī) [A.-S. *thīn*, gen. of *thū*, THOU], *pron.* and *a.* (*before vowels usu.* and *absolutely thine*) Of or pertaining to thee (poss. corresp. to THOU).

**thyme** (tim) [O.F. *tym*, Gr. *thymos*], *n.* A pungent aromatic herb used in cookery.

**thyroid** (thī'roid) [Gr. *thureos*, shield, -OID], *a.* Shield-shaped; applied esp. to the thyroid gland, a large ductless organ consisting of two lobes situated on each side of the larynx and the upper part of the windpipe, and to a large cartilage in the larynx, the Adam's apple.

**thyrsus** (thēr'sūs) [Gr. *thursos*], *n.* (*pl. -si, -si*) (*Gr. Ant.*) A shaft wrapped with ivy and tipped with a fir-cone, an attribute of Bacchus,

**thyself** (thī-self') [THY, SELF], *pron.* A reflexive and emphatic form used after or instead of 'thou.'

**tiara** (ti-ā'rā) [L. and Gr.], *n.* The head-dress of the ancient Persian kings; the triple crown worn by the Pope, hence, the papal dignity; a jewelled headband worn by women.

**tibia** (tib'i-ā, tī'b'l-ā) [L.], *n.* The shin-bone, an ancient flute. **tibial**, *a.*

**tic** (tik) [F.], *n.* An habitual convulsive twitching of muscles, esp. of the face; facial neuralgia.

**tick** (1) (tik) [A.-S.], *n.* Various parasitic insects.

**tick** (2) [L. *thēca*], *n.* A case for the filling of mattresses; the material for this, ticking.

**tick** (3) [TICKET], *n.* (*colloq.*) Credit, trust.

**tick** (4) [M.E. *tek*, a light touch], *v.i.* To make a small regularly recurring sound like that of a watch. *v.t.* To mark (off) with a tick. *n.* The sound made by a watch or clock; a tiny mark used in checking items. **tick-tack**, *n.* A recurring, pulsating sound.

**ticket** (tik'et) [O.F. *etiquet*, from G. *stecken*, to stick], *n.* A card, etc., entitling the holder to admission, to conveyance train, etc., or to some privilege; a price or other label; (*slang*) the correct thing; the principles or programme of a political party. *v.t.* To put a ticket on. **ticket of leave**: A licence to a prisoner to be at large under certain restrictions.

**tickle** (tikl) [freq. of TICK (4)], *v.t.* To touch lightly so as to cause a sensation usu. producing laughter; (*fig.*) to please, gratify, amuse. *v.i.* To feel the sensation of tickling. *n.* Act or sensation of tickling. **tickler**, *n.* **ticklish**, *a.*

**tide** (tid) [A.-S. *tīd*, time, hour], *n.* Time, season; the alternate rise and fall of the sea; (*fig.*) a rush of water, a torrent; the tendency of events. **to tide over**: To surmount difficulties by the help of circumstances. **tī'dal**, *a.* Pertaining to the tides; **periodically** rising and falling as the tides.

**tidings** (tī'dingz) [A.-S. as prec.], *n.pl.* News, intelligence, a report.

**tidy** (tī'di) [orig. seasonable, **TIDE**, -Y], *a.* Orderly, neat, trim; (*colloq.*), pretty large. *v.t.* To make tidy, to put in order.

**tie** (ti) [A.-S. *tīegan*], *v.t.* (*pres.p. tying*) To fasten with a cord, etc., to secure, to bind; to draw into a knot or bow; to unite; to confine, restrict. *v.i.* To be exactly equal (with) in a score. *n.* Something used to tie or hold things together; a neck-tie; an obligation; an equality of votes, score, etc.; a match between any pair of a number of players or teams. **tie-beam**, *n.* A horizontal beam connecting rafters.

**tier** (tēr) [O.F. *tīre*], *n.* A row, esp. one of several placed one above another.

**tierce** (tērs) [L. *tertius*, third], *n.* A cask of 42 gallons, one-third of a pipe; a sequence of three cards of the same suit;

(*Fencing*) the third position for guard, parry, or thrust.

**tiercel** (têr'sél) [O.F., dim. from *prec.*], *n.* A male falcon.

**tiff** (tif) [Scand.], *n.* A fit of peevishness, a slight quarrel.

**tiffany** (tif'á-ni) [orig. a Twelfth Night dress], *n.* A kind of thin silk-like gauze.

**tiffin** (tif'in) [TIFF], *n.* (*Ang.-Ind.*) A light meal between breakfast and dinner.

**tiger** (tí'gér) [L. and Gr. *tigris*], *n.* A large Asiatic carnivorous feline mammal, tawny with black stripes; the jaguar, the cougar, etc.; a liveried groom. **tiger-cat**, *n.* A wild cat. **tiger-lily**, *n.* A lily with orange-spotted flowers. **tiger-ish**, *a.* **tigress**, *n.*

**tight** (tit) [Scand.], *a.* Compactly put together, not leaky; fastened, held, or fitting closely; tense, tant; neat, trim; parsimonious; not easily obtainable (of money); (*collog.*) awkward, difficult. *adv.* Tightly. *v.* Tighten. **tightly**, *adv.* **tightness**, *n.* **tights**, *n. pl.* Tight-fitting clothes worn by acrobats, etc.

**tike** (tik) [Scand.], *n.* A cur; a low fellow. **tile** (tíl) [A.-S. *tigele*], *n.* A thin slab used for covering roofs, paving floors, etc. *v.t.* To cover with tiles; (*Freemasonry*) to secure against intrusion. **tiler**, *n.* One who makes or lays tiles; (*Freemasonry*) the door-keeper of a lodge. **tiling**, *n.*

**till** (1) (tíl) [A.-S. *tiltan*, from *til*, goodness], *v.t.* To cultivate. **tillage**, *n.* **tiller**, *n.*

**till** (2) [Icel. *tílf*], *prep.* Up to the time of, until. *conj.* Up to the time when.

**till** (3) [A.-S. *tyllan*, to draw], *n.* A money-drawer in a counter.

**tiller** (tíl'ér) [M.E. *tillen*], *n.* The lever by which a rudder is turned.

**tilt** (1) (tílt) [A.-S. *teild*], *n.* A covering for a cart; an awning over the stern-sheets of a boat.

**tilt** (2) (tílt) [A.-S. *sealt*, unsteady], *v.t.* To heel over, to be in a slanting position; to charge with a lance. *v.t.* To raise at one end, to tip, to incline; to aim (a lance). *n.* A slanting position; a charge with the lance, a tournament. **tilt-yard**, *n.* A place for tilting.

**tilth** (tílth) [TILL (1), -TH], *n.* Tillage, cultivation; the depth of soil tilled.

**timber** (tim'bér) [A.-S.], *n.* Wood suitable for building, carpentry, etc.; (*collect.*) trees, esp. those yielding such wood; a piece of prepared wood, esp. one of the ribs of a ship. *v.t.* To furnish or construct with timber. **timber-yard**, *n.* A yard where timber is stored. **timbered**, *a.* Wooded. **timbering**, *n.*

**timbre** (tanbr) [F.], *n.* The quality of tone distinguishing particular voices, instruments, etc.

**timbrel** (tim'brél) [M.E., as *prec.*], *n.* An ancient instrument like the tambourine.

**time** (tim) [A.-S. *tíma*], *n.* Duration or continuous existence, a particular portion of this, esp. for a specific purpose, available, or at one's disposal; a period having certain characteristics, an epoch, an era; a

particular moment or hour; a date, an occasion; (*Gram.*) the relation of a verb as regards past, present, or future; (*Mus.*) the relative duration of a note or rest; rate or style of movement, rhythm. *v.t.* To adapt to the time or occasion; to regulate as to time; to ascertain or mark the duration or rate of. **time-expired**, *a.* Applied to soldiers whose period of service is completed. **time-fuse**, *n.* A fuse arranged to ignite a charge at a certain time. **time-honoured**, *a.* Of venerable age. **timekeeper**, *n.* A clock or watch; a person who records time, esp. of workmen. **timepiece**, *n.* A clock or watch. **time-server**, *n.* One who suits his conduct, etc., to those in power. **time-table**, *n.* A list of the times of departure and arrival of trains, etc.; a record of times of employees, lessons, etc. **time-worn**, *a.* Antiquated, dilapidated. **timely**, *a.* Seasonable, opportune, premature.

**timid** (tim'id) [L. *timēre*, to fear], *a.* Easily frightened, shy. **timid'ity**, *n.* Habitual shyness or cowardice. **timidly**, *adv.*

**timorous** (tim'ó-rüs) [L. *timor*, fear, as *prec.*], *a.* Fearful, timid. **timorously**, *adv.*

**tin** (tin) [A.-S.], *n.* A lustrous white metal easily beaten into thin plates; a container or utensil made of thin plates of iron coated with tin; (*slang*) money. *v.t.* To coat with tin; to preserve (meat, fruit, etc.) in tins. **tinfoil**, *n.* A tin-like alloy beaten into foil for wrapping. **tinman**, **tin-smith**, *n.* One who makes or deals in articles of tin or tin-plate. **tin-plate**, *n.* Iron-plate coated with tin. *v.t.* To coat with tin. **tinware**, *n. (collect.)* Utensils of tin or tin-plate. **tinner**, *n.* **tinny**, *a.* **tincture** (tink'chér) [L. *tinctura*, as *TINGE*], *n.* A solution of some principle, used in medicine; a tinge, a tint; a slight flavour (of). *v.t.* To imbue with a tint, to tinge; to flavour.

**tinder** (tin'dér) [A.-S. *tyndre*, from *tendan*, to kindle], *n.* Any combustible substance used to kindle fire from a spark.

**tine** (tín) [A.-S. *tind*], *n.* The prong or spike of an antler, fork, harrow, etc.

**tinge** (tinj) [L. *tingere*], *v.t.* To colour slightly, to stain (with); (*fig.*) to modify the qualities of. *a.* A tint; (*fig.*) a flavour.

**tingle** (tingl) [imit.], *v.t.* To feel a stinging, prickly sensation; to give this sensation.

**tinker** (ting'kér) [M.E. *tinkere*, from *tinken*, see foll.], *n.* An itinerant mender of pots, kettles, pans, etc.; a rough-and-ready worker, a botcher. *v.t.* To mend pots, etc.; to patch up in a clumsy, makeshift, or ineffective manner.

**tinkle** (tinkl) [M.E. *tinklen*, freq. of *tinken*, to ring], *v.t.* To make a succession of sounds as of a bell. *v.t.* To cause to tinkle, to ring. *n.* Such a sound.

**tinsel** (tin'sél) [O.F. *estincelle*, as *SCINTILLA*], *n.* Brass or other lustrous substance used in strips or spangles to give a sparkling effect to dresses, hangings, etc.; a fabric



adorned with this; cloth of silk and silver; superficial brilliancy. *a.* Gaudy, showy.  
**int** (tint) [as TINCTURE], *n.* A colour produced by admixture with another, esp. white; a slight tinge (of another colour); an effect of shading obtained by a series of parallel lines. *v.t.* To give a tint to; to tinge. *tinty, a.* Inharmoniously tinted.  
**tintinnabulum** (tin-ti-năb'ŭ-lŭm) [L.], *n.* (*pl. -la*) A bell for fitting to harness, etc.; a tinkling or jingling of bells, plates, etc.  
**tintinnabular, a.** **tintinnabula'tion, n.**  
**tiny** (tí'ni) [?], *a.* Very small.

**-tion** [L. *-tiōnem*, accus. sing. of nouns in *-tio*, cp. *-ion*], *suf.* Denoting action or condition, as *mention, expectation, vacation.*

**tip** (1) (tip) [M.E. *typ*], *n.* The point or end, esp. of a small or tapering thing; a small piece forming a point or end as a ferrule. *v.t.* To put a tip on; to form the tip of. **tipstaff, n.** A metal-tipped staff carried by a sheriff's officer; a sheriff's officer. **tiptoe, adv.** On the tips of the toes. *v.i.* To walk or stand on tiptoe.  
**tip-top, n.** The highest point, the very best. *a.* Of the very best.

**tip** (2) [M.E. *tippen*], *v.t.* To cause to lean; to overturn; to discharge (the contents of a cart, etc.) thus; to tap, touch; (*colloq.*) to give a small gratuity to. *v.i.* To lean over, to tilt; to upset. *n.* A small present in money; private information, esp. for betting.

**tippet** (tip'et) [A.-S. *tæppet*], *n.* An outer covering for the neck and shoulders, worn by women, footmen, and by judges when robed.

**tipple** (tipl) [freq. of TIP (1)], *v.i.* To drink alcoholic liquors habitually. *n.* Strong drink; one's favourite beverage. **tippler, n.**

**tipster** (tip'ster) [TIP (2), -STER], *n.* One who supplies tips about races, etc.

**tipsy** (tip'si) [?], *a.* Fuddled, partially intoxicated. **tipsily, adv.**

**tirade** (ti-răd') [It. *tirata*], *n.* A vehement speech or harangue, esp. of censure.

**tire** (1) (tîr) [A.-S. *týrgan*], *v.t.* To exhaust the strength of by toil; to fatigue, weary. *v.i.* To become weary or exhausted. **tireless** (1), *a.* Unwearied. **tiring, a.**

**tire** (2), **tyre** (tîr) [?], *n.* A band of metal, rubber, etc., placed round the rim of a wheel. **tiring, n.** **tireless** (2), *a.* **tire-smith, n.**

**tiresome** (tîr'sóm) [TIRE (1), -SOME], *a.* Fatiguing; wearisome, tedious, annoying. **'tis** (tiz) [short for IT IS].

**tissue** (tish'ŭ) [F. *tissu*, L. *textus*, woven], *n.* Any gauzy woven fabric; (*Biol.*) a fabric of cells and their products, the elementary substance of plant and animal organs; (*fig.*) a fabrication. **tissue-paper, n.** A thin unsized paper.

**tit** (1) (tit) [Icel. *tittr*], *n.* A titmouse or other small bird; a small horse. **titbit, n.** A dainty morsel. **titlark, n.** A small bird, the meadow-pipit. **titmouse, n.** (*pl. -mice*) A small insectivorous bird.

**tit** (2) [?], *n.* A tap, a slight blow. **tit for tat: Retaliation.**

**Titan** (tí'tán) [Gr.], *n.* (*Gr. Myth.*) One of the giant deities; a person of superhuman strength or genius. **Titanesque** (-nesk'), **Titan'ic, a.**

**tithe** (tith) [A.-S. *tēodha*], *n.* The tenth part of anything; a tax of one-tenth, esp. for the support of the clergy and Church. *v.t.* To impose tithes upon. **tithable, a.** **tither, n.** **tithing, n.** The taking or levying of tithes.

**titillate** (tit'l-lăt) [L. *titillare*, to tickle], *v.t.* To tickle; to excite pleasurably. **titilla'tion, n.**

**titivate** (tit'l-văt) [?], *v.* To dress up, to adorn, make smart.

**title** (titl) [L. *titulus*], *n.* A name or designation, as of a book, poem, etc.; the contents of a title page, or a part of this; the distinguishing formula at the head of a statute, etc.; a division of a document as arranged for reference; a personal appellation denoting office, nobility, distinction, etc.; (*Law*) the right to ownership of property; a title-deed. **title-deed, n.** A legal instrument proving a person's right to property. **title page:** The page at the beginning of a book giving the title, author's name, etc. **title-rôle, n.** The character from whose name the title of a piece is taken. **titled, a.** Bearing a title of nobility.

**titter** (tit'et) [M.E. *titeren*], *v.i.* To giggle. *n.* A restrained laugh.

**titlle** (titl) [M.E. *titel*], *n.* A particle, an iota.

**titlle-tattle** (titl'tătł) [redupl. from TATTLE], *n.* Gossip. *v.i.* To gossip.

**titular** (tit'ŭ-lăr) [as TITLE], *a.* Existing in name only, holding a title without the office or duties attached. **titularly, adv.** Nominally. **titulary, a.**

**to** (tó, too) [A.-S.], *prep.* In a direction towards; as far as; no less than in comparison with, etc.; concerning; in the relation of, for, as; preceding the indirect object; the sign of the infinitive mood, expressing purpose, consequence, etc., limiting the meaning of adjectives, or forming verbal nouns. *adv.* Toward the condition or end required.

**toad** (tōd) [A.-S. *tādige*], *n.* A tailless amphibian like a frog; (*fig.*) a repulsive person. **toad-eater, n.** A sycophant. **toadstool, n.** An umbrella-shaped fungus. **toady, n.** A toad-eater. *v.t.* To fawn upon. **toadysm, n.**

**toast** (tōst) [L. *tosius*, parched], *n.* A slice of bread browned at the fire; a drinking or a call for drinking a health; the person or other object of this; a woman often toasted. *v.t.* To brown (bread), cook (bacon, etc.), or warm (the feet, etc.) at an open fire; to drink to the health or in honour of. **toast-master, n.** An official who announces the toasts at public dinners. **toasting-fork, n.** A fork to hold bread for toasting.

**tobacco** (tô-băk'ô) [Sp. *tabaco*], *n.* An

**American plant with narcotic leaves; the leaves dried and prepared for smoking.**  
**tobacco-pipe, n.** A pipe used in smoking tobacco. **tobacconist, n.** A dealer in tobacco.

**toboggan (tò-bog'án)** [Algonkin], *n.* A long low sled used for sliding down snow-covered slopes. *v.i.* To slide on a toboggan.

**tocsin (tok'sin)** [O.F. *toquer*, to touch, signal], *n.* An alarm-bell; the ringing of this.

**tod (tod)** [Icel. *toddi*], *n.* A bush, esp. of thick ivy; a bunch; an old weight for wool, usu. 28 lb.

**to-day (tò-dā')** [A.-S. *todæge*, for or on (this) day], *adv.* On, during, or at the present day. *n.* This day.

**toddle (todl)** [TOTTER], *v.i.* To walk with short unsteady steps, as a child; to saunter. *n.* A toddling walk; a stroll. **toddler, n.**

**toddy (tod'y)** [Hind. *tādi*, from *tār*, palm], *n.* A juice obtained from certain palms and fermented; spirits and hot water sweetened.

**to-do (tò-doo')** [TO, DO], *n.* Ado, commotion.

**toe (tò)** [A.-S. *tā*, ep. Dut. *teen*, G. *zehe*, Icel. *tā*, Dan. *taa*], *n.* One of the five digits of the foot, the part of a boot, etc., covering the toes.

**toffee, toffy (tof'y)** [as RATAFIA], *n.* A sweetmeat of boiled sugar or molasses and butter.

**toga (tò'gā)** [L.], *n.* A loose flowing robe, the outer garment of an ancient Roman citizen.

**together (tò-geh'tér)** [A.-S. *togæðere*], *adv.* Conjointly, unitedly; in the same place or at the same time; into union; without cessation.

**toggle (togl)** [?], *n.* (Naut.) A pin put through a loop in a rope for securing this.

**toll (1) (toil)** [A.-F. *toiler*, to strive], *v.i.* To labour painfully; to move or progress laboriously. *n.* Hard and unremitting labour, drudgery. **toiler, n.** **tollsome, a.**

**toil (2)** [F. *toile*, cloth], *n.* A net or snare.

**toilet (toi'lét)** [F. *toilette*, dim. of prec.], *n.* Act or process of dressing; dress, style of dress; a dressing-table with looking-glass, etc. **toilet-cover, n.** A cloth for a toilet-table. **toilet-service, -set, n.** A set of utensils for a toilet-table.

**Tokay (tò-kā')**, *n.* A rich wine made at Tokay in Hungary from white grapes.

**token (tòkn)** [A.-S. *tācen*], *n.* A sign or symbol representing or recalling some thing, event, etc.; an indication, symptom; a keepsake; a piece of metal like a coin, formerly issued privately and representing money.

**tolerate (tol'ér-āt)** [L. *tolerāre*], *v.t.* To permit by not preventing or forbidding; to abstain from judging harshly or condemning; to sustain, endure (pain, toil, etc.). **tolerable, a.** Endurable, supportable; fairly good. **tolerance, n.** **tolerant, a.** **toleration, n.** Act of tolerating; the spirit of tolerance; recog-

nition of the right of private judgment, esp. in religious matters.

**toll (1) (tòl)** [A.-S.], *n.* A tax charged for the use of a road, bridge, market, etc.: a portion of grain taken by a miller as compensation for grinding. **toll-bar, -gate, n.** A bar across a road to stop passengers till toll is paid.

**toll (2)** [M.E. *tollen*], *v.t.* To cause (a bell) to sound slowly; to give out (a knell, etc.) with a slow, measured sound. *v.i.* To sound or ring (of a bell) with slow, regular strokes. *n.* A tolling or a stroke of a bell.

**tom (tom)** [short for *Thomas*], *n.* A male animal, esp. a tom-cat. **tomboy, n.** A romping girl, a hoyden. **tom-cat, n.** A male cat. **tom-fool, n.** A ridiculous fool, a trifier. **tom-foolery, n.** **tom-tit, n.** A small bird, esp. a titmouse.

**tomahawk (tom'a-hawk)** [Algonkin], *n.* A N. American Indian battle-axe.

**tomato (tò-ma'tò)** [Mex. *tomatl*], *n.* (pl. -toes) The pulpy edible fruit of a trailing plant of the nightshade family, orig. S. American; the plant itself.

**tomb (toom)** [Gr. *tumba*], *n.* A grave; a sepulchral monument. *v.t.* To bury, to entomb. **tombstone, n.** A stone memorial over a grave.

**tome (tòm)** [F.], *n.* A volume.

**tommy (tom'y)** [TOM], *n.* A British private soldier (from *Tommy Atkins*); (slang), food, provisions.

**to-morrow (tò-mor'ò)** [TO, MORROW], *n.* The next day after to-day. *adv.* On or during this.

**tom-tom (tom'tom)** [Hindi, *tam-tam*], *n.* A native drum used in India, Africa, etc.

**-tomy** (Gr. *-tomia*, from *temnein*, to cut), *suf.* Used of surgical operations, as in *tracheotomy*.

**ton (1) (tún)** [TUN], *n.* A measure of weight, 20 cwt.

**ton (2) (ton)** [F., *tone*], *n.* The prevailing fashion or mode. **tonish, a.**

**tonal (tò'nál)** [TONE, -AL], *a.* Pertaining to tone or tonality. **tonality, n.** (Mus.) Character or quality of a tone.

**tone (tôn)** [L. *tonus*, Gr. *tonos*], *n.* Sound, with reference to pitch, quality, and volume; a musical sound; modulation of the voice; timbre; (fig.) mood, prevailing sentiment, spirit; syllabic stress; degree of luminosity of a colour; the general effect of a painting, photographic print, etc.; healthy general condition. *v.t.* To give tone or quality to; (Mus.) to tune. *v.i.* To harmonize in colour; to receive a particular tone or tint. **to tone down:** To subdue, to soften; to become emphatic.

**tongs (tongz)** [A.-S. *tange*, sing.], *n.pl.* An implement used for grasping coals, etc.

**tongue (túng)** [A.-S. *tunge*], *n.* A fleshy muscular organ in the mouth, used in tasting, swallowing, and (in man) speech; the clapper of a bell, the pin in a buckle, a piece of leather at the front of a laced shoe, a projecting edge for fitting into



a groove in matchboard, a long low promontory, a long narrow inlet, or other tongue-shaped thing or part; (*fig.*) speech, the voice, manner of speech; a language. **tongue-tied**, *a.* Impeded in speech; prevented from speaking freely.

**tonic** (ton'ik) [TONE, -IC], *a.* Invigorating, bracing; of or pertaining to tones; (*Phonet.*) denoting a voiced sound; stressed. *n.* A tonic medicine; (*Mus.*) the key-note.

**to-night** (tò-nit') [TO, NIGHT], *n.* The present night. *adv.* On or during this.

**tonnage** (tùn'áj) [TON (1), -AGE], *n.* The carrying capacity of a vessel expressed in tons; the aggregate freightage of a number of vessels, esp. of a country's merchant marine; a duty on ships.

**tonneau** (ton'ô, tò-nô') [F., cask], *n.* The part of a motor-car containing the back seats.

**tonsil** (ton'sil) [L. *tonsilla*, a sharp stake], *n.* Either of two organs in the hinder part of the mouth. **tonsillitis**, *n.* Inflammation of the tonsils.

**tonsorial** (ton-sôri'ál) [L. *tonsor*, barber], *a.* Pertaining to a barber or his art.

**tonsure** (ton'shûr) [L. *tonsûra*, from *tonsus*, shaved], *n.* The shaving of the crown or of the whole head on admission to the priesthood, etc.; (*fig.*) admission into Holy orders.

**tonline** (ton-tên') [Lorenzo Tonti, It. banker, c. 1653], *n.* A form of annuity in which the shares of subscribers who die are added to the profits shared by the survivors.

**too** (too) [TO], *adv.* More than enough; as well, also, in addition; moreover; (*colloq.*) superlatively.

**tool** (tool) [A.-S. *tōl*], *n.* A simple implement, esp. one used in manual work; (*fig.*) anything used in one's occupation; a person employed as an instrument, a cat's-paw. *v.t.* To impress designs on (a book-cover, etc.). **tooling**, *n.* Designs impressed, etc., on a book-cover.

**toot** (toot) [imit.], *v.i.* To make a noise like that of a horn; to give out such a sound. *v.t.* To sound (a horn, etc.).

**tooth** (tooth) [A.-S. *tōth*], *n.* (*pl.* teeth) One of the hard structures growing in the mouth and used for mastication; an artificial tooth; a tooth-like projection or part. *v.t.* To furnish with teeth; to indent. **toothache**, *n.* Pain in the teeth. **toothpick**, *n.* A pointed instrument for removing particles of food from between the teeth. **toothless**, *a.* **toothsome**, *a.* Palatable, pleasing to the taste.

**top** (1) (top) [A.-S.], *n.* The highest part of anything; the upper side or surface; the head of a page in a book; the upper end or head of a table; the highest position, rank, etc.; the culmination, the height; (*Naut.*) a platform round the head of a lower mast. *v.t.* To remove the top of (a plant, etc.); to put a top on; to surmount; to surpass. *a.* Being on or at the top or summit; highest in position,

degree, etc. **top-boot**, *n.* A boot having high tops. **top-coat**, *n.* An overcoat.

**top-dress**, *v.t.* To manure on the surface, as distinguished from digging or ploughing in. **top-dressing**, *n.* **top-gallant**, *a.* Applied to the mast, rigging, and sail next above the topmast. **top-hamper**, *n.* The light upper sails and rigging; tackle encumbering the deck.

**top-hat**, *n.* A tall silk hat. **top-heavy**, *a.* Having the upper part too heavy for the lower. **top-knot**, *n.* An ornamental bow worn on the top of the head; a tuft growing on the head. **topmast**, *n.* The mast next above the lower mast. **topsail** (topsl), *n.* A square sail next above the lowest sail on a mast; a fore-and-aft sail above the gaff. **topmost**, *a.* Highest, uppermost.

**topping**, *a.*

**top** (2) [A.-S. *topp*], *n.* A toy made to rotate with great velocity on a point underneath, by the rapid unwinding of a string, etc.

**topaz** (tô'páz) [Gr. *topazos*], *n.* A transparent or translucent variously coloured gem.

**tope** (1) (tôp) [?], *v.i.* To drink alcoholic liquors excessively or habitually, to tipple.

**tope**, *n.*

**tope** (2) (tôp) [?], *n.* A small shark, the dog-fish.

**topgallant**, [TOP (1)].

**topic** (top'ik) [Gr. *topikos*, local], *n.* The subject of a discourse, literary composition, etc. **topical**, *a.* Pertaining to a topic, or consisting of allusions, esp. to current or local topics. **topically**, *adv.*

**topography** (tô-pog'râ-fî) [Gr. *topos*, place, -GRAPHY], *n.* The detailed description of particular places; the features of a district. **topographer**, *n.* **topograph'ic**, -al, *a.*

**topple** (topl) [freq. of TOP (1)], *v.i.* To totter and fall; to project as if about to fall.

**topsy-turvy** (top-si-têr'vi) [TOP (1), so. obs. *terve* A.-S. *tearflian*, to turn], *adv.* and *a.* Upside down; in a disordered condition.

**toque** (tôk) [F.], *n.* A small, brimless, close-fitting headdress.

**tor** (tôr) [A.-S. *torr*], *n.* A prominent hill.

**torch** (tôrôh) [F. *torche*, from L. *tortus*, twisted], *n.* A light made of twisted hemp, etc., soaked in oil, for carrying in the hand; any light for carrying, esp. when raised aloft on a pole, etc.

**toreador** (tor-é-â-dôr') [Sp.], *n.* A bull-fighter, esp. one who fights on horseback.

**torment** (tôr'mént) [L. *tormentum*, from *torquere*, to twist], *n.* Extreme pain or anguish; a source or cause of this. *v.i.* (*tôrment'*) To subject to torment, to afflict, vex. **tormentor**, *n.* One who or that which torments.

**tornado** (tôr-nâ'dô) [Sp. *tronada*, thunder-storm], *n.* (*pl.* -does) A storm of extreme violence, usu. having a rotary motion with electric discharges.

**torpedo** (tôr-pê'dô) [L. *torpère*, to be

numb], *n.* (*pl.* -does) A long, cigar-shaped explosive engine propelled under water or through the air; an electric ray, a sea-fish having an electrical apparatus for killing its prey. *v.t.* To attack, blow up, or sink with a torpedo. **torpedo-boat**, *n.* A small swift vessel fitted for firing torpedoes.

**torpid** (tôr'pid) [*L. torpidus*, as *prec.*], *a.* Having lost the power of motion; benumbed; dormant; sluggish, inactive. **torpid'ity**, *torpor*, *n.*

**torque** (tôrk) [*L. torquere*, to twist], *n.* A twisted necklace.

**torrent** (tor'ênt) [*L. torrens*, parching], *n.* A violent rushing stream; a flood (of abuse, passion, etc.). **torrential** (tô-ren'shál), *a.*

**torrid** (tor'id) [*L. torridus*, as *prec.*], *a.* Dried up with heat, parched, very hot. **torrid'ity**, *n.*

**torsion** (tôr'shûn) [*F.*, from *L. torquere*, to twist], *n.* Act of twisting or state of being twisted; the force with which a body tends to return to its original state after being twisted.

**torso** (tôr'sô) [*It.*, stump], *n.* (*pl.* -sos) The trunk of a statue without the head and limbs.

**tort** (tôrt) [*F.*, wrong], *n.* (*Law*) A private or civil wrong. **tortious** (tôr'shûs), *a.*

**tortoise** (tôr'tûs, -toiz) [*Late L. tortuca*], *n.* A terrestrial or freshwater turtle.

**tortuous** (tôr'tû-ûs) [*as TORT*], *a.* Twisting, crooked; (*fig.*) roundabout, devious.

**torture** (tôr'chér) [*L. tortura*, as *prec.*], *n.* The infliction of extreme physical pain excruciating pain or anguish. *v.t.* To subject to torture; (*fig.*) to distort; to pervert the meaning of (a statement, etc.). **torturer**, *n.*

**Tory** (tôr'i) [*Ir.*, a moss-trooper], *n.* Orig. one of the party opposed to the exclusion of James II from the throne; a Conservative. *a.* Pertaining to the Tories. **Toryism**, *n.*

**-tory** [-ORÏ, cp. -TOR], *suf.* Forming nouns and adjectives, as *factory*, *oratory*, *perfunctory*.

**toss** (tos) [*Norw. tossa*], *v.t.* To throw up with the hand; to pitch, fling; to throw back (the head) with a jerk; to throw about, to cause to rise and fall, to agitate. *v.i.* To tumble about, to be agitated; to throw oneself from side to side. *n.* Act of tossing; state of being tossed. **toss-up**, *n.* The tossing up of a coin to decide a wager, etc., by seeing which way it falls, an even chance.

**tot** (1) (tot) [*Scand.*], *n.* Anything small or insignificant; a small child; a dram of liquor.

**tot** (2) [*L.*, so many], *n.* A sum in addition. *v.* To add or mount (up).

**total** (tô'tál) [*L. totus*, entire], *a.* Complete, comprising the whole or everything; absolute, thorough. *n.* The total sum; the aggregate. **total'ity**, *n.* **totally**, *adv.*

**totem** (tô'tém) [*Algonkin*], *n.* A natural

object taken by savages as a badge on account of supposed relationship; an image of this. **to'temism**, *n.*

**totter** (tot'ér) [*for totter*, cogn., TILT (2)], *v.i.* To stagger; to be on the point of falling. **tottery**, *a.*

**toucan** (too'kán) [*Braz. tucana*], *n.* A tropical American bird with an enormous beak.

**touch** (tûch) [*O.F. tuchier*, *tochier*], *v.t.* To meet the surface of, to be in or come into contact with; to cause (two objects) to come into contact; to reach, to attain; to meddle; to injure slightly; to compare with; to relate to; to treat of hastily; to tap, to play upon lightly, to put (in) fine strokes with the brush, etc.; to affect, esp. with tender feeling; to rouse, to irritate. *v.i.* To come into contact (of two or more objects); to deal with (*usu.* with *on*) in a slight manner; to call (at a port, etc.). *n.* Act of touching; contact; the sense by which contact, pressure, etc., are perceived; a slight effort, a light stroke with brush or pencil; a twinge; a minute quantity; characteristic impress; (*Football*) the part of the field outside the touch-lines and between the goal-lines. **touch-hole**, *n.* The priming hole or vent of a gun. **touch-stone**, *n.* A stone used for testing the purity of gold and other alloys; (*fig.*) a criterion. **touching**, *a.* Affecting, moving, pathetic. *prep.* Concerning, with regard to. **touchwood**, *n.* Tinder.

**touchy** (tûch'i) [*corr. of TETCHY*], *a.* Apt to take offence, irascible, irritable. **touchiness**, *n.*

**tough** (tûf) [*A.-S. tōh*], *a.* Flexible without being brittle; able to endure hardship; stiff, tenacious; stubborn; laborious, difficult. **toughen**, *v.* **toughish**, *a.*

**tour** (toor) [*F.*, as *TURN*], *n.* A journeying from place to place; an extended excursion, a circuit. *v.i.* To make a tour. **tourist**, *n.*

**tournament** (toor'ná-mént) [*O.F. torneie-mént*, as *fol.*], *n.* A contest or pageant in which mounted knights contested; a contest in which a number of persons take part.

**tourney** (toor'ni) [*O.F. tornei*, as *TURN*], *n.* A tournament. *v.i.* To engage in a tournament.

**tourniquet** (toor'ni-ket) [*F.*, as *TURN*], *n.* An instrument for compressing an artery. **tousele** (touzl) [*freq. of obs. touse*], *v.t.* To pull about; to rumple, dishevel.

**tout** (tout) [*A.-S. tōttan*, to peep out], *v.i.* To solicit custom obtrusively; to spy (*esp.* on horses training). *n.* One employed to tout.

**tow** (1) (tô) [*A.-S. togian*], *v.t.* To pull (a boat, etc.) through the water by a rope, etc.; to drag behind one. *n.* **tow-boat**, *n.* A tug.

**tow** (2) (?), *n.* The coarse broken part of hemp or flax after heckling, etc. **towy**, *a.*

**toward -wards** (tô-wôrd', -z, tôrd, -z) [*A.-S. tōweard*], *prep.* In the direction of; as regards; for, for the purpose of; about.



**towel** (tou'él) [O.F. *toaille*], *n.* A cloth for drying oneself on, etc.

**tower** (tou-er) [M.E. *tour*, A.-S. *torr*, L. *turris*], *n.* A lofty building, circular, square, or polygonal, frequently of several stories; (*fig.*) a place of defence, a protection. *v.t.* To rise to a great height, to soar. **towering**, *a.* Very high; (*fig.*) violent (of passion, etc.).

**town** (toun) [A.-S. *tūn*], *n.* A collection of dwelling-houses larger than a village; the people of a town; the chief town of a district. **town-clerk**, *n.* The clerk to a municipal corporation; the keeper of the town records. **town-council**, *n.* The governing body in a town. **town hall**: A building for transaction of municipal business, meetings, etc. **townsfolk**, *n.pl.* (*collect.*) The people of a town.

**tox-, toxi-, toxico-** [Gr. *toxikon* (*pharmakon*), poisonous (drug for arrows), from *toxa*, arrows], *comb. form.* Pertaining to poison. **toxic** (tok'sik) *a.* Pertaining to poison; poisonous. **toxico'logy** [-LOGY], *n.* The branch of medicine treating of poisons and their antidotes. **toxin**, *n.* A poisonous compound causing a particular disease.

**toxophilite** (tok-sof'i-lit) [Gr. *toxos*, bow, -PHIL, -ITE], *n.* One skilled in or devoted to archery. *a.* Pertaining to archery.

**toy** (toi) [?], *n.* A plaything; something of an amusing or trifling kind, not for actual use. *v.i.* To trifle, to dally. **toy spaniel**, etc. A pigmy variety of dog.

**tra-** [TRANS], *pref.* As in *tradition*, *travesty*.

**trace** (1) (trās) [as TRAIT], *n.* One of the two straps by which a vehicle is drawn.

**trace** (2) [F., from L. *tractus*, drawn], *n.* A track, a footprint, rut, etc. (*usu. in pl.*); a sign of something that has been; a minute quantity. *v.t.* To follow the traces of; to note the vestiges of; to ascertain the course of; to pursue one's way along; to mark or sketch out; to copy (a drawing, etc.) on transparent paper, etc., laid upon it. **traceable**, *a.* **tracery**, *n.* Ornamental open-work in Gothic windows; any decoration resembling this. **tracing-paper**, -cloth, -linen, *n.* A transparent paper or linen used for tracing drawings, etc.

**trachea** (trā-kē'ā) [Gr. *tracheia*, rough], *n.* (*pl.* -chēae) The windpipe; (*Bot.*) a duct. **tracheot'omy** (-TOMY), *n.* The operation of making an opening into the windpipe.

**track** (trāk) [O.F. *trac*], *n.* A series of marks left by the passage of a person, animal, or thing, a trail; a path, esp. one beaten by use; the route followed by ships; a racing-path; a line of railway. *v.t.* To follow the track of; to follow out (the course of anything); to tow. **tracker**, *n.* **trackless**, *a.* Pathless; untravelled, leaving no track.

**tract** (1) (trākt) [L. *tractus*, drawn], *n.* An area of land or water of a considerable extent; (*Anat.*) the region of an organ or system,

**tract** (2) [L. *tractāre*, to treat], *n.* A pamphlet, esp. on religion or morals.

**tractable** (trāk'tābl) [as *prec.*], *a.* That may be easily managed or controlled; docile. **tractability**, *n.* **tractably**, *adv.*

**traction** (trāk'shūn) [*tractio*, from *trahere*, to draw], *n.* Act of drawing something along a surface; state of being so drawn.

**trade** (trād) [M.L.G., *track*], *n.* A business or occupation, etc., dist. from agriculture, unskilled labour, the professions, etc.; commerce; the amount of business done in a particular year, place, etc.; persons in a particular trade; (*colloq.*) a deal, a bargain (in business or politics); (*pl.*) the trade-winds. *v.i.* To barter, to traffic, to deal (in); to carry on business (with); to carry merchandise (between, etc.). *v.t.* To sell or exchange in commerce. **to trade on**: To take advantage of. **trade-mark**, *n.* A registered symbol used to guarantee the genuineness of goods. **tradesman**, *n.* A retail dealer.

**trade-union**, *n.* An organized body of workmen in any trade, formed for the promotion and protection of their common interests. **trade-unionism**, *n.* **trade-unionist**, *n.* **trade-wind**, *n.* A wind blowing from the north or south toward the thermal equator and deflected in a westerly direction by the easterly rotation of the earth; (*pl.*) these and the anti-trades. **trader**, *n.* One engaged in trade; a vessel employed in trade.

**tradition** (trā-dish'un) [L. *trāditio*, from *trādere*, to hand over], *n.* The handing down of opinions, customs, etc., to posterity, esp. by oral communication; a belief, custom, etc., so handed down; principles, maxims, etc., derived from the usage and experience of artists, dramatists, actors, etc. **traditional**, *a.* **traditionally**, *adv.*

**traduce** (trā-dūs') [TRA-, L. *dūcere*, to lead], *v.t.* To defame, to misrepresent. **traducer**, *n.* **traducible**, *a.*

**traffic** (trāf'ik) [F. *trafique*], *n.* The exchange of goods, trade, commerce; transportation by road, rail, steamer, etc.; the passage of persons, vehicles, etc., on a road, etc., amount of this. *v.t.* To trade, to have business (with). *v.i.* To barter. **trafficker**, *n.*

**tragedy** (trāj'ē-di) [Gr. *tragōidia*], *n.* A drama dealing with a lofty theme of a sad or terrible kind, usu. with an unhappy ending; a calamitous event. **tragedian** trā-jē'di-ān), *n.* A writer of tragedies; an actor in tragedy. **tragedienne**, *n.* A tragic actress. **trag'ic**, -al, *a.* Of the nature of tragedy; lamentable, calamitous.

**trail** (trāl) [M.E. *trailen*], *v.t.* To drag along behind, esp. along the ground; to carry (a rifle) in a horizontal position. *v.i.* To be dragged along behind, to hang down loosely or grow to some length along the ground, over a wall, etc. *n.* Anything trailing behind a moving thing; the end of a gun-carriage resting on the ground; a track left by an animal, etc.;

the scent followed in hunting; a beaten track through wild country.

**train** (trăn) [F.], *n.* That which is trailed, trailing part of a gown, the long tail-feathers of a bird, etc.; a retinue, a suite; a long series of persons or things; a line of railway carriages or trucks drawn by an engine; a trail of combustible material leading fire to a charge; process, orderly succession. *v.t.* To instruct, to drill, to accustom (to perform certain acts); to prepare by diet and exercise (for a race, etc.); to bring (a plant) into a desired shape, etc.; to aim (a gun upon). *v.i.* To prepare oneself or come into a state of efficiency for (a contest); to go by train. **trainer**, *n.* One who trains, esp. one who prepares men or horses for races. **training**, *a.*

**train-oil** (trăn'oil) [M.Dut. *traen*, resin], *n.* Oil from the blubber or fat of whales.

**trait** (tră) [F.], *n.* A distinguishing or peculiar feature; a stroke, a touch (of).

**traitor** (tră'tôr) [L. *trăditor*, from *trădere*, to hand over], *n.* One who violates his allegiance; one guilty of treason or treachery. **traitorous**, *a.* **traitress**, *n.* **trajectory** (tră-jek'tôr-i) [TRA-, L. *jectus*, thrown], *n.* The path described by a projectile, etc., under the action of given forces.

**tram** (trăm) [L.G. *traam*, balk, beam], *n.* A line of beams or rails, a pair of which form a tramway; a tramway; a tram-car; a four-wheeled truck used in coal-mines. **tram-car**, *n.* **tram-road**, *n.* A road laid with tracks of timber, stone, or iron. **tramway**, *n.* A street railway on which cars are drawn usu. by electricity. **trammel** (trăml) [M.F. *tramail*], *n.* A net for fish or birds; a fetter used in teaching a horse to amble; anything restraining freedom or activity (usu. *pl.*). *v.t.* To confine, hamper, restrict.

**tramontane** (tră-mon'tân, trâm-on-tân) [L. *transmontānus*], *a.* Situated or coming from beyond the Alps; foreign, barbarous.

**tramp** (trămp) [Scand.], *v.t.* To walk or tread heavily; to go on foot. *v.i.* To trample; to traverse on foot. *n.* An act of tramping, the tread of persons marching; a journey on foot; a vagrant; a freight-vessel having no regular line.

**trample** (trămpl) [freq. of TRAMP], *v.t.* To tread under foot; to crush thus; to treat with contemptuous indifference. *v.i.* To tread heavily or in contempt (on).

**trance** (trans) [L. *transire* (TRANS-, *ire*, to go)], *n.* A state of insensibility with suspension of some of the vital functions, catalepsy; ecstasy, rapture.

**tranquil** (trăng'kwil) [L. *tranquillus*], *a.* Calm, peaceful, serene. **tranquillity**, *n.* **tran-quillize**, *v.t.*

**trans-** [L., across, cross-wise; beyond; through; into another state or place], *pref.*

**transact** (trăn-săkt') [TRANS-, L. *actus*, acted], *v.t.* To do, perform, carry out.

*v.i.* To do business, to conduct matters (with). **transac'tion**, *n.* The management or carrying out of a piece of business, etc.; an affair, a proceeding; (*pl.*) the reports of the proceedings of learned societies.

**transcend** (trăn-send') [TRANS-, L. *scandere*, to climb], *v.* To rise above, surpass, exceed; to pass or be beyond the range (of human understanding, etc.). **transcendent**, *a.* Surpassing, supremely excellent; beyond the sphere of knowledge or experience. **transcendence**, *-dency*, *n.* **transcenden'tal** (-den'tál), *a.* Beyond the sphere of experience; explaining matter and the universe as products of mental conception; abstruse, vague. **transcenden'talism**, *n.* **transcendentalist**, *n.*

**transcribe** (trăn-skrib') [TRANS-, L. *scribere*], *v.t.* To copy in writing. **transcript**, *n.* A written copy. **transcrip'tion**, *n.*

**transept** (trăn'sept) [TRANS-, L. *sēptus*, enclosed], *n.* Either of the transverse arms extending north and south in a cruciform church.

**transfer** (trăns-fēr') [TRANS-, L. *ferre*, to bear], *v.t.* To shift from one place or person to another; to make over the possession of; to convey (a design) from one surface to another, as in lithography. *n.* (trăns'fēr) The removal of a thing from one person or place to another; (*Law*) act of conveying a right, property, etc., thus, the deed by which this is effected; that which is transferred. **transferable**, *a.* **transferee**, *n.* **transference**, *n.*

**transfiguration** (trăns-fīg-ū-ră'shùn) [L. *transfigūrāre*, to change the figure of], *n.* A change of form or appearance, esp. that of Christ on the Mount (Matt. xvii. 1-9); a festival on 6 Aug. in commemoration of this. **transfigure**, *v.t.* To change the outward appearance of.

**transfix** (trăns-fiks') [L. *transfixus*], *v.t.* To pierce through, to impale.

**transform** (trăns-fôrm') [TRANS-, FORM], *v.t.* To change the form or appearance of, to metamorphose; to change in disposition, character, etc.

**transformation**, *n.* Act of transforming; state of being transformed, a metamorphosis.

**transfuse** (trăns-fūz') [TRANS-, L. *fusus*, poured], *v.t.* To cause to pass from one vessel, etc., into another; (*Med.*) to transfer (blood) from the veins of one to those of another. **transfu'sion**, *n.*

**transgress** (trăns-gres') [TRANS-, L. *gressus*, walked], *v.t.* To break, to infringe. *v.i.* To offend by violating a rule, to sin. **transgression** (-gresh'ún), *n.* **transgressor**, *n.*

**transient** (trăn'si-ént) [as TRANCE], *a.* Not lasting; momentary, brief. **transience**, *-ency*, *n.*

**transit** (trăn'sit) [L. *transitus*, from *transire*, as *prec.*], *n.* Act of passing; conveyance; a route; the passage of a heavenly body over the meridian of a



place or across the disk of another. **transi-tion** (-sizh'ùn), *n.* Passage or change from one place, state, or action to another; a change in architecture, literature, etc., from one key to another, or from the major to the relative minor. **transitional**, *a.*

**transitive** (trân'si-tiv) [as prec., -IVE], *a.* (*Gram.*) Expressing an action passing over from a subject to an object (of verbs). **transitively**, *adv.*

**transitory** (trân'si-tór-i) [as prec.], *a.* Lasting but a short time, not durable.

**translate** (trân-slát') [L. *translātus*, *p.p.* of *transferre*, as TRANSFER], *v.t.* To render the sense of in another language; (*fig.*) to express in clearer terms; to remove from one office to another. **translatable**, *a.* **translation**, *n.* **translator**, *n.*

**translucent** (trâns-lū'sent) [TRANS-, L. *lūcens*, shining], *a.* Allowing light to pass through but not transparent. **translu-cence-cency**, *n.*

**transmigrate** (trânz-mi'grāt) [TRANS-, MIGRATE], *v.i.* To pass from one body into another (of the soul); to migrate. **transmigrant**, *a.* and *n.* **transmigrā-tion**, *n.*

**transmit** (trânz-mit') [TRANS-, L. *mittere*, to send], *v.t.* To send or transfer from one person or place to another; to act as a medium for, to conduct. **trans-missible**, *a.* **transmission** (-mish'ùn), *n.* **transmitter**, *n.*

**transmontane** (trânz-mon-tân') [TRANS-, MONTANE], *a.* Situated beyond the mountains.

**transmute** (trânz-mūt') [TRANS-, L. *mutāre*, to change], *v.t.* To change from one form to another; to transform (into). **transmuta'tion**, *n.* Act of transmuting; (*Alch.*) the change of base metals into gold or silver.

**transom** (trân'sóm) [M.E. *traunsum*], *n.* A horizontal strengthening bar across a window, doorway, etc.

**transparent** (trâns-pār'ent) [TRANS-, L. *pārens*, appearing], *a.* Transmitting rays of light without diffusion, so that objects may be distinctly seen through; plain, evident; sincere. **transparency**, *n.* **transparently**, *adv.*

**transpire** (trân-spír') [TRANS-, L. *spirāre*, to breathe], *v.t.* To emit through the excretory organs (of the skin or lungs), to exhale. *v.i.* To pass off as vapour (of perspiration, etc.); (*fig.*) to leak out, become known. **transpiration**, *n.* **transpiratory** (-spír'á-tór-i), *a.*

**transplant** (trâns-plant') [or TRANS-, PLANT], *v.t.* To remove and plant or establish in another place; (*Surg.*) to transfer (living tissue) from one part or person to another. **transplantation**, *n.*

**transport** (trâns-pört') [TRANS-, L. *portāre*, to carry], *v.t.* To carry from one place to another; to remove (a criminal) to a penal colony; (*chiefly in p.p.*) to carry away by powerful emotion, to entrance. *n.* (trâns-pört) Conveyance from one place to another; a transport ship, one carrying

troops, munitions of war, etc.; (*fig.*) rap-ture; ecstasy. **transportable**, *a.* That may be transported; involving transporta-tion (of an offence). **transporta'tion**, *n.* Act of transporting; state of being trans-ported; conveyance; carriage from one place to another; banishment to a penal colony.

**transpose** (trâns-pōz') [TRANS-, POSE (1)], *v.t.* To cause to change places; to change the natural order of; (*Mus.*) to write or play in a different key. **transpo'sal**, **transposi'tion**, *n.* Act of transposing; state of being transposed.

**transubstantiate** (trân-süb-stân'shi-ät) [TRAN-, SUBSTANCE], *v.t.* To change the substance of. **transubstantia'tion**, *n.* A change of essence; conversion of the substance of the bread and wine in the eucharist into the body and blood of Christ.

**transverse** (trânz-vèrs') [TRANS-, L., turned], *a.* Lying or acting across or in a cross direction. **transversal**, *a.* Trans-verse; running or lying across.

**trap** (tráp) [A.-S. *treppe*], *n.* A contrivance for catching animals; an ambush, a stratagem; a device for releasing a bird or propelling an object to be shot at; trap-ball, the device used in this; a contrivance in a drain, etc., for preventing the return of foul gas; a two-wheeled vehicle; a trap-door. *v.t.* To catch in a trap; to furnish (a drain) with a trap. *v.t.* To catch animals in traps; to be impeded (of gas, etc., in a pipe). **trap-door**, *n.* A door in a floor or roof opening like a valve. **trapper**, *n.* One who traps animals, esp. for furs.

**trapeze** (trá-péz') [Gr. *trapezion*], *n.* A suspended bar on which gymnasts per-form.

**traps** (trápz) [F. *drap*, cloth], *n.* One's personal belongings; luggage.

**Trappist** (tráp'ist), *n.* A member of a Cistercian order, following the strict rule of La Trappe (French monastery founded in 1140).

**trash** (trásh) [?], *n.* Any waste matter, rubbish; loppings of trees; a rubbishy production of any kind. *v.t.* To lop. **trashy**, *a.*

**trauma** (traw'má) [Gr., wound], *n.* An external injury; the morbid condition pro-duced by this. **traumat'ic**, *a.* Pertain-ing to the cure of wounds. *n.* A medicine for wounds.

**travail** (tráv'al) [O.F. *travailler*, to toil], *n.* Painful toil, exertion, or effort; the pangs of childbirth. *v.t.* To toil painfully; to suffer the pangs of childbirth.

**travel** (tráv'él) [TRAVAIL], *v.t.* To make a journey, esp. to distant lands; to move (along, etc., of machinery); to move through space; to make journeys as a com-mercial traveller. *n.* Act of travelling; (*pl.*) an account of travelling; length of stroke of a piston, etc. **travelled**, *a.* **traveller**, *n.*

**traverse** (tráv'èrs) [TRANVERSE], *n.* Any-thing crossing something else; a gallery

between opposite sides of a church, etc.; a zigzag line described by a ship owing to contrary winds; act of travelling across; the sideways travel of part of a machine; (*Law*) a denial of a formal allegation by the opposite party; the horizontal sweep of a gun. *v.t.* To travel across; to lie across or through; to examine or discuss thoroughly; to thwart, to bring to nought; (*Law*) to deny (a plea or allegation).

**travesty** (trăv'és-ti) [TRA-, L. *vestire*, to clothe], *n.* A burlesque imitation. *v.t.* To make a travesty of, to misrepresent absurdly.

**trawl** (trawl) [?], *n.* A net for dragging along the sea-bottom; a trawl-line. *v.t.* To fish with a trawl. **trawl-net**, *n.* **trawler**, *n.* One who trawls; a fishing-vessel using a trawl-net.

**tray** (tră) [A.-S. *trig*], *n.* A flat shallow vessel for carrying small articles on.

**treacherous** (trech'ér-ús) [O.F. *trecheros*, from *trecheur*, traitor], *a.* Disloyal, perfidious; deceptive, illusory. **treacherously**, *adv.* **treachery**, *n.*

**treacle** (trêkl) [L. *thériaca*, an antidote against bites or poison], *n.* A syrup drained from sugar in refining.

**tread** (tred) [A.-S. *tredan*], *v.i.* (*past* trod, trod, trode, trôd, *p.p.* trodden, trodn) To set the foot on the ground; to walk; (*fig.*) to deal (cautiously, etc.); to copulate (of a male bird). *v.t.* To step on; to crush with the feet; to trample on; to dance (a measure, etc.). *n.* Act or manner of walking; a footstep; the flat part of a step, a piece of rubber, metal, etc., placed on this to reduce wear or noise; the part of a wheel that bears upon the ground, of a sole that rests on the ground; (*fig.*) wearisome monotony or routine.

**treadle** (tredl) [A.-S. *tredele*], *n.* A lever worked by the foot giving motion to a lathe, etc.

**treason** (trêz'ón) [M.E. *trayson*, as TRADITION], *n.* A violation of allegiance by a subject against his sovereign or Government; an act of treachery. **treason-felony**, *n.* Act of attempting to depose the sovereign, intimidating Parliament, or stirring up foreign invasion. **treasonable**, *a.*

**treasure** (trezh'úr) [Gr. *thêsauros*], *n.* Precious metals in any form, or gems; a quantity of these hidden away or kept for future use; accumulated wealth; anything highly valued; a hoard; a person greatly valued. *v.t.* To lay (up) as valuable; to prize. **treasure trove** (trôv) [A.-F. *tresor trouvé*, treasure found]: Gold, silver, etc., found in the earth or private place, the owner thereof being unknown. **treasurer**, *n.* One who has charge of a treasury or of funds. **treasury**, *n.* A place in which treasure is stored or where the public revenues are kept; a Government Department in charge of the public revenue; the officers of this.

**treat** (trêt) [M.E. *treten*, L. *tractare*, to handle], *v.t.* To act or behave towards;

to deal with for a particular result, to apply a particular process to; to handle or present (a subject, etc.) in a particular way; to supply with food, drink, or entertainment at one's expense; to discuss; to arrange terms (with). *n.* An entertainment; an unusual pleasure. **treatise** (trê'tiz), *n.* A literary composition discussing some particular subject. **treatment**, *n.* Act or manner of treating a subject, behaving towards a person, applying remedies, etc. **treaty**, *n.* An agreement formally concluded and ratified between different States; negotiation.

**treble** (trebl) [O.F., as TRIPLE], *a.* Triple, threefold; soprano. *n.* A soprano voice, singer, or part. *v.* To multiply by three or become threefold. **trebly**, *adv.*

**tree** (trê) [A.-S. *treo*], *n.* A perennial woody plant with a single trunk; a genealogical table; a gibbet; a cross of crucifixion; a timber beam or framework; a boot-last.

**trefoil** (trê'foil) [TRI-, L. *folium*, leaf], *n.* A plant with three leaflets or three-lobed leaves; a three-lobed ornament in window-tracery, etc.

**trek** (trek) [Dut. *trekken*], *v.i.* (*S. Afr.*) To travel by ox-wagon; to journey, esp. in search of a new settlement. *n.* A journey with a wagon; a day's march. **trekker**, *n.*

**trellis** (trél'is) [O.F. *trellis*, from TRI-, L. *licium*, thread], *n.* Open-work of strips of wood crossing each other and nailed together.

**tremble** (trembl) [F. *trembler*, as TREMULOUS], *v.i.* To shake involuntarily; to be in a state of fear or agitation; to be alarmed (for); to totter. *n.* Act or state of trembling; fear. **tremblingly**, *adv.*

**tremendous** (trê-men'dús) [L. *tremendus*], *a.* Of overpowering magnitude, violence, etc.; dreadful; extraordinary.

**tremor** (trém'ór) [L. *tremor*, as foll.], *n.* A trembling, quivering; a thrill.

**tremulous** (trém'ú-lús) [L. *tremulus*, from *tremere*, to tremble], *a.* Trembling, shaking, quivering; irresolute.

**trench** (trench) [O.F. *trenche*], *n.* A long, narrow furrow in the earth; a long narrow ditch with a parapet formed by the excavated earth to cover troops. *v.t.* To cut trenches in (ground, etc.); to turn over (ground) by cutting a successive series of trenches and filling in with the excavated soil.

**trenchant** (trén'chánt) [O.F., cutting], *a.* Sharp, keen; biting, incisive.

**trencher** (trén'chér) [A.-F. *trenchour*, as TRENCH], *n.* A wooden plate for use at table, now for cutting bread upon; \* (*fig.*) the pleasures of the table; a trencher-cap. **trencher-cap**, *n.* A college cap, with a flat top, a mortar-board.

**trend** (trend) [A.-S. *trendan*], *v.i.* To extend in a particular direction; to incline; to have a general tendency. *n.* Bent, inclination.

**trepan** (trê-pán') [Gr. *trupanon*, borer], *n.*



A surgeon's cylindrical saw for removing portions of the skull. *v.t.* To perforate with a trepan.

**trepidation** (trep-i-dā'shùn) [*L. trepidatio*, from *trepidus*, agitated], *n.* A state of alarm, or agitation.

**trespass** (tres'pās) [*O.F. trespass* (TRANS-, *L. passare*, to pass)], *n.* A transgression, an offence; (*Law*) a wrongful act involving injury to another. *v.i.* To commit an illegal intrusion (upon the property or rights of another); (*fig.*) to encroach or make undue claims (upon). **trespasser**, *n.*

**tres** (tres) [*F. tresse, L. tricia*, three-fold], *n.* A plait of hair; (*pl.*) hair.

**trrestle** (tresl) [*O.F. trestel*, as TRANSOM], *n.* A movable frame for supporting a table, etc.; a framework of timber or iron for supporting the horizontal portion of a bridge.

**tret** (tret) [?], *n.* An allowance to purchasers of goods for damage or deterioration during transit.

**trews** (trooz) [TROUSERS], *n.pl.* (*Sc.*) Trousers, esp. made of tartan.

**tri-** [*L. three*], *pref.* Three; triple.

**triad** (tri'ad) [*Gr. trias triados*], *n.* A collection of three.

**trial** (tri'al) [*TRY*, -AL], *n.* Act or process of trying or testing; an examination, an experiment; that which tests strength, endurance, etc.; hardship, suffering, etc.; the judicial examination and determination of the issues in a cause between parties.

**triangle** (tri'āngl) [*TRI*, ANGLE], *n.* A figure bounded by three lines; anything of this shape; a steel rod bent into a triangle and sounded by striking with a steel rod. **triangular**, *a.* Having the shape of a triangle; three-cornered. **triangulate**, *v.t.* To divide into triangles, esp. (an area) in surveying. **triangulation**, *n.*

**tribal** (tri'bāl) [*TRIBE*, -AL], *a.* Belonging or pertaining to a tribe. **tribalism**, *n.*

**tribe** (trib) [*L. tribus*], *n.* A group of people ethnologically related and forming a community; a clan or group of clans; a group of plants or animals.

**tribrach** (trib'rāk) [*TRI*-, *Gr. brachus*, short], *n.* A metrical foot of three short syllables.

**tribulation** (trib-ū-lā'shùn) [*L. tribulāre*, to oppress], *n.* Severe affliction, suffering, distress.

**tribunal** (tri-bū'nāl) [*fol.*], *n.* A court of justice; a board of arbitrators; a judgment-seat.

**tribune** (1) (trib'ūn) [*L. tribūnus*, as *TRIBE*], *n.* (*Rom. Hist.*) One of the representatives elected by the people to protect them against the patricians; a civil, fiscal, or military officer. **tribunate**, **tribuneship**, *n.*

**tributary** (trib'ū-tār-i) [*as foll.*], *a.* Paying or subject to tribute; subsidiary, contributory. *n.* A tributary person or State; a stream flowing into another.

**tribute** (trib'ūt) [*L. tribūtus*, paid, given],

*n.* Money or other valuable paid by one State to another in token of submission, etc.; the state of being obliged to pay this; (*fig.*) a gift or offering (of praise, etc.).

**trice** (tris) [*M.Dut. trisen*], *v.t.* (*Naut.*) To haul; to tie (up). *n.* An instant.

**triceps** (tri'seps) [*L. (TRI*-, -ceps, from *caput*, head)], *n.* The large muscle at the back of the upper arm.

**trick** (trik) [*O.F. trique*], *n.* An artifice, a stratagem; a practical joke; a feat of dexterity or sleight of hand; a knack; a mannerism, a personal peculiarity; (*Cards*) the whole number of cards played in one round; a round. *v.i.* To cheat, to delude; to inveigle (into, out of, etc.); to deck (out or up). **trickster**, *n.* **trickery**, *n.* **tricky**, *a.* **trickily**, *adv.* **tricksy**, *a.* Playful, sportive.

**trickle** (trikl) [*M.E. triklen*], *v.t.* To flow in drops or in a small stream. *n.* A trickling; a rill.

**tricolour** (tri'kó-lór) [*TRI*-, COLOUR], *n.* A flag having three colours, esp. in three colours divided vertically, as that of France of blue, white, and red.

**tricycle** (tri'sikl) [*TRI*-, CYCLE], *n.* A three-wheeled cycle. **tricyclist**, *n.*

**trident** (tri'dént) [*TRI*-, *L. dens*, tooth], *n.* A three-pronged implement, sceptre, or spear, esp. the emblem of Neptune as god of the sea, and of Britannia as ruling the waves.

**triennial** (tri-en'l-āl) [*TRI*-, *L. annus*, year], *a.* Lasting for three years; happening every three years.

**trier** (tri'ér) [*TRY*-, -ER], *n.* One who tries or tests in any way; a person appointed to determine whether a challenge to a juror is well founded.

**trifle** (trifl) [*O.F. truffe*, mockery], *n.* A thing of no importance; a small amount of money, etc.; a light confection of cake, jam, wine, etc. *v.i.* To act with levity; to jest. *v.t.* To waste or fool away (time). **trifler**, *n.* **trifling**, *a.* Trivial, worthless.

**triforium** (tri-fór'i-ūm) [*TRI*-, *L. foris*, door], *n.* (*pl.* -ia) An arcade over the arches of the nave, choir, or transepts in a large church.

**trigger** (trig'ér) [*Dut. trekken*, to pull], *n.* A catch for releasing the hammer of a gun-lock, or a spring.

**trigonometry** (trig-ó-nom'é-tri) [*Gr. trigōnon*, triangle, -METRY], *n.* The branch of mathematics treating of triangles, with their application to astronomy, navigation, surveying, etc. **trigonometric**, -al, *a.*

**trill** (tril) [*imit.*], *v.i.* To give forth a sound with a tremulous vibration. *n.* A tremulous or quavering sound; a rapid alternation of two notes a tone or semitone apart.

**trillion** (tril'yón) [*TRI*-, after *MILLION*], *n.* The product of a million raised to the third power; (*Am. and F.*) a million million. **trillionth**, *a.*

**trilogy** (tri'ô-jî) [TRI-, -LOGY], *n.* (*Gr. Ant.*) A series of three plays, novels, etc., each complete in itself, but connected by the story or theme.

**trim** (trim) [A.-S. *trymian*, to make firm], *v.t.* To put in good order; to remove irregularities, superfluous, or unsightly parts from; to decorate (with trimmings, etc.); to adjust (a ship) by arranging the cargo, ballast, sails, etc. *v.i.* To adopt a middle course between parties, opinions, etc. *a.* Properly adjusted, in good order; neat, tidy. *n.* State of fitness, esp. of a ship or her cargo, ballast, masts, etc. **trimly**, *adv.* **trimmer**, *n.* One who trims between parties, esp. in politics. **trimming**, *n.* Material sewn on a garment for ornament.

**trinity** (trin'i-ti) [L. *trinitas*], *n.* A union of three; the threefold state; the union of three persons (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost) in one Godhead. **Trinitarian**, *a.* Of or pertaining to the doctrine of the Trinity.

**trinket** (tring'kèt) [?], *n.* A small personal ornament or fancy article of no great value.

**trio** (trê'ô) [It.], *n.* A set of three; a musical composition for three voices or instruments.

**triolet** (tri'ô-let) [dim. of prec.], *n.* A poem of eight lines with two rhimes arranged *abaaabab*.

**trip** (trip) [O.F. *treper*], *v.i.* To step lightly; to go evenly (of rhythm); to stumble so as nearly to fall; to err. *v.t.* To cause to fall; to detect in a fault, etc.; (*Naut.*) to loosen (an anchor) from the bottom. *n.* A light nimble step; a short excursion; a stumble; a mistake.

**tripper**, *n.* One who trips, or who trips up another; an excursionist.

**tripartite** (tri-par'tit) [TRI-, L. *partitus*, divided], *a.* Divided into three parts; having three copies; made between three parties.

**tripe** (trip) [F.], *n.* A part of the stomach of ruminating animals prepared for food.

**triphthong** (tri'fthong) [after DIPHTHONG], *n.* A combination of three vowels forming one sound. **triphthongal** (-thong'gál), *a.*

**triplane** (tri'plân) [PLANE (3)], *n.* An aeroplane with three supporting planes.

**triple** (trip'l) [L. *tripplus*], *a.* Consisting of three, threefold; multiplied by three. *v.t.* To treble. **triplet**, *n.* A set of three; each of three children at a birth; three verses rhyming together. **triplicate**, *a.* Threefold; a document corresponding to two others of the same kind. *v.t.* To make triplicate, to treble.

**tripod** (tri'pod) [TRI-, Gr. *pous podos*, foot], *n.* A three-legged stand, stool, support for a camera, etc.

**tripos** (tri'pôs) [L. *tripus*], *n.* (*pl. -ses*) (*Camb. Univ.*) The examination for honours, the successful candidates being arranged in three grades.

**triptych** (trip'tik) [TRI-, Gr. *ptuchê*, fold], *n.* A picture, carving, etc., on three hinged panels.

**trireme** (tri'rêm) [TRI-, L. *rēmus*, oar], *n.* (*Class. Ant.*) A war-galley with three benches of oars.

**trisect** (tri-sekt') [TRI-, L. *sectus*, cut], *v.t.* To divide into three equal parts. **trisection** (-sek'shùn), *n.*

**trisyl'lable**, *n.* A word of three syllables. **trisyllab'ic**, *a.*

**trite** (trit) [L. *tritrus*, rubbed], *a.* Commonplace, hackneyed, stale.

**triton** (tri'tôn) [Gr. myth, a minor sea-god], *n.* A genus of aquatic salamanders.

**triturate** (trit'ū-rāt) [L. *tritūrātus*, rubbed], *v.t.* To rub down to a fine powder.

**triturable**, *a.* **trituration**, *n.*

**triumph** (tri'ūmf) [L. *triumphus*, Gr. *thriambos*, hymn to Bacchus], *n.* (*Rom. Ant.*) A pageant in honour of a victorious general; state of being victorious; victory; exultation for success. *v.i.* To enjoy a triumph; to gain a victory; to exult. **trium'phal**, *a.* Pertaining to a triumph. **triumphant**, *a.* Victorious; exultant.

**triumvir** (tri-ūm'vēr) [L. *trium*, of three, *vir*, man], *n.* Any one of three united in office. **triumvirate**, *n.* The office of a triumvir; a group of triumvirs.

**triune** (tri'ūn) [TRI-, L. *unus*, one], *a.* Three in one. **triunity**, *n.*

**trivet** (triv'ēt) [A.-S. *treset* (TRI-, L. *pēs pedis*, foot)], *n.* A three-legged stand, esp. for supporting cooking-vessels at a fire.

**trivial** (triv'i-āl) [L. *trivialis*, ordinary], *a.* Of little value or importance, trifling; commonplace. **trivial'ity**, *n.* **trivially**, *adv.*

**trochee** (trô'ké) [Gr. *trochaïos*, running], *n.* A metrical foot of two syllables, long and short. **trochaic** (trô-kā'ik), *a.* and *n.*

**troglydite** (troglô-dit) [Gr. *trôglê*, cave, *ducin*, to enter], *n.* A cave-dweller.

**Trojan** (trô'jân) [L. *Trōjānus*], *a.* Pertaining to ancient Troy. *n.* An inhabitant of ancient Troy; (*fig.*) a plucky person.

**troll** (1) (trôl) [G. *trollen*, to roll], *v.t.* To reel out (a song) in a careless manner; to pass round. *v.i.* To fish by trailing or spinning a revolving bait, esp. behind a boat; to sing in a free and easy way.

**troll** (2) [Icel.], *n.* (*Scand. Myth.*) A familiar and impish dwarf.

**trolley**, -ly (trol'i) [TROLL (1)], *n.* A low four-wheeled truck; a grooved wheel on a pole used for conveying current to the motor on electric tramways, etc.

**trollop** (trol'ôp) [?], *n.* A careless, slovenly woman, a slattern.

**trombone** (trom-bôn') [It.], *n.* A powerful brass wind-instrument with a sliding tube.

**troop** (troop) [F. *troupe*], *n.* An assemblage, a crowd, a company; a band of performers, a troupe; (*Mil.*) the unit of cavalry formation; (*pl.*) soldiers. *v.i.* To come together, to assemble; to move in a troop. **troop-ship**, *n.* A transport for soldiers. **trooper**, *n.* A cavalry-soldier, esp. a private; a troop-ship.



**trope** (trōp) [Gr. *tropos*, turn], *n.* A figurative use of a word.

**trophy** (trō'fī) [Gr. *trophāion*, from *tropē*, defeat], *n.* Any captured thing preserved as a memorial of victory; an ornamental group of symbolical objects placed on a wall, etc. **trophied**, *a.*

**tropic** (trōp'ik) [Gr. *tropē*, turning, solstice], *n.* Either of the two parallels of latitude at 22° 27' N. (*Cancer*) or S. (*Capricorn*) of the equator; (*pl.*) the region between these. *a.* Pertaining to the tropics, tropical. **tropical**, *a.*

**trot** (trōt) [F. *trotter*], *v.i.* To move at a steady rapid pace; to run with short brisk strides. *v.t.* To cause to trot; to cover (a distance) by trotting. *n.* The pace or motion of a horse, etc. in trotting; a brisk steady pace; \*an old woman. **trotter**, *n.* A horse trained for fast trotting; (*pl.*) animals' feet as food.

**troth** (trōth) [A.-S. *trēowth*, truth], *n.* Faith, fidelity, truth.

**troubadour** (trōo'bā-door) [Prov. *troubador*], *n.* One of a class of Provençal lyric poets of the 11th cent.

**trouble** (trūbl) [L. *turbula*, dim. of *turba*, crowd], *v.t.* To annoy, to molest; to distress; to inconvenience. *v.i.* To be disturbed; to take pains. *n.* Affliction, worry, perplexity, misfortune; exertion, inconvenience. **troublesome**, *a.* Giving trouble.

**trough** (trof) [A.-S. *trog*], *n.* A long, narrow, open vessel for holding water, fodder, etc., for animals, washing ore, etc.; a narrow depression (in land, the sea, etc.).

**trounce** (trouns) [O.F. *trons*], *v.t.* To beat severely. **trouncing**, *n.*

**troupe** (troop) [F., *TROUPE*], *n.* A company of actors, performers, etc.

**trouser** (trou'zēr) [? Ir. *triubhas*], *n.* A two-legged outer garment reaching from the waist to the ankles, worn by men (*usu. in pl.*). **trousering**, *n.* Cloth for making trousers.

**trousseau** (trōo'sō) [F., bundle], *n.* (*pl. -eaux*) The general outfit of a bride.

**trout** (trout) [A.-S. *truht*], *n.* A freshwater game-fish allied to the salmon. **troutlet**, *n.*

\***trōw** (trō, trou) [A.-S. *trūwian*], *v.* To think, to suppose, to believe.

**trowel** (trō'el) [L. *truella*, dim. of *trua*, ladle], *n.* A tool used by masons for spreading mortar; a tool used in digging up plants.

**troy** (troi) [? *Troyes*, town S.E. of Paris], *n.* A system of weights (12 oz. av. to 1 lb.) used for gold, silver, and gems, also called **troy weight**.

**truant** (trōo'ant) [A.-F. *truaunt*, Gael. *truaghan*, a wretched creature], *a.* Shirk-ling. *n.* One who neglects duty; a loiterer; one who stays away from school without leave.

**truce** (troos) [A.-S. *trēow*, see **TRUE**], *n.* A temporary cessation of hostilities; an armistice.

**truck** (1) (trūk) [A.-F. *troquier*, from O.F. *troque*, barter], *v.* To exchange; to peddle, hawk. *n.* Exchange of commodities; commodities suitable for barter; intercourse, dealings.

**truck** (2) [Gr. *trochos*, wheel], *n.* A strong vehicle for conveying heavy goods; an open railway wagon; a low barrow for moving luggage, etc.; a frame and set of wheels for supporting a railway carriage, etc.; a small wooden disk at the top of a mast or flagstaff.

**truckle** (trūkl) [Gr. *trochalia*, pulley], *v.i.* To give way obsequiously; to cringe. **truckle-bed**, *n.* A low bed on castors for rolling under another.

**truculent** (trūk'ū-lent) [L. *truculentus*, from *trux*, savage], *a.* Ferocious, violent. **truculence**, -lency, *n.* **truculently**, *adv.*

**trudge** (trūj) [F. *trucher*, to beg], *v.* To travel on foot with labour and fatigue. *n.* A walk of this kind.

**true** (troo) [A.-S. *trēowe*], *a.* Conformable to fact, not false; not deceptive or spurious, genuine; legitimate, rightful; corresponding to type; in perfect tune (of a voice, etc.); loyal, constant; honest.

**truffle** (trūfl) [O.F. *truffle*], *n.* A fleshy fungus used for seasoning, etc.

**truism** (trōo'izm) [**TRUE**, -ISM], *n.* A self-evident truth; an obvious statement, a platitude. **tru'ly**, *adv.* Sincerely, in accordance with truth, accurately; genuinely; honestly, loyally.

**trump** (1) (trūmp) [O.F. *trompe*], \**v.t.* To impose (a thing) upon. **to trump up**: To fabricate, concoct. **trumpery**, *n.* Worthless finery; rubbish.

**trump** (2) [F. *trionphe*, a card-game], *n.* Any card of a suit ranking for the time being above the others; (*colloq.*) a good fellow; (*fig.*) an infallible expedient.

**trumpet** (trūm'pēt) [dim. of **TRUMP** (1)], *n.* A musical wind instrument, usu. of brass, with a cup-shaped mouthpiece; a thing resembling this, as a funnel, an ear-trumpet; a sound of a trumpet. *v.t.* To proclaim by or as by a trumpet. *v.i.* To make a loud sound (esp. of the elephant). **trumpeter**, *n.* One who sounds a trumpet, esp. a cavalryman.

**truncate** (trūng'kāt) [L. *truncatum*, mutilated], *v.t.* To cut the top or end from. *a.* Cut short; terminating abruptly.

**trunca'tion**, *n.*

**truncheon** (trūn'chōn) [O.F. *tronçon*, dim. of *trunc*, trunk], *n.* A short club; a staff of authority.

**trundle** (trūndl) [L.G. *trōndeln*], *n.* A small broad wheel; a truck. *v.* To roll. **trunk** (trūnk) [L. *truncus*, stem], *n.* The main stem of a tree; the body of an animal apart from the limbs, head, and tail; main body of anything; a trunk-line; a chest for packing clothes, etc., in for travel; the proboscis of an elephant. **trunk-line**, *n.* The main line of a railway, telephone-system, etc.

**trunnion** (trūn'yōn) [F. *trognon*], *n.* A

cylindrical projection from the side of a cannon, two of which serve as supports.

**truss** (trūs) [O.F. *trusser*], *v.t.* To support or brace with a truss; to fasten (the wings of a fowl, etc.) before cooking. *n.* A supporting and strengthening structure in a roof, bridge, etc.; a padded belt worn round the body for preventing or compressing a hernia; a bundle of hay or straw.

**trust** (trūst) [M.E.], *n.* Confident reliance on or belief in a person or thing; firm expectation (that); that on which reliance is placed; commercial credit; property held in trust; the legal relation between such property and the holder; (*Comm.*) a combination of a number of businesses for the purpose of defeating competition, creating a monopoly, etc. *v.t.* To place confidence in, to rely upon; to believe, to have a confident expectation; to entrust; to give credit to. *v.i.* To have trust or confidence. **trustee**, *n.* One to whom property is committed in trust for the benefit of another; one of a body managing an institution. **trusteeship**, *n.* **trustful**, *a.* Full of trust; confiding. **trustless**, *a.* Not worthy of trust. **trustworthy**, *a.* Deserving of confidence. **trusty**, *a.* Trustworthy; not liable to fail in time of need.

**truth** (trooth) [A.-S. *trēowthu*], *n.* State or quality of being true; conformity to fact or reality; a fact, a verity; honesty, veracity; fidelity; true religion. **truthful**, *a.* Habitually speaking the truth, conformable to truth. **truthless**, *a.*

**try** (tri) [F. *trier*, as *TRITE*], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* tried) To test; to find out by experiment or experience; to attempt; to strain; to afflict; to investigate (a charge, etc.) judicially, to subject (a person) to judicial trial. *v.i.* To endeavour, to make an attempt. *n.* An attempt; (*Football*) the right to try to kick a goal. **triable**, *a.*

**\*tryst** (trist, trist) [O.F. *triste*, a watching-station in hunting], *n.* An appointment; a rendezvous. *v.t.* To agree to meet; to appoint (a time or place) for meeting. **trysting-day**, *n.* **trysting-place**, *n.* **Tsar** (tsar, zar) [Rus. *tsari*, L. *Cæsar*], *n.* The title of the former Emperors of Russia. **Tsarevitch**, *n.* The son of a Tsar. **Tsarevna** (-ev'ná), *n.* The daughter of a Tsar. **Tsarina** (-ē'ná), *n.* **Tsaritza** (-it'sá), *n.* The wife of a Tsar; an Empress of Russia.

**tsetse** (set'si) [native], *n.* A S. African fly, the bite of which is often fatal to cattle, horses, etc.

**tub** (tüb) [M.Dut. *tobbe*], *n.* An open wooden (usu. round) vessel; a small cask; a bath in a tub; a clumsy boat. *v.t.* To place in a tub; to bathe in a tub. *v.i.* To take a bath in a tub; to row in a tub.

**tube** (tüb) [L. *tubus*, a trumpet], *n.* A long hollow cylinder, a pipe; a cylindrical case of thin flexible metal for holding pigment,

etc.; (*colloq.*) a tubular electric railway. *v.t.* To furnish with or enclose in a tube. **tubing**, *n.*

**tuber** (tū'bér) [L., hump], *n.* A short, thick part of an underground stem, set with modified buds, as in the potato; a truffle.

**tubercle** (tū'bérkl) [F., from L. *tuberculum*, dim. of prec.], *n.* A small prominence; a small granular tumour formed within an organ tending to set up degeneration, etc. **tuber'cular**, **-lous**, *a.* **tuberculo'sis**, *n.* A diseased condition characterized by the presence of tubercles in the tissues, esp. consumption.

**tuberose** (tū'bér-ös), *a.* Tuberous. *n.* (*incorr. pron.* tū'b'röz) A bulbous plant with fragrant white flowers. **tuberous**, *a.* Having prominent knobs or excrescences; like or bearing tubers.

**tubular** (tū'bū-lār) [L. *tubulus*, as *TUBE*], *a.* Tube-shaped; having or consisting of a tube.

**tuck** (tūk) [M.E. *tukken*], *v.t.* To fold in or roll up the loose ends of; to cover up closely; to gather into small compass. *n.* A horizontal fold in a dress, etc.

**tucker** (tūk'ér) [as prec.], *n.* One who or that which tucks; a frilling round the top of a woman's dress.

**-tude** [L. *-itudo*], *suf.* Forming abstract nouns, as *altitude*, *beatitude*, *fortitude*.

**Tuesday** (tū'dā, -di) [A.-S. *Tiwes dæg*, day of *Tiw*, the god of war], *n.* The third day of the week.

**tufa** (tū'fá) [It.], *n.* A soft calcareous rock.

**tuft** (tüft) [F. *touffe*, from Teut.], *n.* A cluster of hairs, threads, feathers, etc., bound at one end. **tufted**, **tufty**, *a.*

**tug** (tüg) [M.E. *toggen*], *v.t.* To pull with great effort; to haul, to tow. *v.i.* To pull violently (at). *n.* Act or a spell of tugging; a vigorous pull; a small powerful steam-vessel for towing others.

**tuition** (tū-ish'un) [L. *tuitio*, from *tuēri*, to watch], *n.* Instruction, esp. in a particular subject.

**tulip** (tū'lip) [Turk. *tulband*, turban], *n.* A bulbous plant of the lily family, with gorgeous bell-shaped flowers. **tulip-tree**, *n.* A large N. American tree of the magnolia family.

**tulle** (tool, tul) [city in France], *n.* A fine silk net, used for veils, etc.

**tumble** (tūmbl) [M.E. *tumbelen*, freq. from A.-S. *tumbian*], *v.t.* To fall suddenly or violently; to roll about; to perform acrobatic feats. *v.i.* To toss forcibly, to push (down, etc.); to cause to fall; to rumple. *n.* A fall; an acrobatic feat, a somersault. **tumble-down**, *a.* Dilapidated. **tumbler**, *n.* One who or that which tumbles; an acrobat; a variety of pigeon; a stemless drinking-glass; a spring-latch in a lock.

**tumbrel** (tūm'brél) [O.F.], *n.* A two-wheeled covered cart for ammunition and tools for mining and sapping; a dung-cart; the cart for victims of the guillotine in the Fr. Revolution.



**tumid** (tū'mid) [L. *tumēre*, to swell], *a.* Enlarged, distended; (*fig.*) pompous, bombastic. **tumescence** (-mes'ent), *a.* tumid'ity, *v.t.*

**tumour** (tū'mór) [L. *tumor*, as prec.], *n.* A morbid swelling on some part of the body.

**tumult** (tū'múlt) [L. *tumultus*, as foll.], *n.* The commotion of a multitude, esp. with confusion of sounds; a confused outbreak; riot; excitement. **tumultuary**, **tumultuous**, *a.*

**tumulus** (tū'mū-lús) [L., from *tumēre*, to swell], *n.* (*pl.* -li) A mound of earth, usu. sepulchral; a barrow. **tumular**, *a.*

**tun** (tūn) [A.-S. *tunne*], *n.* A large cask; a wine-measure, 252 galls.

**tune** (tūn) [A.-F. *tun*, as TONE], *n.* A melodious succession of musical tones, a melody; correct intonation; proper adjustment of an instrument for this; (*fig.*) concord, frame of mind, mood. *v.t.* To put in tune; (*fig.*) to adjust, attune. **tunable**, *a.* **tuneful**, *a.* Melodious, musical. **tuneless**, *a.* Not in tune; inharmonious; (*fig.*) silent. **tuner**, *n.* One who tunes musical instruments. **tuning-fork**, *n.* A two-pronged steel instrument giving a fixed note when struck.

**tungsten** (tūng'stén) [Swed. *tung*, heavy, *sten*, stone], *n.* A heavy, greyish metallic element.

**tunic** (tū'nik) [L. *tunica*], *n.* A short-sleeved body-garment; a surcoat worn over armour; a military coat.

**tunnel** (tūnl) [O.F. *tonnel*], *n.* An underground passage, artificial or burrowed by an animal. *v.* To make a tunnel through (a hill, etc.); to shape like a tunnel.

**tunny** (tūn'i) [Gr. *thunnos*], *n.* A large Mediterranean sea-fish.

**tup** (tūp) [M.E. *tuppe*], *n.* A ram.

**Turanian** (tū-rā'ní-an) [*Turan*, mythical founder of the Turkish race], *a.* Applied to the Asiatic languages that are neither Aryan nor Semitic.

**turban** (tér'bán) [Turk. *tulband*], *n.* An Oriental head-dress consisting of a scarf wound round the cap; a woman's head-dress imitating this.

**turbid** (tér'bid) [L. *turba*, crowd], *a.* Muddy, thick; (*fig.*) disturbed. **turbid'ity**, *n.*

**turbine** (tér'bin, -bin) [L. *turbinem*, nom. *turbo*, wheel, top], *n.* A water-wheel or motor enclosed in a tube and acted upon by a flowing stream, steam, or air; a vessel propelled by a turbine.

**turbot** (tér'bót) [as prec.], *n.* A large flat-fish.

**turbulent** (tér'bū-lént) [TURBID], *a.* Disturbed, tumultuous; insubordinate. **turbulence**, *n.*

**tureen** (tè-, tū-rén') [F. *terraine*, earthenware pot], *n.* A deep covered dish for soup.

**turf** (térf) [A.-S.], *n.* Surface earth filled with the matted roots of grass, etc.; a sod; growing grass. *v.t.* To cover or line with turfs. **turfy**, *a.*

**turgid** (tér'jid) [L. *turgēre*, to swell], *a.* Bloated, morbidly distended; (*fig.*) pompous, bombastic. **turges'cent**, *a.* Swelling. **turgescence**, *n.* turgid'ity, *n.*

**Turk** (tèrk), *n.* One of the Mohammedan race ruling in Turkey; (*fig.*) a troublesome person, esp. a boy. **Turkish**, *a.*

**turkey** (tér'ki) [from belief that it came from Turkey], *n.* A large gallinaceous bird, allied to the pheasant, orig. from America.

**turmeric** (tér'mé-rik) [F. *terre-merite*], *n.* An E. Indian plant of the ginger family; a dye-stuff, stimulant, and condiment made from this.

**turmoil** (tér'moil) [?], *n.* Commotion, tumult.

**turn** (térn) [A.-S. *turnian*, L. *tornus*, lathe, Gr. *toros*], *v.t.* To cause to move round, to give a rotary motion to; to cause to go, look, etc., in a different direction; to invert, reverse; to revolve in the mind; to change in form, condition, nature, etc.; to go round; to blunt (a knife-edge, etc.); to cause to ferment; to nauseate; to shape in a lathe or on a wheel; (*fig.*) to round (a sentence, etc.). *v.i.* To rotate, revolve, move round or about; to change front; to change in posture, attitude, or position; to be changed in nature, form, condition, etc.; to become sour; to become unsettled or infatuated; to become nauseated; to result. *n.* Act of turning, rotary motion; a revolution; state of being turned; a change of direction, a deflexion; a bend, a corner; a single coil of rope, etc.; a vicissitude; a short stroll; a spell (of doing something), an occasion or time (for doing something) coming in succession; alternation, rotation; (*fig.*) mould, character, temper. **turn-coat**, *n.* One who deserts his party or principles. **turncock**, *n.* One who turns water on or off from a main. **turner**, *n.* One who turns articles in a lathe; a variety of tumbler-pigeon. **turnery**, *n.* **turning**, *n.* Act of one who or of that which turns; the point where a road meets another; such a road. **turning-point**, *n.* The decisive point. **turnkey**, *n.* One in charge of the keys of a prison, a warder. **turn-out**, *n.* A turning out for duty; a quitting of employment; a strike; a large party; a showy equipage; a quantity manufactured in a given time. **turn-over**, *n.* An upset; a tart made by turning over half the crust; the amount of money turned over in a business in a given time. **turnpike**, *n.* A gate set across a road to stop carriages, etc., from passing till the toll is paid; a road on which toll-gates were established. **turn-stile**, *n.* A post with revolving arms at the entrance to an enclosure, building, etc., allowing persons to pass only after the toll is paid. **turn-table**, *n.* A rotating platform for shifting rolling-stock from one line of rails to another.

**turnip** (tér'nip) [L. *nāpus*], *n.* A plant

with a fleshy globular root used as a vegetable and for feeding sheep.

**turpentine** (tér'pén-tín) [TEREBINTH], *n.* An oily resin exuding from several coniferous trees; oil or spirit of turpentine.

**turpitude** (tér'pi-túd) [L. *turpis*, base], *n.* Baseness, depravity.

**turquoise** (tér'koiz, -kwoiz) [O.F., Turkish], *n.* A bluish-green precious stone.

**turret** (túr'et) [F. *tourette*, dim. of *tour*, tower], *n.* A small tower on a building; a revolving, cylindrical, armoured tower on a warship or fort. **turreted**, *a.*

**turtle** (1) (tértl) [A.-S., from L. *turtur*], *n.* The common wild dove, the turtle-dove.

**turtle** (2) (tértl) [as TORTOISE], *n.* A marine tortoise, with flippers used in swimming; a reptile used for soup; turtle-soup.

**Tuscan** (tús'kán), *a.* Pertaining to Tuscany, or to the simplest of the five classic orders of architecture, a Roman modification of Doric. *n.* A native or the language of Tuscany; the Tuscan order.

**tusk** (túsk) [A.-S. *tusc*], *n.* A long pointed protruding tooth as in the elephant; a spike, as in a harrow, lock, etc.

**tussle** (túsl) [TOUSLE], *v.i.* To struggle, to scuffle (with or for). *n.* A struggle, a scuffle.

**tussock** (tús'ók) [?], *n.* A tuft or hillock of growing grass; a lock of hair, etc.

**tut** (tút) [instinctive], *int.* An exclamation of impatience, rebuke, or contempt.

**tutelage** (tú'té-láj) [L. *tutēla*, as foll.], *n.* Guardianship; state of being under a guardian; the period of this. **tutelar**, -lary, *a.* Having the care of a person or thing, protective.

**tutor** (tú'tór) [L., from *tūtus*, looked after], *n.* A private teacher; (*Univ.*) an officer directing studies of undergraduates in college. *v.t.* To act as a tutor to; to teach, train. **tutorage**, *n.* **tutorial**, *a.* **tutorship**, *n.*

**twaddle** (twodl) [as TATTLE], *v.t.* To talk unmeaningly. *n.* Unmeaning talk, silly chatter, nonsense. **twaddler**, *n.*

**\*twain** (twán) [A.-S. *twegen*], *a.* Two. *n.* A pair. **in twain**: In two, asunder.

**twang** (twäng) [TANG (3)], *v.i.* To make a ringing sound as by plucking the string of an instrument; to speak with a nasal sound. *n.* Such a ringing metallic sound; a nasal tone.

**tweak** (twëk) [A.-S. *twiccian*], *v.t.* To pinch and twist or pull with a sudden jerk, to twitch. *n.* A sharp pinch or pull, a twitch.

**tweet** (twéd) [TWILL, through Sc. *tweet*], *n.* A twilled woollen fabric used for outer garments.

**tweezer** (twé'zér) [F. *étui*, a small case for instruments], *n.* (*in pl.*) Small pincers for plucking out hairs, etc.

**twelfth** (twelfth) [A.-S. *twelfta*], *a.* Next after the eleventh. *n.* One of twelve equal parts.

**twelve** (twelv) [A.-S. *twelf*], *a.* Consisting of the sum of two and ten. *n.* The

sum of two and ten, 12, xii. **twelve-month**, *n.* A year.

**twenty** (twen'ti) [A.-S. *twentig* (*twegen*, *twain*, -TY)], *a.* Twice ten, 20, xx. *n.* The number of twice ten. **twentieth**, *a.* and *n.*

**twice** (twis) [A.-S. *twiges*, gen. of *twā*, TWO], *adv.* Two times; doubly.

**twiddle** (twidl) [?], *v.* To twirl idly; to fiddle with.

**twig** (1) (twig) [A.-S.], *n.* A small shoot, a branchlet. **twiggy**, *a.*

**twig** (2) [? Ir. *tuigim*, I understand], *v.t.* To comprehend; to notice.

**twilight** (twi'lit) [A.-S. *twi*-, two, LIGHT (1)], *n.* The diffused light a little before sunrise and after sunset; obscurity; (*fig.*) indistinct perception or knowledge. *a.* Pertaining to the twilight; dim, shady.

**twill** (twil) [A.-S. *twilic*, two threaded], *n.* A fabric in which the weft- and warp-threads produce diagonal ribs or lines.

**twin** (twin) [A.-S. *getwinne*, cogn. with TWO], *a.* Being one of two born at a birth; similar, or closely related; double, twofold. *n.* One of two produced at a birth; an exact counterpart.

**twine** (twin) [A.-S. *twīn*, twisted thread], *v.t.* To twist; to coil round, to embrace; to form by interweaving. *v.i.* To be interwoven; to entwine; to meander. *n.* A twist, a coil; act of twining or entwining; a tangle; strong string made of two or three strands.

**twinge** (twinj) [A.-S. *twengan*], *v.t.* To affect with a sharp, sudden pain. *n.* A sharp, sudden, shooting pain; a pang, as of remorse or sorrow.

**twinkle** (twinkl) [A.-S. *twincian*], *v.i.* To gleam fitfully, to sparkle; to appear and disappear in rapid alternation; to blink. *n.* A tremulous gleam, a sparkle; a wink; a rapid tremulous movement. **twinkling**, *n.* A twinkle; the time of this, an instant.

**twirl** (twërl) [A.-S. *thweran*, to turn], *v.t.* To cause to rotate rapidly, to spin; to whirl (round); to twist, to curl (the moustache, etc.).

**twist** (twist) [A.-S. *twist*, rope], *v.t.* To wind a thread, etc., round another; to make spiral by turning the ends in opposite directions. *v.i.* To be turned round and round upon itself; to move in a winding or irregular path; to writhe. *n.* Act or manner of twisting or state of being twisted; a quick or vigorous turn; a sharp bend; (*fig.*) a peculiar tendency, a bent; strong silk thread or cotton yarn made from twisted strands; twisted tobacco.

**twit** (twit) [A.-S. *atwitan* (AT, *witan*, to blame)], *v.t.* To reproach, taunt, upbraid.

**twitch** (twich) [M.E. *twicchen*, as TWEAK], *v.t.* To pull with a sudden or sharp jerk. *v.i.* To move with a spasmodic jerk. *n.* A sudden pull; a sudden involuntary contraction of a muscle.

**twitter** (twit'ér) [freq. of *twit*, imit.],



*v.i.* To utter short, tremulous, intermitted notes; to chirp. *n.* Such a succession of sounds, a chirping; (*collog.*) a state of excitement.

**two** (too) [A.-S. *twegen*], *a.* One more than one, 2, ii. *n.* The sum of one and one.

**two-edged**, *a.* Having an edge on both sides; cutting both ways. **two-faced**, *a.* Deceitful, insincere. **twofold**, *a.* Double. *adv.* Doubly. **twopence** (tūp'ens), *n.* The sum of two pence.

**-ty** [F. *-té*], *suf.* Forming abstract nouns as *bounty*, *cruelty*; [A.-S. *-tig*, cogn. with TEN], as in *fifty*, *twenty*.

**tympanum** (tim'pā-nūm) [L., from Gr. *tumpanon*, drum], *n.* (*pl.* -*na*) The middle ear; the ear-drum; (*Arch.*) a triangular area, usu. recessed, in a pediment.

**type** (tip) [L. *typus*, Gr. *tupos*, stamp, character], *n.* A distinguishing mark, a symbol, emblem; a representative specimen of a class of things; (*Art*) a model or guide to later artists; a piece of metal or hard wood bearing a letter or character for printing with; (*collect.*) a set or quantity of these. *v.t.* To typewrite.

**type-founder**, *n.* One who casts types.

**type-foundry**, *n.* **type-setter**, *n.* A compositor. **typewriter**, *n.* A machine for producing printed characters as a substitute for handwriting; (*incorr.*) a typist. **typewrite**, *v.* To write with this. **typewriting**, *n.* **typewritten**, *a.*

**typhoid** (ti'foid) [TYPH-US, -OID], *a.* Pertaining to or resembling typhus. *n.* An infectious fever characterized by red spots on the chest and abdomen, severe intestinal irritation, inflammation, diarrhoea, etc., enteric.

**typhoon** (ti-foon') [Arab. *tāfān*, cogn. with foll.], *n.* A violent cyclonic hurricane occurring in the China Seas. **typhon'ic**, *a.*

**typhus** (ti'fūs) [Gr. *tuphos*, smoke, stupor], *n.* A contagious fever marked by an eruption of dark purple spots, great prostration, stupor and delirium. **typhous**, *a.*

**typic** (tip'ik) [as TYPE], *a.* Figurative, typical. **typical**, *a.* Of the nature of or serving as a type; emblematic or characteristic (of); embodying the characters of a group, class, etc. **typically**, *adv.* **typify** (tip'i-fi), *v.t.* To represent by a type; to prefigure; to exemplify. **typification**, *n.* **typist** (ti'pist), *n.* One who works on a typewriter.

**typography** (ti-pog'ra-fi) [TYPE, -GRAPHY], *n.* The art of printing; the arrangement, character, or appearance of printed matter. **typographer**, *n.* **typograph'ic**, *a.* **typographically**, *adv.*

**tyrannicide** (ti-rān'i-sid) [TYRANT, -OIDE], *n.* The act of killing a tyrant; one who does this. **tyrannicidal**, *a.*

**tyrannize** (tir'a-niz), [TYRANT, -IZE], *v.i.* To act the tyrant; to rule oppressively (over). *v.t.* To rule (a person, etc.) despotically. **tyrannous**, *a.* **tyranny**, *n.* Arbitrary or despotic exercise of

power; an oppressive act; the office or rule of a tyrant; the period of this; harshness, severity.

**tyrant** (tir'ant) [L. *tyrannus*, Gr. *tyrannos*], *n.* An oppressive or cruel master; a despot, an autocrat, esp. when a usurper. **tyran'nical**, *a.* Acting like or characteristic of a tyrant; despotic, imperious.

**Tyrian** (tir'i-ān), *a.* Pertaining to ancient Tyre; purple. *n.* A native or inhabitant of Tyre.

**tyro** (tir'ō) [L. *tyro*, a newly enlisted soldier], *n.* A beginner, a novice.

**Tyrolese** (tir-ō-lēz'), *a.* Pertaining to Tyrol. *n.* A native of Tyrol.

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**ubiquity** (ū-bik'wi-ti) [L. *ubique*, everywhere], *n.* The quality or state of being everywhere or in many places at the same time, omnipresence. **ubiquitous**, *a.*

**udder** (ūd'ēr) [A.-S. *ūder*], *n.* The milk-secreting organ of a cow, ewe, etc.

**ugly** (ūg'li) [Icel. *uggr*, fear, -LY], *a.* Unpleasant to the sight; ungraceful, not comely; morally repulsive, suggesting evil; threatening, formidable. **ugliness**, *n.*

**Uhlán** (oo', ū'lán) [G. and Pol. *ulan*, Turk. *oglan*, son], *n.* A German cavalryman armed with a lance.

**ukase** (ū-kās') [Rus. *ukazu*], *n.* An edict or decree of the Russian Government.

**ulcer** (ūl'sér) [L. *ulcus* -*ceris*, sore], *n.* An open sore accompanied by a secretion of pus or other discharge; (*fig.*) a source of corruption. **ulcerate**, *v.t.* To affect with an ulcer. *v.i.* To become ulcerous. **ulceration**, *n.* **ulcerous**, *a.*

**-ule** [L. -*ulus*], *dim. suf.* As in *globule*, *pustule*.

**ulna** (ūl'ná) [L., elbow], *n.* (*pl.* -*næ*) The larger and longer of the two bones of the fore-arm.

**ulster** (ūl'stér) [prov. of Ireland], *n.* A long, loose overcoat, usu. with a belt.

**ulterior** (ūl-tēr'i-ór) [L., comp. of *ulter*, whence], *a.* Lying beyond or on the other side of any boundary; more distant; not at present under consideration; not yet disclosed.

**ultimate** (ūl'ti-mát) [L. *ultimus*, superl., as prec.], *a.* Last, final; incapable of further analysis; fundamental, primary; most remote. **ultimately**, *adv.* **ultima'tum**, *n.* A final proposal, the rejection of which may involve war; anything final, essential, or fundamental. **ultimo**, *adv.* Last month.

**ultra** (ūl'trá) [see foll.], *a.* Extreme, advocating extreme measures; unpromising. *n.* An extremist.

**ultra-** [L., beyond; excessively; beyond the normal, reasonable, etc.], *pref.* **ultra-conservative** (ūl'trá-kón-sér-vá-tiv), *a.* Extravagantly conservative.

**ultramarine** (ūl-trá-má-rén') [ULTRA-, MARINE], *a.* Situated or being beyond the sea. *n.* A deep-blue pigment; the colour of this.

**ultramontane** (ül-trá-mon'tán) [ULTRA-, MOUNTAIN], *a.* Being or lying beyond the mountains, esp. the Alps, esp. on the Italian side; hence, supporting the absolute power and infallibility of the pope.

**ultramundane** (ül-trá-mūn'dán) [ULTRA-, MUNDANE], *a.* External to the world or the solar system; pertaining to another life.

**umbel** (üm'bél) [L. *umbella*, parasol, dim. of *umbra*, shade], *n.* An inflorescence in which the flower-stalks spring and spread from one point, as in parsley. **umbellate**, **umbelliferous** (-FEROUS), *a.*

**umber** (üm'bér) [F. *ombre*, in *terre d'ombre*, L. *umbra*, shadow], *n.* A dark-brown pigment. *a.* Of the colour of umber, dusky.

**umbilical** (üm-bil'i-kál) [L. *umbilicus*, navel], *a.* Pertaining to or situated near the navel; central. **umbilicus**, *n.* The navel; a navel-shaped depression, as at the axial base of some univalve shells. **umbiliform**, *a.*

**umbles** (ümblyz) [O.F. *nombles*, L. *lumbus*, loin], *n. pl.* The entrails of a deer.

**umbra** (üm'brá) [L., shadow], *n.* (*pl. -bræ*) The part of the shadow of a planet or moon in which the light of the sun is entirely cut off.

**umbrage** (üm'bráj) [F. *ombrage*, as prec.], *n.* A sense of injury, offence. **umbrageous** (-brá'jús), *a.* Shady, shaded.

**umbrella** (üm-brel'á) [It. *ombrella*, dim. of *ombra*, as UMBRA], *n.* A light, circular folding screen on a stick, for protection of the person against rain or sun.

**umpire** (üm'pír) [M.E. *nompere* (NON-, PEER (1)), peerless], *n.* A person chosen to enforce rules and settle disputes, a referee; (*Law*) a third person called in to settle a disagreement between arbitrators. *v.* To act as umpire.

**un-** [A.-S.], *pref.* (1) Giving a negative sense to adjectives, adverbs, and nouns; (2) used with verbs to denote reversal or annulment of the action of the simple verb (sometimes ambiguous, thus *unrolled* may mean 'not rolled,' or 'opened out after having been rolled up'). Since there is no limit to the use of this prefix the meaning of words not given in the following selection can be ascertained by reference to the simple verb, adjective, etc.

**unaccountable**, *n.* Not accountable or responsible; inexplicable.

**unanimous** (ü-nán'i-mús) [L. *ánimus* (*ánus*, one, *ánimus*, mind)], *a.* Being all of one mind; formed, held or expressed with one accord. **unanim'ity**, *n.* **unan'iously**, *adv.*

**unappetizing**, *a.* Unpleasant to the palate; not enticing (of food). **unassu'ming**, *a.* Not arrogant or presuming; modest. **unawares**, *adv.* Without warning; by surprise, unexpectedly; undesignedly. **unbal'ance**, *v.t.* To throw off one's balance. **unbalanced**, *a.* Not balanced; not brought to an equality

of debit and credit; unsteady, erratic. **unbear'able**, *a.* Not to be borne, intolerable. **unbelief**, *n.* The withholding of belief; incredulity; scepticism; disbelief (in, esp. divine revelation). **unbeliever**, *n.* **unbelieving**, *a.* **unbend'**, *v.t.* To straighten; to relax from exertion, constraint, etc.; untie. **unblush'ing**, *a.* Shameless, barefaced, impudent. **unbosom** (-buz'üm), *v.t.* To disclose (one's feelings, etc.). *v.i.* To disclose one's secret feelings, opinions, or intentions; to open one's heart. **unbowed** (-boud'), *a.* Not bowed; (*fig.*) unconquered. **uncalled for**: Not necessary; not asked for, gratuitous, impertinent. **uncan'ny**, *a.* Weird, mysterious; incautious. **unceasing** (-sē'sing), *a.* Not ceasing, incessant, continual. **uncer'tain**, *a.* Not sure; doubtful; not certainly or precisely known; not to be relied on; fickle, capricious. **unchrist'ian**, *a.* Heathen; not according to or befitting the spirit of Christianity.

**uncial** (ün'shál) [L. *uncia*, inch, ounce], *a.* Denoting a kind of writing resembling modern capitals used in MSS. of the 4th-8th cents. *n.* An uncial letter or MS. **uncircumcised** (ün-sēr'küm-sīzd) [UN-, CIRCUMCISE], *a.* Not circumcised; not Jewish; (*fig.*) heathen, profane.

**uncle** (ünkl) [A.-F., L. *avunculus*], *n.* The brother of one's father or mother; the husband of one's aunt; (*slang*) a pawnbroker.

**unclean** (ün-klēn') [UN-, CLEAN], *a.* Foul, dirty; unchaste; not ceremonially clean. **uncleanly** (-klen'li), *a.* **uncom'mon**, *a.* Not common, unusual, remarkable, extraordinary. **uncon'scious**, *a.* Not conscious, ignorant, unaware (of); temporarily deprived of consciousness; not perceived by the mind. **unconsidered** (-kón-sid'érd), *a.* Not taken into consideration. **uncork'**, *v.t.* To take the cork out of; (*fig.*) to give vent to (one's feelings, etc.).

**uncouth** (ün-kooth') [A.-S. *uncūth* (*cūth*, p.p. of *cunnan*, to know)], *a.* Awkward, clumsy; outlandish, odd, ungainly. **uncouthness**, *n.* **uncover** (-kūv'ér), *v.t.* To remove a covering from; to make known, to disclose. *v.i.* To take off the hat in salutation. **uncreated** (-kré-á'téd), *a.* Not yet created; existing independently of creation. **uncrossed** (-krost'), *a.* Not crossed (as a cheque); not opposed.

**unction** (ünk'shùn) [L. *unctio*, from *ungere*, to anoint], *n.* Act of anointing with oil in consecration or for medical purposes; that which is used in anointing, an unguent or ointment; (*fig.*) anything soothing or ingratiating; a quality in speech conveying deep fervour; effusive emotion, gush; relish; (*Theol.*) grace. **unctuous**, *a.* Greasy, soapy to the touch; full of unction; (*fig.*) hypocritically or affectedly fervid. **unctuously**, *adv.*



**uncut'**, *a.* Not cut; having the margins untrimmed (of a book). **undam** (-dām'), *v.t.* To remove a dam or obstruction.

**undamaged** (-dām'ajd), *a.*

**under** (ūn'dér) [A.-S.], *prep.* Below; at the foot of; beneath the surface of; (*fig.*) beneath the disguise of; inferior to; subject or subservient to; governed or directed by; on condition or pain of; by virtue of; in the time of; attested by; sown with. *adv.* In a lower or subordinate place, condition, or degree. *a.* Lower, inferior, subordinate.

**under-** [prec.], *pref.* Under, below (the substantive to which it is prefixed); beneath, lower than, subordinate; insufficiently, incompletely, immaturity. Only a selection of compounds with this prefix is given; others can be explained by reference to the simple adjective, noun, or verb.

**underbid'**, *v.t.* To bid less than (as at an auction).

**underbred'**, *a.* Not thoroughbred; ill-bred.

**un'derclotches**, *n.pl.* Clothes worn under others, esp. next to the skin.

**un'derclotching**, *n.*

**un'dercurrent**, *n.* A current running below the surface; (*fig.*) a secret or unapparent tendency or influence.

**undercut'**, *v.t.* To cut under (coal, etc.) so as to remove it easily; to cut away the material beneath (a carved design).

**un'(-)** A blow upward; the under side of a sirlain, the tenderloin.

**underdone**, (-dūn'), *a.* Insufficiently cooked.

**underfoot'**, *adv.* Under the feet; beneath. *v.t.* To underpin.

**undergo'**, *v.t.* (*past* -went, *p.p.* -gone) To experience, to pass through, to suffer; to bear up against.

**undergraduate**, *n.* A member of a University who has not yet taken a degree.

**underground**, *a.* Situated below the surface of the earth. *n.* An underground railway.

**adv.** (-ground') Below the surface of the earth.

**undergrowth**, *n.* Small trees or shrubs growing under large ones.

**underhand'**, *adv.* Secretly, not openly; slyly, by fraud; with the hand underneath (of bowling).

**a.** (ūn'dér-händ) Clandestine; sly, unfair.

**underlay**, *past* [UNDERLIE].

**underlie'** [LIE (2)], *v.t.* (*past* -lay, *p.p.* -lain) To lie under or beneath; to be the basis or foundation of.

**underline'**, *v.t.* To mark with a line underneath, esp. for emphasis.

**underling** (ūn'dér-ling) [UNDER, -LING (1)], *n.* An inferior agent or assistant.

**undermentioned**, *a.* Mentioned below or later.

**undermine'**, *v.t.* To dig an excavation under; to render unstable by digging away the foundation of; (*fig.*) to injure by underhand means; to wear away (one's strength, etc.) by imperceptible degrees.

**undermost**, *a.* Lowest in place, position, rank, etc.

**underneath'**, *adv. and prep.* Beneath, below.

**underpay'**, *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* -paid) To pay inadequately.

**underpin'**, *v.t.* To support (a wall, etc.) by propping up with timber, masonry, etc.

**underproof'**, *a.* Containing less alcohol than proof spirit.

**undersell'**, *v.t.* To sell

cheaper than. **the un'dersigned**: The person or persons signing a document, etc.

**understand** (ūn-dér-stand') [A.-S. *understandan* (UNDER-, STAND)], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* -stood) To know or perceive the meaning of; to comprehend fully; to take as meant or implied, to assume; to supply (a word, explanation, etc.) mentally. *v.i.* To have or exercise the power of comprehension; to be told, to hear. **understanding**, *a.* Intelligent; sensible. *n.* Act of one who understands; comprehension; the power or faculty of apprehension or of drawing inferences; discernment; accord; an informal agreement.

**understrapper**, *n.* An inferior or subordinate agent. **un'derstudy**, *v.t.* To study (a part) in order to play it if the usual actor is unable; to study the acting of (an actor) thus. *n.* One who studies a part or actor thus.

**undertake** (ūn-dér-tāk') [M.E. *undertaken* (UNDER-, TAKE)], *v.t.* (*past* -took, *p.p.* -taken) To take upon oneself, to enter upon (a task, enterprise, etc.); to engage oneself; to guarantee, to answer for it (that).

*v.i.* To promise, to be guarantee (for).

**undertaker**, *n.* One who undertakes; a tradesman who manages funerals.

**undertaking**, *n.* Act of one who undertakes any business; that which is undertaken, a task, enterprise, agreement, stipulation.

**undertone** (ūn'dér-tōn) [UNDER-, TONE], *n.* A low or subdued tone, esp. in speaking; a subdued colour.

**un'derwear**, *n.* Clothes worn underneath others, underclothing.

**underwood**, *n.* Undergrowth.

**un'derworld**, *n.* The infernal regions; (*colloq.*) the lowest classes of society.

**un'derwrite**, *v.t.* To execute and deliver (a policy of marine insurance); to engage to buy all the stock in (a new company, etc.) not subscribed for; to subscribe. *v.i.* To act as an underwriter, to practise marine insurance.

**underwriter**, *n.*

**underwriting**, *n.*

**undig'nified**, *a.* Not dignified; not consistent with one's dignity.

**undiplomatic** (ūn-dip-lō-māt'ik) [UN-, DIPLOMATIC], *a.* Not diplomatic.

**undistinguished**, *a.* Possessing no distinguishing mark or characteristic; not famous.

**undone** (-dūn'), *a.* Not done; unfastened; ruined, destroyed.

**undoubted** (ūn-dou'téd) [UN-, DOUBT], *a.* Not called in question; unsuspected.

**undoubtedly**, *adv.* Without doubt.

**undress'**, *v.t.* To divest of clothes, to strip; to take the bandages, etc., from (a wound, etc.). *v.i.* To undress oneself. *n.* Ordinary dress, opp. to full dress or uniform; negligent attire. *a.* Pertaining to everyday dress; (*fig.*) commonplace.

**undulate** (ūn-dū-lāt) [L. *unda*, wave], *a.* Wavy, bending in and out or up and down.

*v.i.* (-lāt) To have a wavy motion; to rise

and fall (of water). **undula'tion**, *n.* Act of undulating; a wavy or sinuous form or motion, a gentle rise and fall. **undula'tory**, *a.*

**unearth** (ün-ērth') *v.t.* To dig up or bring out of the earth; (*fig.*) to bring to light, to find out. **unearth'ly**, *a.* Not of this world, supernatural; weird, ghostly. **unequiv'ocal**, *a.* Not equivocal, not ambiguous; plain, manifest. **une'ven**, *a.* Not level or smooth; not uniform, regular, or equable; not divisible by 2 without a remainder, odd. **unexpired** (-èkspírd'), *a.* Not having come to an end or termination. **unfet'tered**, *a.* Freed from restraint; without control. **unfit'**, *a.* Not fit (to do, to be, for, etc.); improper, unsuitable. *v.t.* To make unfit or unsuitable; to disqualify. **unfrock'**, *v.t.* To deprive of the character and privileges of a priest. **unfun'ded**, *a.* Not funded, floating (of a debt, etc.).

**ungainly** (ün-gān'li) [*M.E. ungeniliche* (*Icel. gegn*, serviceable, see **GAIN** (2), *LY*)], *a.* Clumsy, awkward. **unglazed** (-glāzd'), *a.* Deprived of glazing; not furnished with glass (of window-frames, pictures, etc.). **ungrounded**, *a.* Unfounded, baseless.

**ungual** (üng'gwál) [*L. unguis*, nail, claw], *a.* Pertaining to, or having a nail, claw, or hoof.

**unguarded** (ün-gar'déd) [*UN-*, **GUARD**], *a.* Not guarded; careless; incautiously said or done.

**unguent** (üng'gwént) [*L. unguens -ntis*, anointing], *n.* Any soft composition used as an ointment or for lubrication. **ungen'tary**, *a.*

**unhallowed** (ün-hál'öd) [*UN-*, **HALLOW**], *a.* Profaned, desecrated; not consecrated. **unhand'**, *v.t.* To take the hand or hands off; to let go from one's grasp. **unhan'dy**, *a.* Not handy; clumsy, awkward. **unhoped** (-höpt'), *a.* Not hoped for; unexpected, beyond hope.

**uni-** [*L. unus*, one], *comb. form.* **uniarticulate** (ü-ni-ar-tik'ü-lát) [*ARTICULATE*], *a.* Single-jointed.

**unicorn** (ü-ni-körn) [*L. unicornis* (*UNI-*, *cornu*, horn)], *n.* A fabulous animal like a horse, with a long, straight, tapering horn.

**uniform** (ü-ni-förm) [*uni-*, **-FORM**], *a.* Having always one and the same form, appearance, character, etc., always the same, homogeneous; conforming to one rule or standard. *n.* A dress of the same kind and appearance as that worn by other members of the same body. **unifor'mity**, *n.* Quality or state of being uniform; consistency, sameness. **uniformly**, *adv.*

**unify** (ü-ni-fi) [*UNI-*, **-FY**], *v.t.* To make a unit of; to regard as one; to reduce to uniformity. **unifica'tion**, *n.*

**unilluminated** (ün-i-lü'mi-nā-téd) [*UN-*, **ILLUMINATE**], *a.* Not illuminated; dark; ignorant. **unimaginable** (-mäj'i-nābl), *a.* That cannot be imagined; inconceivable. **unimaginative**, *a.* Lacking in imagination. **unintel'ligent**, *a.* Not

showing intelligence; dull, stupid. **un-intel'ligible**, *a.* Not understandable; meaningless. **uninten'tional**, *a.* Done without intent or design.

**union** (ü'nyón) [*L. unio -nis*, from *anus*, one], *n.* Act of uniting; state of being united; junction, coalition; agreement, concord; a combination forming a whole, a confederation, a league; two or more parishes consolidated for administration of the Poor Laws; a workhouse established by this; (*Gr. Brit.*) a device emblematic of union borne in the upper corner next the staff of a flag; this used as a flag, called a **union jack** or **union flag**. **unionism**, *n.* The principle of combining, esp. the system of combination among workmen engaged in the same occupation or trade, and (*Polít.*) the principles of the Unionist party. **unionist**, *n.* A member of a trade-union; a promoter of trade-unionism; a member of a political party formed to oppose Irish Home Rule.

**unique** (ü-nék') [*F.*, from *L. unicus*, as *UNI-*], *a.* Having 'no like or equal; unmatched, unparalleled. **uniquely**, *adv.* **uniqueness**, *n.*

**unison** (ü-ni-zón) [*UNI-*, *L. sonus*, sound], *n.* Coincidence of sounds, unity of pitch; an interval of one or more octaves; act or state of sounding together at the same pitch; concord, agreement, harmony. *a.* Sounding together; coinciding in pitch. **unisonal**, **-nant**, *a.*

**unit** (ü-nít) [*UNITY*], *n.* A single person, thing, or group, regarded as one and individual; a quantity adopted as a standard, the number one. **Unitarian** (-tär'i-án), *n.* A member of a Christian body that rejects the doctrine of the Trinity. *a.* Pertaining to the Unitarians. **Unitarianism**, *n.* **u'nitary**, *a.* Pertaining to a unit; of the nature of a unit, whole, integral.

**unite** (ü-nít') [*L. unītus*, united, as *UNI-*], *v.t.* To join together so as to make one; to combine, to amalgamate. *v.i.* To become one; to become consolidated, to combine, to agree, to co-operate. **unitedly**, *adv.*

**unity** (ü-ni-ti) [*A. F. unité*, *L. unītas*, as *UNI-*], *n.* State of being one or individual, oneness; state of being united, union; structural coherence; concord, agreement, harmony; a thing forming a coherent whole; the number one.

**universal** (ü-ni-vér'sál) [as foll.], *a.* Pertaining to the whole world or all persons or things in the world or in the class under consideration; unlimited, general. *n.* A universal proposition or concept; a general idea. **universally**, *adv.*

**universe** (ü-ni-vér's) [*L. universus*, combined into a whole (*UNI-*, *versus*, turned)], *n.* All created things viewed as constituting one system or whole, the cosmos; all mankind.

**university** (ü-ni-vér'si-ti) [*A.-F. université*, a school for universal knowledge], *n.* An institution for instruction and examination



In the higher branches of knowledge with the power to confer degrees; the members of this collectively.

**unkempt** (ûn-kempt') [M.E. *kempt*, p.p. of *kemben*, A.-S. *cemban*, to comb], *a.* Uncombed; rough, unpolished. **unkind'**, *a.* Not kind; harsh, hard, cruel. **unknown** (-nôn'), *a.* Not known; untold, incalculable, inexpressible; (*Math.*) unascertained (of quantities, etc.). **unlatch** (-läch'), *v.t.* To unfasten the latch of (a door, etc.). **unless** (ûn-les') [ON, LESS], *conj.* If it be not the case that; except when.

**unlettered** (ûn-let'erd) [UN-, LETTER], *a.* Illiterate. **unlike'**, *a.* Not like; dissimilar; \*improbable. **unlikely**, *a.* Improbable; unpromising. *adv.* Improbably. **unlimited**, *a.* Not limited; indefinite, unmeasured, unnumbered; unrestrained. **unload'**, *v.t.* To discharge the load from; to discharge (a load); to withdraw the charge from (a gun); (*Stock Exch.*) to sell heavily. *v.t.* To discharge a load or freight; (*Stock Exch.*) to sell stock, etc., freely. **unlock'**, *v.t.* To unfasten the lock of; (*fig.*) to disclose. **unlooked-for** (-lukt'fôr), *a.* Unexpected. **unluck'y**, *a.* Not lucky or fortunate; unsuccessful; disastrous; ill-omened. **unmask'**, *v.t.* To remove the mask from; to expose. *v.t.* To reveal oneself. **unmeaning**, *a.* Having no meaning; senseless. **unmentionable**, *a.* Not fit to be mentioned; *n.pl.* (*facet.*) Trousers. **unmind'ful**, *a.* Not mindful, heedless (of). **unmitigated**, *a.* Not mitigated; unqualified, unconscionable. **unmoor'**, *v.t.* To loose the moorings of. *v.t.* To weigh anchor. **unmount'ed**, *a.* Not on horseback; not mounted (of a drawing, gem, etc.). **unnatural**, *a.* Contrary to nature; monstrous, inhuman; artificial, strained, affected. **unnecessary** (-nes'é-sâr-i), *a.* Not necessary; needless, superfluous. **unnerve'**, *v.t.* To deprive of nerve, strength, or resolution. **unnot'ed**, *a.* Not heeded. **unnum'bered**, *a.* Not marked with numbers; countless. **unpar'alleled**, *a.* Not paralleled; unequalled, unprecedented. **unpick'**, *v.t.* To loosen, take out, or open, by picking; to remove the stitches from. **unpleasant** (-plez'ânt), *a.* Not pleasant; disagreeable. **unpolled**, (-pôld'), *a.* Not polled, not having registered one's vote. **unpo'sted**, *a.* Not posted (of a letter, etc.); not posted up; without information. **unprecedented** (-pres'é-dên-téd), *a.* Being without precedent, unparalleled. **unprofessional** (-prô-fesh'ô-nâl), *a.* Not pertaining to one's profession; contrary to the rules or etiquette of a profession; not belonging to a profession. **unprogres'sive**, *a.* Not progressive, conservative. **unques'tionable**, *a.* Not to be questioned or doubted, indisputable. **unques'tioned**, *a.* Not called in question, not doubted; having no questions asked, not interrogated. **unquestioning**, *a.* Not doubt-

ing; implicit. **unrav'el**, *v.t.* To separate the threads of; to disentangle; (*fig.*) to solve, to clear up (the plot of a play, etc.). *v.i.* To be disentangled; to be opened up or revealed. **unready** (-red'i), *a.* Not ready; not prompt to act, etc. **unremit'ting**, *a.* Not relaxing; incessant, continued. **unrest'**, *n.* Restlessness, agitation, disquiet, uneasiness, unhappiness. **unrighteous** (-ri'chûs), *a.* Not righteous, not just; contrary to justice or equity; evil, wicked, sinful. **unruffled** (-rûfd'), *a.* Calm, tranquil, not agitated or perturbed. **unru'ly**, *a.* Not submitting to restraint; lawless, turbulent, ungovernable. **unruliness**, *n.* **unsan'itary**, *a.* Unhealthy. **unsav'oury**, *a.* Unattractive, repellent, disgusting. **unscalable** (-skâ'lâbl), *a.* That cannot be climbed. **unscathed** (-skâ'h/d), *a.* Not harmed, uninjured. **unscrew'**, *v.t.* To withdraw or loosen (a screw); to unfasten thus. **unscrup'ulous**, *a.* Having no scruples of conscience; unprincipled. **unseal'**, *v.t.* To break or remove the seal of; to open. **unseat'**, *v.t.* To remove from one's seat; to throw from one's seat on horseback; to deprive of a seat in the House of Commons. **unsee'ing**, *a.* Blind; unobservant, unsuspecting. **unseen'**, *a.* Not seen; invisible; not seen previously (as a piece to be translated). **unsel'fish**, *a.* Regarding or prompted by the interests of others rather than one's own. **unsettle** (-set'i), *v.t.* To change from a settled state or position; to make uncertain; to derange, to disturb. **unsettled**, *a.* Unshapely (-shâp'li), *a.* Misshapen. **unsheathe** (-shêth'), *v.t.* To draw from its sheath. **unsightly** (-sit'li), *a.* Unpleasing to the sight, ugly. **unskilled** (-skild'), *a.* Not possessing skill or special knowledge; produced without or not requiring special skill or training. **unslum'bering**, *a.* Sleepless, vigilant. **unsophis'ticated**, *a.* Simple, artless, free from artificiality, inexperienced; not corrupted or adulterated, pure, genuine. **unsound'**, *a.* Not sound; weak, decayed; unreliable; diseased; ill-founded, not valid, fallacious. **unsports'manlike**, *a.* Unbecoming a sportsman. **unstable** (-stâbl'), *a.* Inconstant, irresolute; wavering. **unsteady** (-sted'i), *a.* Not steady, not firm; changeable; unstable, precarious; irregular in habits. **unstop'**, *v.t.* To free from obstruction; to remove the stopper from, to open. **unstring'**, *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* -strung) To take away or to loosen the string or strings of; to relax the tension of (nerves, etc.); to remove (pearls, etc.) from a string. **unsubstantial** (-stân'shâl), *a.* Not substantial; not very solid; unreal. **unsuited** (-sû'téd), *a.* Not suited, not fit or adapted (for or to). **unsworn'**, *a.* Not sworn; not bound by an oath. **untangle** (-tâng'l), *v.t.* To disentangle. **untaught** (-taw't), *a.* Not instructed, illiterate; ignorant,

**unten'antable**, *a.* Not in suitable condition for a tenant. **untenanted**, *a.* **unten'der**, *a.* Not tender, unkind. **unten'dered**, *a.* Not offered. **un-think'able**, *a.* Incapable of being thought or conceived; (*collog.*) highly improbable. **unthinking**, *a.* Heedless, careless; done without thought or care. **untie** (-tī'), *v.t.* To undo (a knot); to unfasten. **untied**, *a.* **until** (ūn-tīl') [M.E. var. of **UNTIL**], *prep.* Till. **unto** (ūn'tu) [O.Fris. *und*, to, TO], *prep.* To. **untold** (ūn-tōld') [UN-, TOLD], *a.* Not told or communicated; not counted, innumerable. **\*untoward** (-tō'ārd), *a.* Unlucky, awkward; froward, perverse, refractory. **untroubled** (-trūbld'), *a.* Not disturbed by care, sorrow, business, etc.; calm, unruffled. **untrue'**, *a.* Not in accordance with facts, false; disloyal, inconstant; not conforming to the correct standard. **untruth'**, *n.* Contrariety to truth; a lie; want of veracity; faithlessness. **unu'sual**, *a.* Not usual; uncommon, strange, remarkable. **unut'erable**, *a.* Unspeakable, inexpressible, indescribable. **unvalued** (-vāl'ūd), *a.* Not esteemed; not appraised. **unvarnished** (-var'nisht), *a.* Plain, simple. **unveil** (-vāl'), *v.t.* To remove a veil or covering from, esp. with public ceremony; (*fig.*) to reveal, to disclose. *v.i.* To take one's veil off; to be revealed. **unvera'cious**, *a.* Untruthful. **unversed** (-vērst'), *a.* Not versed or skilled (in). **unwarrantable** (-wor'an-tābl), *a.* Not defensible or justifiable, inexcusable; improper, illegitimate. **unwell'**, *a.* Not well; sick, indisposed. **unwieldy** (-wāl'df), *a.* That cannot be easily wielded; bulky, ponderous, clumsy. **unwill'ing**, *a.* Not willing; averse, reluctant, undesirous (of, to, for, etc.); involuntary. **unwise** (-wīz'), *a.* Not wise, without judgment; foolish. **unwished** (-wisht'), *a.* Not desired; not sought (for). **un-wit'ting** [WIT (1)], *a.* Unconscious, unintentional, inadvertent. **unwittingly**, *adv.* **unwonted** (-wōn'tēd), *a.* Not accustomed. **unworthy** (-wēr'thi), *a.* Not worthy, not deserving (of); not becoming, not seemingly, discreditable. **unwritten** (-rit'en), *a.* Not written; traditional. **unyoke** (-yōk'), *v.t.* To loose from or as from a yoke. **up** (ūp) [A.-S. *ūp*], *adv.* To a higher place, degree, amount, pitch, etc.; to a capital, university, or a place farther north; to or in an erect position, out of bed, in the saddle; under arms; in a state of proficiency; above the horizon; so as to be level with; completely, entirely, effectually. *prep.* In an ascending direction, towards the higher part of or the interior of. *a.* Moving, sloping, or directed, towards a higher or more central part; towards the capital. *n.* That which is up.

**up** [-as *prec.*], *pref.*

**upas** (ū'pās) [Malay, poison], *n.* The upas-tree; its poisonous sap; (*fig.*) corrupting or pernicious influence. **upas-tree**, *n.* A Javanese tree the juice of which contains a virulent poison.

**upbraid** (ūp-brād') [A.-S. *upbregdan*, to lay hold of, to upbraid], *v.t.* To charge; to reproach (with); to reprove severely. *v.i.* To chide.

**upbringing** (ūp'bring-ing) [UP-, BRING-ING], *n.* Bringing up, education. **up-heave** (-hēv'), *v.t.* To lift up from beneath. *v.i.* To heave up. **upheaval**, *n.* **uphill** (ūp'hil'), *a.* Leading or going up a hill; (*fig.*) difficult, arduous. *adv.* (ūp'hil') In an ascending direction, upwards.

**uphold** (ūp-hōld') [UP-, HOLD (1)], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. upheld*) To hold up, keep erect; to support, sustain, maintain; to defend; to approve, countenance. **upholder**, *n.*

**upholster** (ūp-hōl'stēr) [from UPHOLSTERER, formerly *upholdster* (UP-, HOLDER, -STER)], *v.t.* To furnish with curtains, carpets etc.; to furnish (chairs) with cushion coverings, etc. **upholsterer**, *n.* **upholstery**, *n.*

**upkeep** (ūp'kēp) [UP-, KEEP], *n.* Maintenance. **upland** (ūp'lānd), *n.* The higher part of a district. *a.* Pertaining to the uplands. **uplift'**, *v.t.* To lift up, to raise. *n.* (ūp'lift) An exaltation; an upheaval.

**upon** (ū-pon') [UP, ON], *prep. and adv.* On. **upper** (ūp'ēr) [comp. of UP], *a.* Higher in place, rank, dignity, etc. *n.* The part of a boot or shoe above the sole. **upper hand**: Superiority, mastery. **uppermost**, *a.* Highest in place, etc.; predominant.

**upplish** (ūp'ish) [UP, -ISH], *a.* Self-assertive.

**upraise** (ūp-rāz') [UP-, RAISE], *v.t.* To raise up; to lift. **uprear** (-rēr'), *v.t.* To rear up.

**upright** (ūp'rit, *predicatively*, -rit'), *a.* Erect, perpendicular; righteous, honest. *adv.* Erect, vertically. *n.* An upright part of a structure; an upright piano, etc. **uprightly**, *adv.*

**uprising** (ūp-rīz'ing) [UP-, RISING], *n.* Act of rising, esp. from bed; an insurrection, a riot. **\*uprist**, *past*.

**uproar** (ūp'rōr) [Dut. *oproer* (UP-, roeren, to stir)], *n.* A noisy tumult; bustle and clamour. **uproarious**, *a.*

**uproot** (ūp-root') [UP-, ROOT], *v.t.* To tear up by the roots; to unsettle completely.

**upset** (ūp-set') [UP-, SET (1)], *v.t.* To overturn; to put out of one's normal state, to put out of sorts. *v.i.* To be overturned. *n.* (ūp'set) The act of upsetting; the state of being upset. **upset price**: The reserve price at auction.

**upshot** (ūp'shot) [UP-, SHOT], *n.* The final issue, result, or conclusion (of a matter).



**upside-down** (ŭp'sid-down') [M.E. *up so down*, up as it were down], *adv.* and *a.* With the upper part under; (*fig.*) in complete disorder.

**upstairs**, *adv.* In or to an upper story.

**up'start**, *n.* One who rises suddenly from a humble position to wealth or power. **upstroke** (ŭp'strōk), *n.* An upward line in writing.

**upward** (ŭp'wārd) [UP-, -WARD], *a.* Directed or moving towards a higher place. **upwards**, *adv.* Towards a higher place, in an upward direction.

**uranium** (ŭ-rā'ni-ŭm) [in compliment to Herschel, see URANUS], *n.* A rare, heavy, white, metallic element found in pitchblende, etc.

**Uranus** (ŭ-rā-nŭs) [Gr. *ouranos*, heaven], *n.* (*Gr. Myth.*) The most ancient of the Greek gods; a planet between Saturn and Neptune, discovered by Sir Wm. Herschel (1781).

**urban** (ŭr'bān) [L. *urbis*, city], *a.* Pertaining to, or situated or living in, a city or town.

**urbane** (ŭr-bān') [as prec.], *a.* Courteous, polite, suave. **urbanity** (-ban'i-ti), *n.*

**urchin** (ŭr'chĭn) [M.E. *urchon*, O.F. *herichun*, L. *éricius*, from *ēr*, hedgehog], *n.* A roguish, mischievous boy; a sea urchin.

**urethra** (ŭ-rē'thrā) [Gr. *ourēthra*], *n.* The duct by which urine is discharged from the bladder. **urethral**, *a.*

**urge** (ŭrj) [L. *urgere*], *v.t.* To drive, impel, force onwards; to importune; to insist on. **urgency**, *n.* Quality or state of being urgent; pressure of necessity. **urgent**, *a.*

**urine** (ŭr'in) [L. *urina*, cogn. with Gr. (see URETHRA)], *n.* A pale-yellow fluid secreted from the blood by the kidneys, stored in the bladder, and discharged through the urethra. **uric**, *a.*

**urn** (ŭrn) [L. *urna*], *n.* A vase with a foot and a swelling body; (*fig.*) something in which the remains of the dead are preserved.

**ursine** (ŭr'sĭn) [L. *ursus*, bear], *a.* Pertaining to or resembling a bear.

**use** (ŭs) [L. *usus*], *n.* Act of using; state of being used; employment in a purpose; occasion or liberty to use; quality of serving a purpose; utility, custom, wont, usage; ritual peculiar to a church, diocese, or country; (*Law*) enjoyment of lands and tenements held in trust. *v.t.* To employ, to apply to a purpose; to turn to account; to treat in a specified way; to wear out; to make a practice of; (*usu. in p.p.*) to accustom, habituate. *v.i.* (*usu. in past*) To be accustomed, to be wont, to make it one's constant practice (to). **usage** (ŭ'zāj), *n.* Manner of using, treatment; customary practice. **useful** (ŭs'fŭl), *a.* Of use, serving a purpose; beneficial, advantageous. **usefulness**, *n.* **useless**, *a.* Not of use; unavailing, ineffectual. **uselessness**, *n.* **user** (ŭ'zēr), *n.* One who uses; (*Law*) continued use or enjoyment of a thing.

**usher** (ŭsh'ēr) [A.-F. *usser*, L. *ostiarius* (*ostium*, door)], *n.* A doorkeeper (esp. in a court or public hall); one who introduces strangers or walks before a person of rank; an assistant in a school. *v.t.* To introduce, to bring or show (in).

**usual** (ŭ'zhŭ-āl) [as USE], *a.* Customary, habitual, common, ordinary. **usually**, *adv.*

**usufruct** (ŭ'zŭ-frŭkt) [L. *ususfructus* (USE, *fructus*, FRUIT)], *n.* Right to the use of another's property without waste or destruction of it.

**usurer** (ŭ'zhŭr-ēr) [O.F. *usurier*, from L. *ūsūra*, use, interest, as USE], *n.* One who lends money at exorbitant interest. **usurious**, *a.* Exacting exorbitant interest; pertaining to or of the nature of usury. **usury** (ŭ'zhŭ-ri), *n.*

**usurp** (ŭ'zērp') [L. *ūsŭrpāre*, to employ, acquire], *v.t.* To seize or take possession of without right. **usurpation**, *n.* **usurp'er**, *n.*

**ut** (ut) [L., see GAMUT], *n.* The first or key note in Guido's musical scale (see GAMUT).

**utensil** (ŭ-ten'sil) [L. *utensilis*, fit for use], *n.* An implement, an instrument, esp. one used in domestic work.

**uterine** (ŭ'tēr-in) [L. *uterus*, womb], *a.* Pertaining to the womb; born of the same mother but not the same father. **uterus**, *n.* The womb.

**utilitarian** (ŭ-tĭl-i-tār'i-ān) [UTILITY, -ARIAN], *a.* Pertaining to utility or to utilitarianism. *n.* An advocate of utilitarianism. **utilitarianism**, *n.* The ethical doctrine that actions are right in proportion to their usefulness or as they tend to promote happiness, the doctrine of 'the greatest happiness of the greatest number.'

**utility** (ŭ-tĭl'i-ti) [L. *utilitas*, as USE], *n.* Usefulness, serviceableness; that which is useful. **utilization**, *n.* **utilize**, *v.t.* To make use of, to turn to account.

**utmost** (ŭt'mōst) [A.-S. *ūtemest*, superl. of *ūt*, out], *a.* Being at the farthest point or extremity; extreme, greatest, ultimate. *n.* The utmost extent or degree.

**Utopia** (ŭ-tō'pi-ā) [Gr. *ou*, not, *topos*, place, nowhere, title of Mcire's book (1516) describing a perfect social and political system], *n.* A state of ideal perfection. **Utopian**, *a.* Ideal; highly desirable but impracticable. *n.* An ardent but visionary reformer.

**utter** (1) (ŭt'ēr) [A.-S. *uttera*, comp. of *ūt*, out], *v.t.* Complete, perfect, entire; unconditional. **utterly**, *adv.* **uttermost**, *a.*

**utter** (2) [M.E. *utren*, as prec.], *v.t.* To give forth audibly; to put notes, base coin, etc., into circulation. **utterance**, *n.* Act of uttering; vocal expression; speech. **uvula** (ŭ'vŭ-lā) [dim. of L. *uva*, a bunch of grapes], *n.* (*pl.* -læ) A fleshy body hanging over the root of the tongue.

**uxorious** (ŭk-sŏr'i-ŭs) [L. *uxor*, wife], *a.* Excessively or foolishly fond of one's wife, doting. **uxorial**, *a.*

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**vacant** (vā'kánt) [L. *vacans* -ntem, pres.p. of *vacāre*, to be empty], *a.* Empty, unoccupied; at leisure; unintelligent, silly. **vacancy**, *n.* State of being vacant, emptiness; mental vacuity, inanity; empty space; an unfilled post or office. **vacate** (vā-kāt'), *v.t.* To give up occupation or possession of; to annul. **vacat'ion**, *n.* The act of vacating; a period of cessation of business or studies, a holiday.

**vaccinate** (vāk'si-nāt) [L. *vaccinus*, *a.*, from *vacca*, cow], *v.t.* To inoculate with vaccine or virus, to procure immunity from disease, esp. smallpox. **vaccina'tion**, *n.* **vaccine** (vāk'sin), *a.* Pertaining to, or obtained from cows; pertaining to vaccination. *n.* The virus of cowpox prepared for use in vaccination; any agent used for inoculation.

**vacillate** (vās'i-lāt) [L. *vacillātus*, p.p. of *vacillāre*], *v.i.* To sway to and fro; to waver between opinions; to be irresolute. **vacilla'tion**, *n.*

**vacuous** (vāk'ū-ūs) [L. *vacuus*, as **VACANT**], *a.* Empty, void; unintelligent, blank. **vacuity** (vā-kū'i-ti), *n.*

**vacuum** (vāk'ū-ūm) [L., neut. of prec.], *n.* A space completely devoid of matter; a vessel from which the air has been exhausted.

**vagabond** (vāg'ā-bōnd) [L. *vagabundus*, from *vagāri*, to wander], *a.* Wandering about, nomadic; drifting, aimless. *n.* A wanderer, esp. an idle or disreputable one, a vagrant; a rogue. **vagabondage**, *n.*

**vagary** (vā-gār'i) [as prec.], *n.* A whimsical idea, a freak. **vagarity** (-gār'i-ti), *n.*

**vagrant** (vā-gránt) [O.F. *vauçant*, pres.p. of *valcrer*, as **WALK**], *a.* Without a settled home; itinerant, strolling; unrestrained. *n.* A wanderer, a vagabond, a tramp, esp. one without visible means of subsistence. **vagrancy**, *n.*

**vague** (vāg) [L. *vagus*, wandering], *a.* Doubtful, ambiguous, indefinite. **vaguely**, *adv.* **vagueness**, *n.*

**vain** (vān) [L. *vānus*], *a.* Empty, unreal, worthless; unavailing; unprofitable; fallacious; proud of petty things, conceited, self-admiring; foolish. **vainglor'y**, *n.* Excessive vanity; pride, boastfulness. **vainglorious**, *a.* **vainly**, *adv.*

**valance** (vāl'āns) [? *Valence*, France], *n.* The hanging round the frame of a bedstead, etc.

**vale** (1) (vāl) [L. *vallis*], *n.* A valley.

**vale** (2) (vālē) [L., *int.* and *n.*]. Farewell.

**valediction** (vāl-ē-dik'shūn) [as prec., L. *dictus*, said], *n.* A bidding farewell; an adieu. **valedic'tory**, *a.* Bidding farewell; pertaining to or of the nature of a farewell. *n.* A parting oration.

**valentine** (vāl'en-tin), *n.* A sweetheart chosen on St. Valentine's day (14 Feb.), when birds were supposed to begin to mate; an amatory or satirical letter or picture sent to one of the opposite sex on this day.

**valerian** (vā-lēr'i-ān) [late L. *valēriana*], *n.* An herbaceous plant with clusters of pink or white flowers; a preparation from this used as a mild stimulant, etc.

**valet** (vāl'ēt, -ā) [F., as **VARLET**], *n.* A man-servant who attends on his master's person.

**valetudinarian** (vāl-ē-tū-di-nār'i-ān) [L. *valētūdo* -dinis, health], *a.* Sickly; seeking to recover health; morbidly anxious about one's health. *n.* An invalid.

**Valhalla** (vāl-hāl'ā) [Icel. *valhöll*, hall of the slain], *n.* The palace where the souls of heroes slain in battle were carried by the valkyries; a final resting-place of the great men of a nation.

**valiant** (vāl'yānt, -i-ānt) [O.F. *valant*, being worth], *a.* Brave, courageous, intrepid. **valiantly**, *adv.*

**valid** (vāl'id) [L. *validus*], *a.* Well-grounded, sound, cogent; binding. **validate**, *v.t.* To make valid, to confirm. **valid'ity**, *n.*

**valise** (vāl'ēs') [F.], *n.* A case for holding a traveller's clothes, etc., a small portmanteau.

**valkyrie** (vāl'kir-i) [Icel. *valkyrja*, chooser of the slain], *n.* One of twelve maidens of Valhalla who selected those destined to be slain in battle and conducted their souls to Valhalla.

**valley** (vāl'i) [O.F. *valee*, as **VALE** (1)], *n.* A depression in the earth's surface bounded by hills; any hollow between elevations of a surface.

**valour** (vāl'ör) [L. *valor*, from *valēre*, to be strong], *n.* Courage, esp. in fighting; prowess. **valorous**, *a.*

**value** (vāl'ū) [F., fem. of *valu*, p.p. of *valoir*, to be worth, as **VALOUR**], *n.* Worth; the desirability of a thing, the qualities that are the basis of this; market price; an equivalent; estimation; signification. *v.t.* To estimate the value of, to appraise; to rate highly, to prize. **val'uable**, *a.* Having great value, costly; capable of being appraised; estimable. **valua'tion**, *n.* Act of valuing; estimation of the value of a thing; estimated worth. **val'uator**, **val'uer**, *n.* One who values, an appraiser. **valueless**, *a.*

**valve** (vāl'v) [L. *valva*, leaf of folding door], *n.* A contrivance for permitting or preventing passage of a fluid, as water, gas, or steam. **valvular**, *a.* Acting as a valve; containing valves; valve-like.

**vamp** (vāmp) [M.F. *avant-pied*], *n.* The part of a boot upper in front of the ankle seams; (*fig.*) a patch for appearance's sake; (*Mus.*) an improvised accompaniment. *v.t.* To furbish (up); (*Mus.*) to improvise an accompaniment to.

**vampire** (vām'pir) [Serbian *vampir*], *n.* A ghost of some outcast, supposed to leave the grave at night and suck the blood of sleeping persons; (*fig.*) one who preys upon others; a blood-sucking bat.

**van** (1) (vān) [**VANGUARD**], *n.* The foremost division of an army or fleet; (*fig.*) leaders, the forefront.



- van** (2) [CARAVAN], *n.* A large covered vehicle for furniture, etc.; a closed railway-carriage for luggage or the guard.
- Vandal** (văn'däl) [L. *Vandalus*, from Teut.], *n.* One of a Teutonic race that overran Gaul, Rome, etc., in the 5th cent., destroying works of art; (*fig.*) one who destroys or dislikes a work of art. **vandalism**, *n.*
- vane** (văn) [A.-S. *fana*, small flag], *n.* A weathercock; a device on an axis turned by a current, as in a meter.
- vanguard** (văn'gard) [F. *avant*, before, GUARD], *n.* The troops who march in the front of an army, an advance-guard.
- vanilla** (văn-nil'ä) [Sp. *vainilla*, small pod], *n.* A genus of orchids, of tropical Asia and America, bearing fragrant flowers; the fruit of some species; an extract from this as a flavouring.
- vanish** (văn'ish) [M.E. *vanissen*, L. *evānescere*, as VAIN], *v.t.* To disappear suddenly; to become imperceptible, to pass away.
- vanity** (văn'i-ti) [L. *vānitas*, as VAIN], *n.* Quality or state of being vain; empty pride; ostentation; futility, unreality; that which is unreal or deceptive.
- vanquish** (văng'kwish) [L. *vincere*], *v.t.* To conquer, to subdue; to refute. **vanquisher**, *n.*
- vantage** (van'táj) [ADVANTAGE], *n.* Advantage; a situation, etc., favourable to success; (*Lawn-tennis*) the point scored by either side after deuce or five all.
- vantage-ground**, *n.* Superiority of position or place.
- vapid** (váp'id) [L. *vapidus*], *a.* Insipid, flat, spiritless. **vapid'ity**, *n.*
- vapour** (váp'pór) [L. *vapor*], *n.* Moisture in the air, light mist; the gaseous form of a substance that is normally liquid or solid; (*fig.*) a vain imagination. *v.t.* To give out vapour; to brag, to bluster.
- vaporize**, *v.* To turn or be turned into vapour.
- variable** (văr'i-äbl) [L. *variābilis*, as VARY], *a.* Capable of varying; changeable, fickle; able to be varied or adjusted; (*Math.*) quantitatively indeterminate; (*Biol.*) tending to variation. **variabil'ity**, *n.* **variably**, *adv.*
- variance** (văr'i-äns) [L. *variāntia*, as prec.], *n.* State of being variant; difference of opinion, dissension; (*Law*) disagreement between the allegations and proof or between the writ and the declaration.
- variant**, *a.* Showing variation, differing, tending to vary. *n.* A variant form, reading, type, etc.
- variation** (văr-i-ä'shùn) [L. *variātio*, as prec.], *n.* Act, process, or state of varying; alteration, deviation, mutation; (*Gram.*) inflexion.
- varicose** (văr-i-kös) [L. *varix*, a dilatation of a vein], *a.* Permanently dilated (of veins); intended for the cure of such veins.
- variegate** (văr-i-gät) [L. *variēgātus*, composed of different colours], *v.t.* To diversify in colour; to dapple, to chequer.
- variega'tion**, *n.*
- variety** (văr-i-é-ti) [L. *varietas*, as VARI-
- OUS**, *n.* Quality or state of being various; diversity, versatility; a collection of diverse things; a kind, a sort; (*Biol.*) an individual or group differing from type, a sub-species.
- variorum** (văr-i-ör'üm) [L., gen. of foll.], *a.* With notes of commentators inserted (of a work).
- various** (văr'i-üs) [L. *varius*], *a.* Differing from each other; several; uncertain, not uniform.
- varlet** (var'lét) [O.F. *vaslet*, dim. of VASSAL], *n.* A page, esp. one preparing to be a squire; a menial, a knave.
- varnish** (var'nish) [F. *vernis*], *n.* A thin resinous solution for giving a hard, shiny coating to wood, etc.; any lustrous appearance on leaves, of pottery, etc.; (*fig.*) superficial polish. *v.t.* To cover with varnish; (*fig.*) to gloss over.
- vary** (văr'i) [L. *variāre*, as VARIOUS], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. varied*) To alter in appearance, form, or substance; to modify. *v.i.* To be altered in any way; to differ, to be of different kinds.
- vascular** (väs'kü-lär) [L. *vas*, vessel], *a.* Of, consisting of, or containing ducts; containing or rich in blood-vessels.
- vase** (vaz, vawz, Sc. vās, Am. vās) [L. *vasum*], *n.* A vessel of pottery, etc., of various forms but usu. circular and ornamental.
- vaseline** (väs'é-lén) [G. *wasser*, water, Gr. *elaion*, oil], *n.* An unctuous substance obtained from petroleum, used as ointment and lubricant.
- vassal** (väs'al) [F., from Celt.], *n.* One holding land by feudal tenure; a slave; a low wretch. *a.* Servile. **vassalage**, *n.*
- vast** (vast) [L. *vastus*], *a.* Of great extent, huge, boundless; very great in numbers, amount, etc. **vastly**, *adv.* **\*vasty**, *a.*
- vat** (văt) [A.-S. *fæt*], *n.* A large tank or other vessel used in brewing and in many operations in which substances are boiled or steeped. *v.t.* To put into or treat in a vat.
- vaticinate** (vătis'i-năt) [L. *vāticināri*, to predict], *v.* To prophesy. **vaticina'tion**, *n.* **vatic'inator**, *n.*
- vaudeville** (vöd'vil) [F. *Vau* (*Val*) *de Vire*, Valley of the Vire], *n.* A slight dramatic sketch interspersed with songs and dances; a variety entertainment; a topical song.
- vault** (1) (vawit) [O.F. *voute*, vaulted, L. *volūtus*, rolled], *n.* An arched roof or chamber, esp. underground; a cellar; a place of interment under a church or in a cemetery; (*fig.*) the sky. *v.t.* To cover with a vault.
- vault** (2) [M.E. *volter*, as prec.], *v.t.* To leap, to spring, esp. from the hands or with a pole. *v.t.* To leap over thus. *n.* Such a leap.
- vaunt** (vawnt) [F. *vanter*, as VAIN], *v.t.* To boast, to brag. *v.t.* To boast of. *n.* A boast. **vauntingly**, *adv.*
- veal** (vêl) [O.F. *veel*, L. *vitellus*, calf], *n.* The flesh of a calf as food.
- vedette** (vé-det') [F., from L. *vidēre*, to

- see], *n.* A mounted sentinel in advance of an outpost; (*Nav.*) a small scouting vessel.
- veer** (vēr) [F. *virer*, L. *viria*, armlets], *v.t.* To change its direction (of the wind); to change about in opinion, etc.
- vegetable** (vej'ê-tâbl) [L. *vegetabilis*, from *vegetâre*, to quicken], *n.* A plant used for culinary purposes or for feeding cattle. *a.* Pertaining to or resembling a plant or made of or pertaining to culinary vegetables; applied to the kingdom or division of organic nature comprising plants. *veg'-etal, a.* Pertaining to or of the nature of plants; common to plants and animals (of the functions of nutrition, growth, etc.). **vegetarian** (-târ'i-ân), *n.* One who lives on vegetable food, and usu. eggs, milk, etc. *a.* Pertaining to vegetarians. **vegetarianism**, *n.* *veg'etate, v.t.* To grow in the manner of a plant; (*fig.*) to live an idle, monotonous life. **vegetation**, *n.* *vegetative, a.*
- vehement** (vê'ê-mént) [O.F., from L. *vehemens*], *a.* Proceeding from or exhibiting intense fervour; ardent, passionate, impetuous. **vehemence**, *n.*
- vehicle** (vê'ikl) [L. *vehiculum*, from *vehere*, to carry], *n.* Any kind of carriage or conveyance for use on land, having wheels or runners; a liquid medium for pigments, medicinal substances, etc.; an agent or medium for the transmission of thought, feeling, etc. **vehicular** (vê-hîk'-), *a.*
- vell** (vâl) [L. *vellum*], *n.* A semi-transparent piece of muslin, etc., concealing or shading the face; a drapery for concealing or protecting an object; (*fig.*) a disguise, a pretext. *v.t.* To cover with a vell; to hide, to disguise.
- vein** (vân) [L. *vena*], *n.* A tubular vessel conveying blood to the heart; (*loosely*) any blood-vessel; a rib in an insect's wing or a leaf; a fissure in rock filled with material deposited by water, a seam; a streak of different colour in wood, marble, etc.; a distinctive trait; particular mood. *v.t.* To fill or cover with, or as with veins. **veiny, a.**
- veldt** (felt) [Dut. *veld*, field], *n.* (*S. Afr.*) Open treeless country suitable for pasturage.
- vellum** (vel'âm) [F. *velin*, as *VEAL*], *n.* A fine parchment orig. made of calf-skin.
- velocity** (vê-loſ'i-ti) [F. *vélocité*, L. *vêlôci-tas*, from *vêlox*, swift], *n.* Swiftness, rapid motion; rate of motion.
- velure** (vel'ûr) [F. *velours*, from L. *villus*, shaggy hair], *n.* Velvet, or fabric resembling this.
- velvet** (vel'vét) [as prec.], *n.* A closely woven silken fabric with a cut pile on one side; the furry skin over growing antlers. *a.* Velvety. *velvety, a.* *velveteen', n.* A cotton velvet or cotton fabric with a velvet-pile; (*pl.*) a gamekeeper.
- venal** (vê'nâl) [L. *vendâlis*, from *vendus*, sale], *a.* Ready to be bribed or to sacrifice honour or principle for sordid considerations; mercenary. **venal'ity, n.**
- vend** (vend) [L. *vendere*, as *VENAL*], *v.t.* To sell. **vender, vendor, n.** **vendible, a.** **vendetta** (ven-det'â) [It., L. *vindicta*, as *VINDICTIVE*], *n.* A blood-feud (often carried on for generations), esp. in Corsica, Sardinia, and Sicily; this practice.
- veneer** (vê-nêr') [G. *furniren*, to inlay], *v.t.* To cover with a thin layer of fine wood; to put a superficial polish on, to gloss over. *n.* A thin layer of superior wood; (*fig.*) superficial polish.
- venerable** (ven'êr-âbl) [L. *venerâbilis*, as foll.], *a.* Worthy of veneration; rendered sacred; applied as a title to archdeacons, and to one who has attained the first degree in canonization (*R.-C. Ch.*).
- venerate** (ven'êr-ât) [L. *venerâtus*, adored], *v.t.* To regard or treat with profound deference, to revere. **veneration, n.**
- Venetian** (vê-nê'shân), *a.* Pertaining to Venice, in N. Italy. *n.* A native of Venice; (*pl.*) a heavy kind of tape or braid used in venetian blinds. **venetian blind**: A window blind made of slats of wood arranged so as to turn.
- vengeance** (ven'jâns) [F., from *venger*, to avenge, as *VINDICATE*], *n.* Punishment in return for an injury, retribution; chief, evil. **vengeful, a.** *Vindictive, revengeful.*
- venial** (vê-ni-âl) [L. *venia*, pardon], *a.* That may be pardoned or excused.
- venison** (ven'zôn) [L. *venditiōnem* (nom. -tio), as *VENERY*], *n.* The flesh of the deer as food.
- venom** (ven'ôm) [L. *venenum*, poison], *n.* Poison secreted by serpents, etc.; (*fig.*) spite, malignity. **venomous, a.**
- vent** (vent) [F. *fente*, from L. *findere*, to cleave], *n.* A hole for the passage of air, water, etc., an outlet; free play, utterance, etc. *v.t.* To give vent to; to utter, to pour forth.
- ventilate** (ven'ti-lât) [L. *ventilâtus*, winnowed, from *ventus*, wind], *v.t.* To supply with fresh air; (*fig.*) to give publicity to. **ventila'tion, n.** **ventilator, n.**
- ventral** (ven'trâl) [L. *venter*, stomach], *a.* Situated on the anterior surface (of fins).
- ventriloquism** (ven-tril'ô-kwizm) [L. *venter*, stomach, *loqui*, to speak], *n.* The act or art of producing sounds that appear to come from elsewhere than the person speaking. **ventriloquist, n.** **ventriloquy, n.**
- venture** (ven'chûr) [ADVENTURE], *n.* The undertaking of a risk, a hazard; a risky undertaking; a commercial speculation; that which is risked. *v.t.* To expose to risk, to hazard, to stake. *v.i.* To dare; to have the presumption (to). **venture-some, venturous, a.**
- venue** (ven'û) [F., arrival], *n.* (*Law*) The place or country where a crime is alleged to have been committed.
- veracious** (vê-râ'shûs) [L. *vêrax*, from *vêrus*, true], *a.* Habitually truthful; characterized by truth and accuracy. **veracity** (-âs'i-ti), *n.*
- veranda** (vê-rân'dâ) [Port. *varanda*], *n.* A light gallery with a roof on pillars, along the outside of a house.



**verb** (vərb) [L. *verbum*, word], *n.* That part of speech which predicates, a word that asserts something in regard to something else (the subject). **verbal**, *a.* Pertaining to words; respecting words only, not ideas, etc.; literal; (*Gram.*) pertaining to a verb; spoken, not written. **verbally**, *adv.* **verba'tim**, *adv.* Word for word.

**verbena** (vēr-bē'ná) [L.], *n.* A large genus of plants, of which the common vervain is the type.

**verbiage** (vēr'bi-āj) [as **VERB**], *n.* The use of many words without necessity, wordiness. **verbose** (-bōs'), *a.* Using or containing more words than are necessary. **verbosity** (-bos'i-ti), *n.*

**verdant** (vēr'dánt) [O.F., from L. *viridans*, growing green, from *viridis*, green], *a.* Green; covered with growing grass; fresh, flourishing; (*slang*) easily taken in. **verdancy**, *n.*

**verdict** (vēr-dikt) [L. *vērē*, truly, **DICTUM**], *n.* The decision of a jury in a trial; decision, judgment.

**verdigris** (vēr-dē-gris) [A.-F. *vert de Grece*, green of Greece], *n.* A green crystalline substance formed on copper by the action of dilute acetic acid; greenish rust on copper, etc.

**verdure** (vēr-dyūr) [F., as **VERDANT**], *n.* Greenness of vegetation or foliage.

**verge** (1) (vērij) [L. *virga*, rod], *n.* The extreme edge; the grass-edging of a bed; a rod or staff of authority, esp. one carried before a bishop; a spindle in a watch, loom, etc. **verger**, *n.* An officer carrying the verge before a bishop or other dignitary; a church official acting as usher.

**verge** (2) [L. *vergere*, to incline], *v.i.* To approach, come near, border (on).

**veridical** (vēr-id'i-kál) [L. *vērūs*, true, *dicere*, to say], *a.* Truthful, veracious.

**verify** (vēr'i-fi) [L. *vērūs*, true, -FY], *v.i.* To confirm or to inquire into the truth of, to authenticate; (*Law*) to affirm under oath. **verifiable**, *a.* **verification**, *n.*

**\*verily** (vēr'i-li) [M.E. *veraily* (**VERY**, -LY)], *adv.* In very truth, assuredly.

**verisimilitude** (vēr-i-si-mil'i-tūd) [L. *vērūs*, true, *similis*, like], *n.* The appearance of or resemblance to truth; probability, likelihood.

**veritable** (vēr'i-tábl) [as foll.], *a.* Real, genuine; actual, true. **veritably**, *adv.*

**verity** (vēr'i-ti) [L. *vēritas*, from *vērūs*, true], *n.* Truth; a true statement; a fact.

**verjuice** (vēr'joos) [F. *vert*, green, **JUICE**], *n.* An acid liquid expressed from crab-apples, etc.

**vermicelli** (vēr-mi-sel'i) [It., pl. of *vermicello*, dim. of *verme*, worm], *n.* A wheaten paste in the form of long slender tubes like macaroni.

**vermicide** (vēr'mi-sid) [L. *vermis*, worm, -CIDE], *n.* A medicine that kills worms.

**vermicidal**, *a.* **vermic'ular**, *a.* Pertaining to a worm; resembling the motion or track of a worm; worm-eaten in appearance; vermiform. **vermiform**, *a.* Worm-shaped.

**vermillion** (vēr-mil'yón) [F. *vermillon*, from L. *vermiculus*, dim. of *vermis*, worm], *n.* A brilliant red pigment; the colour of this. *a.* Of a beautiful red colour.

**vermin** (vēr'min) [F. *vermine*, from L. *vermis*, a worm], *n.* A collective name for mischievous, noxious, or offensive animals, birds, insects, etc. **verminate**, *v.i.* To breed vermin, to become infested with parasites. **verminous**, *a.*

**vermuth** (vēr'mooth) [G. *wermuth*, worm-wood], *n.* A liqueur flavoured with worm-wood.

**vernacular** (vēr-nāk'ū-lár) [L. *vernāculus*, pertaining to home-born slaves], *a.* Belonging to the country of one's birth (of language, idiom, etc.). One's native tongue, idiom, or dialect.

**vernal** (vēr'nál) [L. *vernus*, pertaining to spring], *a.* Pertaining to, prevailing, done, or appearing in spring.

**vernier** (vēr'ni-ār) [Pierre Vernier (d. 1637), inventor], *n.* A movable scale for measuring fractions of the divisions of the scale on a measuring instrument.

**veronica** (vè-rón'i-ká) [Gr. *Berenikē*, woman's name], *n.* A herb, with blue, purple, or white flowers; the speedwell.

**versatile** (vēr'sá-til) [L. *versātilis*, from *versare*, to turn], *a.* Readily applying oneself to new subjects, etc., many-sided; inconstant. **versatility** (-til'i-ti), *n.*

**verse** (vēr's) [L. *versus*, a turning, as prec.], *n.* A metrical line consisting of a certain number of feet; (*pop.*) a stanza; metrical composition as dist. from prose; a division of a chapter of the Bible. **versicle**, *n.* A short verse, esp. one of a series recited in divine service by the minister alternately with the people. **vers'ify**, *v.i.* To turn (prose) into verse; to narrate in verse; *v.i.* To make verses. **versification**, *n.* **versifier**, *n.* A rhymster.

**versed** (vēr'st) [L. *versātus*, as **VERSATILE**], *a.* Skilled, experienced, proficient (in); (*Trig.*) reversed (of sines).

**version** (vēr'shun) [L. *versio*, from *vertere*, to turn], *n.* A translation; act of translating; the rendering of a passage into another language; an account or description of something from one's point of view. **ver'so**, *n.* A left-hand page of a book; the reverse of a coin or medal.

**verst** (vēr'st) [Rus. *versta*], *n.* A Russian measure of length, nearly two-thirds of a mile.

**vertebra** (vēr'té-brá) [L., from *vertere*, to turn], *n.* (*pl.* -bræ) One of the bony segments of the spine. **vertebral**, *a.* **vertebrata**, *n.pl.* A division of animals comprising those with a backbone. **vertebrate**, *a.* and *n.*

**vertex** (vēr'téks) [L., whirlpool], *n.* (*pl.* -tices, -ti-séz) The highest point, the apex; the zenith. **vertical**, *a.* Pertaining to, or situated at the highest point; situated at or passing through the zenith; perpendicular to the plane of the horizon.

**vertigo** (vēr'ti-gō) [L., as prec.], *n.* Dizzi-

ness; a feeling as if one were whirling round. **vertiginous** (-tij'i-nŭs), *a.*

**verve** (vĕrv) [F.], *n.* Spirit, energy.

**very** (vĕr'i) [as VERACIOUS], *a.* Real, true, genuine, self-same. *adv.* In a high degree; greatly, extremely, exceedingly.

**vesper** (ves'pĕr) [L.], *n.* The evening star, Venus; (*fig.*) evening; (*pl.*) the sixth of the seven canonical hours, the evening service. *a.* Pertaining to the evening or to vespers.

**vessel** (ves'ĕl) [O.F. *vaissel*, L. *vascellum*], *n.* A hollow receptacle, esp. for holding liquids; a ship; (*Anat.*) a duct in which blood or other fluids are conveyed.

**vest** (vest) [L. *vestis*, garment, from *vestire*, to clothe], *n.* A waistcoat; a singlet. *v.t.* To invest or endow (with authority, etc.); to confer an immediate fixed right of possession of (property in a person). *v.i.* (of property, right, etc.) To come or take effect (in a person). **vested**, *a.* Robed; (*Law*) held by or fixed in a person, not subject to contingency.

**Vesta** (ves'tā) [L.], *n.* (*Rom. Myth.*) The goddess of the hearth and the hearth-fire.

**vesta**, *n.* A wax match igniting by friction.

**vestal**, *a.* Pertaining to Vesta or to her priestesses, the vestal virgins, who were vowed to perpetual chastity; (*fig.*) pure, chaste. *n.* A woman of spotless chastity; a nun.

**vestibule** (ves'ti-bŭl) [L. *vestibulum*], *n.* A hall or lobby next the outer door of a house.

**vestige** (ves'tij) [L. *vestigium*, footstep], *n.* A sign, a mark or trace of something no longer present or in existence; a particle.

**vestment** (vest'mĕnt) [L. *vestimentum*, as *VEST*], *n.* A garment, esp. a robe of state or office.

**vestry** (ves'tri) [L. *vestiārium*, wardrobe], *n.* A room in a church in which the vestments are kept; a meeting of the ratepayers of a parish or of their representatives for dealing with parochial business. **vestryman**, *n.* A member of a vestry.

**vesture** (ves'tyūr) [L. *vestitūra*, as *VEST*], *n.* (*poet.*) Dress, apparel; a covering.

**vetch** (vech) [O.F. *vece*, L. *vicia*], *n.* A plant of the bean family used for forage.

**veteran** (vet'er-ān) [L. *veterānus*, from *vetus*, old], *a.* Grown old or experienced, esp. in the military service; pertaining to veterans. *n.* One who has had long experience in any occupation, esp. a soldier.

**veterinary** (vet'er-i-nār-i) [L. *veterinārius*], *a.* Pertaining to treatment of the diseases of domestic animals. *n.* A veterinary surgeon.

**veto** (vĕ'tō) [L., I forbid], *n.* The power or right of forbidding or negating; the act of exercising such right; any authoritative prohibition or refusal. *v.t.* To refuse approval to (a Bill, etc.); to prohibit.

**vex** (veks) [L. *vexāre*], *v.t.* To cause trouble to, to irritate. **vexa'tion**, *n.* Act of vexing or state of being vexed; irritation, annoyance, trouble; that which causes this. **vexatious**, *a.* **vexed** (vekst), *a.*

Annoyed, worried; much debated or contested.

**via** (vi-ā) [L.], *adv.* By way of, through.

**viaduct** (vi-ā-dŭkt) [L. *via ducta* (VIA, *ducta*, fem. p.p. *dūcere*, to lead)], *n.* A bridge composed of a considerable number of arches.

**vial** (vi'al) [PHIAL], *n.* A small cylindrical glass vessel for liquids.

**viant** (vi'and) [L. *vivenda*, things to live on, from *vivere*, to live], *n.* (*pl.*) Articles of food.

**vibrate** (vi'brāt, vi-brāt') [L. *vibrātus*, shaken], *v.i.* To move to and fro rapidly; to thrill, quiver, throb. *v.t.* To cause to swing, oscillate, or quiver. **vibrant**, *a.* Vibrating, tremulous; resonant. **vibra'tion**, *n.* Act of vibrating; oscillation.

**vicar** (vik'ār) [L. *vicārius*, see VICE-], *n.* A parish priest who receives a stipend, not the tithes. **vicar apostolic** (*R.-C. Ch.*) A titular bishop. **vicar-general**, *n.* An officer appointed by a bishop as his assistant. **vicarage**, *n.* The benefice of a vicar; his residence. **vicarious** (vi-kār'i-ŭs), *a.* Deputed, delegated; performed, done, or suffered for or instead of another.

**vice** (1) (vis) [L. *vitium*], *n.* An evil practice or habit; gross immorality, depravity; a fault, a defect.

**vice** (2) [F. *vis*, screw, L. *vitis*, vine], *n.* An instrument with two jaws between which an object may be clamped securely; (*fig.*) a grip, a grasp.

**vice** (3) (vi'sé) [as VICE-], *prep.* In place of. **vice-** [L., by change], *pref.* Denoting one acting as deputy of another or one next in rank.

**vicegerent** (vis-jer'ént) [VICE-, L. *gerens* -ntem, carrying on], *n.* An officer exercising delegated authority, a deputy. **vicegerency**, *n.*

**viceregal** (vis-rĕ'gāl), *a.* Viceroyal. **vice-reine** (-rān) [F., queen], *n.* The wife of a viceroy.

**viceroy** (vis'roi) [VICE-, F. *roi*, king], *n.* A ruler acting with royal authority in a colony, dependency, etc. **viceroyal**, *a.* **viceroyalty**, *n.*

**vice versa** (vi'sé vĕr'sā) [VICE (3), L. *versa*, turned], *adv.* The relation being inverted, the other way round.

**vicinage** (vis'i-nāj) [F. *voisinage*, from *voisin*, neighbour], *n.* Neighbourhood, vicinity. **vicin'ity**, *n.* The neighbourhood, the surrounding district; proximity.

**vicious** (vi'sh'ŭs) [F. *vicieux*, as VICE (1)], *a.* Characterized by some vice; imperfect, corrupt; contrary to moral principles; depraved; spiteful. **viciously**, *adv.* **viciousness**, *n.*

**vicissitude** (vi-sis'i-tŭd) [L. *vicissim*, by turns], *n.* A change of condition, circumstances, fortune, etc.

**victim** (vik'tim) [L. *victima*], *n.* A living creature sacrificed to some deity, or destroyed or injured in pursuit of some object; a dupe. **victimize**, *v.t.* To make a victim of; to swindle. **victimiza'tion**, *n.*



**victor** (vik'tór) [L., from *victus*, conquered], *n.* One who conquers in battle or wins in a contest.

**victoria** (vik-tór'i-á) [Queen *Victoria* (1819, 1837-1901), as foll.], *n.* A four-wheeled carriage for two persons with a falling top. **Victorian**, *a.* Pertaining to or flourishing in the reign of *Victoria*. *n.* A person, esp. a writer, flourishing then.

**victory** (vik'tó-ri) [L. *victoria*, as **VICTOR**], *n.* The defeat of an enemy or opponent. **victorious** (-tór'i-ús), *a.* Having conquered in battle or any contest, triumphant.

**victual** (vitl) [L. *victualis*, pertaining to nourishment], *n.* (*usu. in pl.*) Food, provisions. *v.* To supply with or lay in provisions. **victualer**, *n.* One who supplies victuals, esp. an innkeeper.

**vide** (vi'dē) [L., see], *v. imper.* See (in reference to a passage in a book, etc.).

**videlicet** (vi-dē'lī-sēt) [L., for *vidēre licet*, it is allowable to see], *adv.* Namely, to wit (abbrev. to *viz.*).

**vie** (vī) [M.E. *envien*, as **INVITE**], *v.i.* To strive for superiority; to be equal or superior (with or in). **vying**, *a.*

**view** (vū) [O.F. *veue*, fem. p.p. of *voir*, to see], *n.* A look; range of vision; power of seeing; a scene, a prospect; a picture of this; a mental survey; manner of looking at things; judgment, opinion; intention, design. *v.t.* To examine with the eye; to survey intellectually; to consider, to form a mental impression of.

**vigil** (vij'il) [L., awake], *n.* Keeping awake during hours of rest, watchfulness; the eve of a festival; (*pl.*) nocturnal devotions.

**vigilance**, *n.* State of being vigilant. **vigilant**, *a.*

**vignette** (vin-yet') [F.], *n.* (*Arch.*) An ornament of tendrils and vine-leaves; an ornamental flourish; an engraving without a definite border; head-and-shoulders portrait with a background shading off gradually.

**vigour** (vig'ór) [L.  *vigor*], *n.* Active strength or energy; vital force, robustness; exertion of strength; forcibleness. **vigorous**, *a.*

**viking** (vi'king) [Icel. *vikingr*], *n.* A pirate, esp. a Scandinavian warrior of the 8th-10th cent.

**vile** (vil) [L. *vilis*, base], *a.* Worthless, depraved, villainous, odious; abominable.

**vilely**, *adv.* **vileness**, *n.* **vilify** (vil'i-fi), *v.t.* To traduce, to defame. **vilifica'tion**, *n.* Defamation, abuse.

**villa** (vil'á) [L., farm-house], *n.* A country house; a suburban house.

**village** (vil'áj) [L. *villaticus*, pertaining to a villa], *n.* A small assemblage of houses. *a.* Rustic, countrified. **villager**, *n.* An inhabitant of a village.

**villain** (vil'an) [O.F. *vilein*, servile], *n.* A person guilty or capable of crime; a scoundrel; (*Hist.*) a feudal serf. **villainage**, *n.* **villainous**, *a.* Characteristic of a villain; depraved, vile. **villainously**, *adv.* **villainy**, *n.*

**vim** (vim) [L., acc. of *vis*], *n.* Energy, vigour.

**vinaigrette** (vin-á-gret') [F.], *n.* An ornamental bottle or perforated case for holding aromatic vinegar, a smelling-bottle.

**vindicate** (vin'di-kát) [L. *vindicatus*, p.p. of *vindicāre*, to lay claim to], *v.t.* To maintain (a claim, etc.) against attack or denial; to defend; to prove to be valid, to establish, justify. **vindica'tion**, *n.* **vin'dicative**, *a.* **vindicator**, *n.* **vindicatory**, *a.* Tending to vindicate or justify; punitive.

**vindictive** (vin-dik'tiv) [**VINDICATIVE**], *a.* Revengeful; characterized or prompted by revenge.

**vine** (vin) [F. *vigne*, L. *vinum*, wine], *n.* A slender climbing plant, esp. the grapevine. **vinery**, *n.* A greenhouse for vines.

**vineyard** (vin'yárd), *n.* A plantation of grape-vines. **vin'iculture**, *n.* The cultivation of grape-vines. **vinous** (vi'nús), *a.* Pertaining to, or having the qualities of wine.

**vinegar** (vin'é-gár) [L. *vinum*, wine, O.F. *aigre*, keen], *n.* An acid liquid obtained by acetous fermentation from wine, etc.; (*fig.*) anything sour. **vinegarish**, **vinegary**, *a.*

**vintage** (vin'táj) [F. *vendange*, L. *vindemia*, grape-harvest], *n.* The yield of a vine-district for a particular season; the season of gathering grapes; wine. **vintner**, *n.* A wine-merchant.

**viol** (vi'ól) [F. *virole*, as fiddle], *n.* A mediæval stringed musical instrument; a violoncello. **viola** (1) (vë'ó-, vi'ó-lá) [It.], *n.* The alto or tenor violin.

**viola** (2) (vi'ó-lá) [L., violet], *n.* A plant of the genus containing the violet and pansy.

**violate** (vi'ó-lát) [L. *violātus*, injured], *v.t.* To infringe, break, or disobey (a law, obligation, duty, etc.); to profane, desecrate; to outrage. **violable**, *a.* **viola'tion**, *n.* **violator**, *n.*

**violence** (vi'ó-léns) [L. *violentia*], *n.* State or quality of being violent; injury, outrage; vehemence, impetuosity of feeling, action, etc. **violent**, *a.* Vehement, impetuous, furious; intense, immoderate; not natural (of death). **violently**, *adv.*

**violet** (vi'ó-lét) [**VIOLA** (2)], *n.* The sweet violet, the dog violet, and some other species of the genus *Viola*, with small blue, purple, or white flowers. *a.* Of the colour of violet.

**violin** (vi'ó-lin') [It. *violino*, dim. of **VIOLA** (1)], *n.* A musical instrument with four strings, played with a bow. **violinist**, *n.*

**violoncello** (vë'ó-lon-chel'ó), *n.* A large and powerful violin played while rested on the ground between the legs. **violoncellist**, *n.*

**viper** (vi'pér) [L. *vípera*], *n.* A venomous snake, the only poisonous British snake; (*fig.*) a mischievous or malignant person. **viperine**, **viperish**, **viperous**, *a.*

**virago** (vi-rá'gō) [L.], *n.* An impudent, turbulent woman; a termagant.

**virelay** (vir'é-lā) [O.F. *virelai*], *n.* An old form of French verse with two rhymes to a stanza and a refrain.

**virgin** (vēr'jin) [O.F. *virgine*, L. *virgo-ginis*], *n.* A maiden; a member of an order of women under vows of chastity; Virgo, one of the ancient zodiacal constellations. *a.* Being or befitting a virgin; pure, chaste; maidenly, modest; untried, not brought into cultivation. **virginal**, *a.* Pertaining to or befitting a virgin; chaste, maidenly. **virginity** (-jin'i-ti), *n.*

**viridescent** (vir-i-des'ent) [L. *viridis*, green], *a.* Greenish; becoming slightly green. **viridescence**, *n.* **viridity**, *n.* Greenness, the colour of fresh vegetation.

**virile** (vir'il) [L. *virilis*, from *vir*, man], *a.* Pertaining to man or the male sex; masculine, manly. **virility**, *n.*

**virtu** (vir-too') [It.], *n.* Love of or taste for the fine arts. **virtuo'so**, *n.* A connoisseur of articles of vertu; a skilled exponent of some fine art. **virtuos'ity**, *n.*

**virtue** (vēr'tū) [M.E. *vertu*, L. *virtus*, as *VIRILE*], *n.* Moral excellence, goodness, rectitude; conformity with morality or duty; chastity, esp. in women; inherent power or efficacy. **virtual**, *a.* Being such in essence though not in name; equivalent in effect. **virtually**, *adv.* **virtuoso**, etc. [VIRTU]. **virtuous**, *a.* Morally good; chaste. **virtuously**, *adv.* **virtuousness**, *n.*

**virulent** (vir'ū-lent) [L. *virulentus*, from *foli.*], *a.* Extremely poisonous; (*fig.*) extremely bitter or malignant. **virulence**, *n.* **virulently**, *adv.*

**virus** (vir'ūs) [L., slime, poison], *n.* A morbid poison, esp. the germ in contagious disease; (*fig.*) any moral taint or corrupting influence; malignity.

**vis** (vis) [L.], *n.* (*Mech.*) Force, energy.

**visage** (viz'āj) [F., from L. *visus*], *n.* The face, the countenance. **visaged**, *a.* Having a visage or look of a particular type.

**vis-à-vis** (vē-zā-vē') [F.], *adv.* Face to face, opposite to. *n.* A person facing another; a carriage for two sitting *vis-à-vis*.

**viscera** (vis'ēr-ā) [L., pl. of *viscus*], *n. pl.* The internal organs of the great cavities of the body, esp. the intestines. **visceral**, *a.* **viscid** (vis'id) [L. *viscidus*], *a.* Sticky; semifluid in consistency. **viscid'ity**, *n.* **viscous**, *a.*

**viscount** (vi'kount) [VICE, COUNT (2)], *n.* A noble ranking next below an earl, and above a baron. **viscountcy**, *n.* **viscountess**, *n.*

**visé** (vēzā) [F., p.p. *viser*, to inspect], *n.* An official endorsement on a passport showing that it has been examined and found correct.

**visible** (vis'ibl) [L. *visibilis*], *a.* Perceptible by the eye; in view, conspicuous. **visibil'ity**, *n.* State of being visible. **visibly**, *adv.*

**vision** (vizh'ūn) [L. *visio*], *n.* Act or faculty of seeing, sight; that which is seen:

a supernatural or prophetic apparition; a creation of the imagination. **visional**, *a.* **visionary**, *a.* Existing in a vision or in the imagination only; unreal.

**visit** (viz'it) [L. *visitare*, freq. of *visere*, to behold], *v.t.* To go or come to see; to come upon, to afflict (of diseases, etc.); to bless. *v.i.* To call on or visit people; to keep up friendly intercourse. *n.* Act of visiting; a call; a stay or sojourn (with or at). **visita'tion**, *n.* Act of visiting; a formal or official visit for the purpose of inspection, correction, etc.; a divine dispensation, esp. a chastisement or affliction. **visiting-book**, *n.* One in which calls received or intended are entered. **visiting-card**, *n.* A small card, bearing one's name, etc. **visitor**, *n.* One who makes a call; one who visits a place; an inspecting officer.

**visor** (viz'ör) [A.-F. *visere*, as *VISAGE*], *n.* The movable part of a helmet defending the face; a mask.

**vista** (vis'tā) [It., from L. *vidēre*, to see], *n.* A long view shut in at the sides.

**visual** (vizh'ū-āl) [F., from L. *visus*, sight], *a.* Pertaining to or used in sight or seeing. **visualize**, *v.t.* To make visible; to give a visible form to (an idea, etc.).

**vital** (vi'tāl) [F., from L. *vita*, life], *a.* Pertaining to, necessary to, supporting, or affecting life; indispensable. *n. pl.* The organs essential to life, as the heart, brain, etc. **vital'ity**, *n.* **vi'talize**, *v.t.* To give life to; to animate. **vitally**, *adv.*

**vitamine** (vi'tā-min) [L. *vita*, life, AMMONIA], *n.* One of a group of substances, found in very small amounts in fresh vegetables, which are essential to normal metabolism.

**vitiate** (vish'i-āt) [L. *vitare*, as *VICE* (1)], *v.t.* To impair the quality of; to corrupt; to render ineffectual. **vitia'tion**, *n.*

**vitreous** (vit'rē-ūs) [L. *vitrum*, glass], *a.* Consisting of, resembling, or obtained from glass. **vitreos'ity**, *n.* **vitric**, *a.* Of or like glass. **vitriify**, *v.t.* To convert into glass or a glassy substance by heat and fusion. **vitriifica'tion**, *n.*

**vitriol** (vit'ri-öl) [L. *vitreolus*], *n.* Sulphuric acid, or any salt of this, a sulphate; (*fig.*) malignancy, caustic criticism, etc. **vitriol'ic**, *a.*

**vituperate** (vi-tū'pēr-āt) [L. *vitium*, VICE (1), *parare*, to get ready], *v.t.* To upbraid, to abuse, rail at. **vitupera'tion**, *n.* **vitup'orative**, *a.*

**vivacious** (vi-vā'shūs) [L. *vivere*, to live], *a.* Lively, animated, gay; (*Bot.*) living through the winter, perennial. **vivac'ity**, *n.* Animation, charm.

**viva voce** (vē-vā-vō'sé) [L., with the living voice], *adv.* and *a.* By word of mouth, orally.

**vivid** (viv'id) [L. *vivus*, living], *a.* Lively; very bright, brilliant; clear, highly coloured.

**vivify** (viv'i-fi) [as *prec.*, -FY], *v.t.* To give life to; to enliven.

**viviparous** (vi-vip'ā-rūs) [L. *vivus*, alive,



*parere*, to produce], *a.* Bringing forth young alive.

**vivisection** (viv-i-sek'shún) [L. *vivus*, alive, SECTION], *n.* The dissection of or experimentation on living animals. **viv'isect**, *v.t.* To dissect (a living animal). **vivi-sector**, *n.*

**vixen** (vik'sén) [A.-S. *fyxen*], *n.* A she-fox; (*fig.*) a shrewish woman; a scold. **vixenish**, *a.*

**vizier** (vi-zér') [Arab. *wazir*, counsellor], *n.* A high officer of State in Mohammedan countries.

**vocable** (vô'kábl) [L. *vocāre*, to call], *n.* A word.

**vocabulary** (vô-káb'û-lár-i) [as prec.], *n.* A list of words used in a language, science, book, etc.; the stock of words at one's command.

**vocal** (vô'kál) [L. *vôcālis*, as VOICE], *a.* Pertaining to the voice; having a voice; uttered or produced by the voice; (*Phon.*) not surd; (*Gram.*) having the character of a vowel. **vocal'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to or consisting of vowel sounds. **vo'calist**, *n.* A singer. **vo'cally**, *adv.*

**vocation** (vô-kā'shún) [as VOCABLE], *n.* A call to follow a particular career, or undertake a duty, occupation, etc.; one's calling. **vocational**, *a.*

**vocative** (vok'á-tiv) [L. *vocātīvus*, as prec.], *a.* Pertaining to or used in addressing a person or thing. *n.* The case of a noun used in addressing a person or thing.

**vociferate** (vô-sif'ér-ât) [VOICE, L. *ferre*, to bear], *v.t.* To bawl, to shout. **vocifera-tion**, *n.* **vociferous**, *a.* **vociferously**, *adv.*

**vodka** (vod'ká) [Rus.], *n.* A strong spirituous liquor distilled from rye, used in Russia.

**vogue** (vôg) [F.], *n.* Fashion prevalent at any particular time; currency, popular acceptance, usage.

**voice** (vois) [M.E. and O.F. *vois*, L. *vox*], *n.* The sound in speaking, singing, etc.; the faculty of vocal utterance, language; one's opinion, one's right to express this, one's choice or vote; one expressing the will or judgment of others; (*Phon.*) sound produced by the breath acting on the vocal cords; (*Gram.*) the verb-form expressing the relation of the subject to the action. *v.t.* To give utterance to, to express. **voiced**, *a.* Sonant.

**void** (void) [O.F.], *a.* Empty; having no holder or occupant; free from; ineffectual; null, invalid. *n.* An empty space. *v.t.* To nullify; to evacuate. **voidable**, *a.*

**volatile** (vol'á-tíl) [F., from L. *volāre*, to fly], *a.* Readily evaporating; (*fig.*) lively, sprightly; changeable. **volatil'ity**, *n.*

**volcano** (vol-kā'nô) [L. *volcānus*, VULCAN], *n.* A mountain from the top of which lava, cinders, gases, etc., are ejected. **volcan'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to or produced by a volcano.

**vole** (völ) [Icel. *völur*, field], *n.* A mouse-like rodent; the water-rat.

**volition** (vô-lish'ün) [L. *volūtiō*], *n.* Exercise of the will; the power of willing.

**volley** (vol'i) [F. *volée*, flight], *n.* A flight

of missiles; the missiles thus discharged; (*fig.*) a noisy outburst or emission of many things at once; a return of the ball at tennis, etc., before it touches the ground. *v.t.* To discharge or return in a volley. *v.i.* To fly in or discharge a volley; to fire together (of guns).

**volplane** (vol'plān) [L. *volāre*, to fly, PLANE (3)], *v.i.* (*Aeroplane*) To fly downwards at a high angle.

**volt** [VOLTA-], *n.* The unit of electromotive force.

**volta-** (Alessandro Volta (1745-1827), It. physicist), *comb. form.* **voltage**, *n.* Electromotive force as measured or expressed in volts. **volta'ic**, *a.* Pertaining to electricity produced by chemical action or contact, galvanic. **voltaism** (vol'tā-izm), *n.*

**voluble** (vol'übl) [L. *volūbilis*, from *volvere*, to roll], *a.* Fluent, glib, garrulous. **volubil'ity**, *n.* **volubly**, *adv.*

**volume** (vol'üm) [L. *volūmen*, as VOLUBLE], *n.* A book, esp. as forming one of a set; a tome; a roll or scroll constituting a book; a rounded, swelling mass, a coil (*usu. in pl.*); mass, bulk; (*Mus.*) fullness or roundness of tone. **volu'minal**, *a.* Pertaining to volume. **volu'minous**, *a.* Consisting of many volumes; producing many books (of a writer); of great bulk.

**voluntary** (vol'ün-tär-i) [L. *voluntas*, free will], *a.* Proceeding from one's own free will, not under constraint; spontaneous; willing; subject to the will (of muscles, movements, etc.); supported by voluntary action (of a church, school, etc.). *n.* An organ solo played in a church. **voluntarily**, *adv.* **voluntariness**, *n.*

**volunteer** (vol'ün-tēr') [as prec.], *n.* One who enters into any service of his own free will. *a.* Voluntary. *v.i.* To offer one's services voluntarily.

**voluptuary** (vô-lüp'tü-är-i) [as foll.], *n.* One given to luxury or sensual pleasures. *a.* Pertaining to sensual pleasure.

**voluptuous** (vô-lüp'tü-üs) [L. *voluptas*], *a.* Pertaining to, contributing to, or producing sensuous or sensual gratification.

**volute** (vô-lüt') [L. *volūtus*, rolled], *n.* A spiral scroll used in Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite capitals.

**vomit** (vom'it) [L. *vomitus*], *v.t.* To eject from the stomach by the mouth; to disgorge. *v.i.* To eject the contents of the stomach by the mouth. *n.* Matter ejected thus; an emetic.

**voracious** (vô-rā'shüs) [L. *vorāre*, to devour], *a.* Greedy in eating; gluttonous. **voracity**, *n.*

**-vorous** [L. *vorāre*, to devour], *surf.* Feeding on, living on, as *carnivorous*, *herbivorous*. **vortex** (vôr'téks) [L.], *n.* (*pl.* vortices, -ti-séz). A rotating mass of fluid, a whirlpool. **vortic'ity**, *n.* **vortig'inous**, *a.*

**votary** (vô'tā-ri) [as foll.], *n.* One consecrated by a vow or devoted to some particular service, study, etc. **votaress**, *n.*

**vote** (vôt) [L. *vôtum*, wish, vow], *n.* A formal expression of choice in regard to

the election of a candidate, etc.; that by which this is expressed, as a ballot, ticket, etc.; that which is voted; aggregate votes; the suffrage. *v.i.* To give one's vote; to express one's approval (for). *v.t.* To give one's vote for; to enact by a majority. **voter**, *n.*

**votive** (vō'tiv) [as prec.], *a.* Given or dedicated in fulfilment of a vow.

**vouch** (vouch) [O.F. *voucher*, L. *vocāre*, to call], *v.t.* To uphold by assertion, proof, etc., to confirm. *v.i.* To give testimony, to answer (for). **voucher**, *n.* One who or that which vouches for; a document confirming or establishing something.

**vouchsafe** (vouch-sāf) [VOUCH, SAFE], *v.t.* To concede. *v.i.* To deign, to condescend (to).

**vow** (vou) [as VOTE], *n.* A solemn promise undertaking a sacrifice, obligation, etc. *v.t.* To promise or affirm solemnly; to dedicate by a vow. *v.i.* To make a vow.

**vowel** (vou'el) [as VOCAL], *n.* A sound able to be sounded alone; a letter representing this, esp. *a, e, i, o, u.*

**voyage** (voi'aj) [L. *via*, way], *n.* A journey by water, esp. to a distance. *v.i.* To make a voyage. **voyager**, *n.* **voyageur** (vwa-ya-zhēr') [F.], *n.* A trafficker between the Hudson Bay and North-West Companies' trading-posts; a Canadian boatman.

**Vulcan** (vŭl'kân), *n.* (*Rom. Myth.*) The god of fire and metal-working. **vulcanic**, -ism, etc. [VOLOCANIO, -ISM, etc.]. **vulcanite**, *n.* Vulcanized rubber, ebonite. **vulcanize**, *v.t.* To treat (India-rubber) with sulphur at a high temperature to increase its strength and elasticity.

**vulgar** (vŭl'gär) [L. *vulgus*, the common people], *a.* Pertaining to or characteristic of the people, common, low, boorish; in common use. **vulgarian**, *a.* Vulgar. *n.* A rich person with low ideas, manners, etc. **vulgarism**, *n.* **vulgar'ity**, *n.* **vulgarize**, *v.t.* **vulgarly**, *adv.* **Vulgate**, *n.* The Latin translation of the Bible made by St. Jerome, 383-405.

**vulnerable** (vŭl'nér-äbl) [L. *vulnerāre*, to wound], *a.* Capable of being wounded; liable to injury, attack, etc. **vulnerabil'ity**, *n.*

**vulpine** (vŭl'pīn, -pīn) [L. *vulpes*, fox], *a.* Characteristic of a fox; crafty, cunning.

**vulture** (vŭl'tyūr) [L. *vultur*], *n.* A large falconoid bird feeding chiefly on carrion; (*fig.*) a rapacious person. **vulturine**, *a.*

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**wabble**, **wobble** (wobl) [M.E. *quappen*, to palpitate], *v.i.* To go unsteadily, to stagger.

**wad** (wod) [Scand.], *n.* A small, compact mass of soft material; a felt or paper disk keeping the charge in place in a cartridge. **wadding**, *n.* A fibrous material usu. of cotton or wool, used for stuffing garments, cushions, etc.

**waddle** (wodl) [freq. of WADE], *v.i.* To

walk with a swaying motion and with short, quick steps. *n.* A waddling gait. **waddy** (wod'i) [native], *n.* An Australian war-club with a thick head.

**wade** (wäd) [A.-S. *wadan*], *v.i.* To walk through water, snow, mud, etc.; to make one's way with difficulty. *v.t.* To pass through or across by wading. **wader**, *n.* One who wades; a high waterproof boot; a long-legged bird that wades, as the stork, heron, etc.

**wafer** (wä'fēr) [A.-F. *wafre*], *n.* A thin, sweet biscuit; (*R.-C. Ch.*) a disk of unleavened bread, used in the eucharist; a disk for sealing letters. *v.t.* To seal or attach with a wafer.

**waft** (waft) [as WAVE], *v.i.* To convey through the air; to carry lightly along.

**wag** (wäg) [A.-S. *wegan*, to carry], *v.t.* To shake lightly and quickly, esp. in play, reproof, etc. *v.i.* To oscillate; (*fig.*) to keep going. *n.* An act of wagging, a shake; a wit, a joker. **waggery**, *n.* Facetiousness, jocularity. **waggish**, *a.*

**wage** (wāj) [O.F., as GAGE], *n.* Fixed periodical pay for labour (*usu. in pl.*); recompense, requital. *v.t.* To engage in, to carry on.

**wager** (wä'jēr) [M.E. *wageoure*, low L. *wadiāre*, to pledge, as prec.], *n.* Something hazarded on the event of a contest, etc.; a bet. *v.* To stake, to bet.

**waggle** (wägl) [freq. of WAG], *v.* To wag quickly and frequently. *n.* A short, quick wagging.

**wagon** (wäg'ōn) [WAIN], *n.* A strong four-wheeled vehicle for heavy loads; an open railway truck. **wagon-roof**, *n.* A semi-cylindrical ceiling. **wagoner**, *n.* One who drives a wagon; the constellation Auriga. **wagonette**, *n.* A four-wheeled pleasure carriage with two seats facing each other.

**wagtail** (wäg'täl) [WAG, TAIL (1)], *n.* A small black and grey or white or yellow bird.

**waif** (wäf) [O.F., from Norse], *n.* A person or thing found astray or ownerless; a forsaken or unowned child.

**wail** (wāl) [Icel. *væla*, as WOE], *v.t.* To lament loudly over, to bewail. *v.i.* To lament; to make a plaintive sound (as the wind). *n.* A loud, high-pitched lamentation, a plaintive cry.

**wain** (wän) [A.-S. *wægn*], *n.* A wagon.

**wainscot** (wän'skót) [Dut. *wagenschot*, a grained oak-wood], *n.* A wooden lining of the walls of rooms. *v.t.* To line with this. **wainscoting**, *n.*

**waist** (wäst) [M.E. *waist*], *n.* That part of the human body below the ribs and above the hips; (*fig.*) the middle, contracted part of anything; the part of a ship between the quarter-deck and fore-castle. **waistcoat** (wes'kút), *n.* A garment, usu. without sleeves, extending from the neck to the waist.

**wait** (wät) [O.F. *waiter*], *v.i.* To remain inactive or in the same place until some certain time, to tarry; to be in a state of watchfulness or readiness; to attend at



table. *v.t.* To wait for, to bide; to postpone, defer. *n.* Act of waiting; delay; watching, ambush; (*pl.*) a band of singers performing in the streets at Christmas-time. waiter, waitress, *n.* An attendant on the guests at a restaurant, etc. waiting-room, *n.* A room where persons can rest while waiting.

waive (wāv) [A.-F. *weiver*], *v.t.* To forgo, to relinquish, to refrain from using.

wake (1) (wāk) [A.-S. *wacan*, to arise], *v.i.* (*past and p.p.* woke, waked) To be aroused from sleep, a trance, or death; to be awake, to be unable to sleep; to be roused or to rouse oneself from inaction, etc. *v.t.* To rouse from sleep, to awake; to revive, to raise from the dead; to stir (up); to disturb; to hold a wake over. *n.* The feast of the dedication of a church; a merry-making held in connexion with this; (*Ir.*) the watching of a dead body, prior to burial.

wake (2) (wāk) [Icel. *vōkr*, a hole in ice], *n.* The track left by a vessel passing through water.

wakeful (wāk'fūl) [WAKE (1), -FUL], *a.* Not disposed to sleep, restless; disturbed; watchful.

waken (wāk'n) [A.-S. *wæcnan*, to arise], *v.t.* To rouse from sleep or to action. *v.i.* To wake.

walk (wawk) [A.-S. *wealcan*, to roll], *v.i.* To go along on the feet without running; to go at the ordinary pace; to show itself (of a ghost); to be off, to be dismissed. *v.t.* To walk over, on, or through; to cause to walk. *n.* Act of walking; the pace of one who walks; a stroll, the route chosen for this; a foot-path, promenade, etc.; a hawker's round; (*fig.*) one's occupation. walking-stick, *n.* A stick carried in walking.

wall (wawl) [A.-S. *weal*, L. *vallum*], *n.* A continuous structure of stone, brick, etc., forming an enclosure, an internal partition of a building, etc.; a rampart (*usu. in pl.*); a cliff, a mountain-range, etc.; the enclosing sides of cavity. *v.t.* To furnish, enclose, or defend with a wall. wall-flower, *n.* A sweet-smelling plant with yellow, brown, and crimson flowers; (*slang*) a lady without a partner at a dance. wall-paper, *n.* Paper, *usu.* decorative, for the walls of rooms.

wallaby (wol'a-bi) [Austral.], *n.* One of the smaller species of kangaroo.

wallet (wol'et) [?], *n.* A bag for carrying necessities for a journey; a small case for papers, tools, etc.

wall-eye (waw'li) [Icel. *vagl*, beam, *eygthr*, eyed], *n.* An affection of the eye due to opacity of the cornea or to squinting; an eye with a very light-coloured iris; a large, glaring eye. wall-eyed, *a.*

wallop (wol'up) [O.F. *waloper*, as GALLOP], *v.i.* To boil with a noisy bubbling. *v.t.* To thrash, to flog. wallopping, *n.* A thrashing. *a.* Big, whopping.

wallow (wol'ō) [A.-S. *wealwian*], *v.i.* To tumble about in mire, water, etc.; (*fig.*)

to revel grossly (in vice). *n.* Act of wallowing; a place in which animals wallow.

walnut (wawl'nūt) [A.-S. *wealh*, foreign (cp. WELSH), NUT], *n.* A tree bearing a nut enclosed in a green fleshy covering; the fruit or timber of this.

walrus (wawl'rūs) [Scand.], *n.* A large, amphibious, long-tusked, seal-like mammal of the Arctic.

waltz (wawits) [G. *walzen*, to revolve], *n.* A dance in triple time in which the partners whirl round each other; the music for this. *v.t.* To dance a waltz; to trip. waltzer, *n.*

wampum (wom'pām) [N. Am. Ind.], *n.* Small shell beads used by the Indians as money or ornaments.

wan (won) [A.-S. *wann*, black], *a.* Sickly in hue, pallid, worn. wanness, *n.*

wand (wond) [Icel. *vōndr*], *n.* A long, slender rod.

wander (won'der) [A.-S. *wandrian*, freq. of *wendan*, to WEND], *v.i.* To ramble about without any definite object, to rove, roam; to go astray; to get lost; to talk or think senselessly, to be delirious. *v.t.* To traverse in a random way. wanderer, *n.* wandering, *a.* and *n.*

wane (wān) [A.-S. *wanian*], *v.t.* To diminish as the illuminated portion of the moon; to decrease in power, etc., to decline. *n.* Act or process of waning, decrease.

want (wont) [Icel. *vant*], *n.* Lack, deficiency, need (of); privation, poverty; a longing for something that is required for happiness, etc.; that which is so desired. *v.t.* To be without; to need, to require; to crave, to desire the presence or assistance of. *v.i.* To be in need; to be deficient (in); to be lacking. wanting, *a.* Absent, lacking; (*colloq.*) daft. *prep.* Without, less, save.

wanton (won'ton) [M.E. *wantoun*], *a.* Sportive, playful; wild, unruly, luxuriant; licentious; heedless, reckless. *n.* A lewd person, esp. a woman; a trifle. *v.i.* To sport, to frolic; to act or grow unrestrainedly. wantonness, *n.*

war (wör) [O.F. *werre*], *n.* A contest carried on by force of arms between nations, or parties in the same State; a state of hostilities; hostile operations, armed attack; the military art, strategy; (*fig.*) active enmity, strife. *v.t.* To make or carry on war; to contend; to be in opposition, to be inconsistent. war-cry, *n.* A name or phrase formerly shouted in charging, etc.; a watchword; a party cry. war-horse, *n.* A charger; (*fig.*) a veteran. warlike, *a.* Fit or ready for war; fond of war, martial; threatening war, hostile. war-paint, *n.* Paint put on the body by savages before going into battle; (*fig.*) full dress. warship, *n.* An armed ship for use in war.

warble [M.E. *werblen*, O.F. *werbler*], *v.i.* To sing in a continuous quavering or trilling manner (of birds); to make such a sound (of streams). *v.t.* To sing or

utter thus. *n.* Act or sound of warbling. **warbler**, *n.* One of a family of small birds comprising the nightingale, hedge-sparrow, robin, etc.

**ward** (wôrd) [A.-S. *weard*, watchman], *n.* Watch, guard, act of guarding; confinement, custody; guardianship; a person under guardianship; an administrative or electoral division of a town or city; a separate division of a hospital, etc.; a projection in a lock preventing the turning of any but the right key. *v.t.* To turn aside, to keep (off). **ward-room**, *n.* A room on a warship for commissioned officers below the rank of commander. **wardship**, *n.* Guardianship, tutelage.

**-ward**, **-wards** [A.-S. *-weard*, from *weorðan*, to become], *suffix*. Expressing direction as in *backward*, *forward*, *outwards*, etc.

**warden** (wôr'dén) [A.-F. *wardein*, as GUARD], *n.* A keeper, a guardian; a governor or president; a watchman.

**warder** (wôr'dér) [WARD, -ER], *n.* A keeper, a jailor. **wardress**, *n.*

**wardrobe** (wôr'drôb) [O.F. *warderobe* (as WARDEN, ROBE)], *n.* A cabinet, cupboard, etc., where clothes are hung; a person's stock of wearing apparel.

**ware** (1) (wâr) [A.-S. *waru*], *n.* Manufactured articles, esp. pottery; (*pl.*) articles of merchandise. **warehouse**, *n.* A building in which goods are stored; a wholesale or large retail store. *v.t.* To deposit (furniture, bonded goods, etc.) in a warehouse. **warehouseman**, *n.* One who keeps or is employed in a warehouse.

**ware** (2) (wâr) [A.-S. *war*, whence *varian*, to guard], *a.* Conscious, aware; cautious. *v.t. (imper.)* Beware! keep clear of.

**warfare** (wôr'fâr) [WAR, FARE], *n.* A state of war, hostilities; (*fig.*) conflict, strife.

**warlock** (wôr'lok) [A.-S. *wærlaga*, traitor], *n.* A wizard, a sorcerer.

**warm** (wôrm) [A.-S. *wearm*], *a.* Being at a rather high temperature; ardent, zealous, cordial; emotional, amorous; excited, vehement; violent, brisk, lively (of a skirmish, etc.); predominantly red or yellow (of colours); fresh (of scent); well off; unpleasant, uncomfortable. *v.t.* To make warm; to excite. *v.t.* To become warm, animated, sympathetic, or enthusiastic. **warm-hearted**, *a.* Having affectionate, kindly, or susceptible feelings. **warming-pan**, *n.* A closed metal pan with a long handle for holding live coals, formerly used to warm a bed; (*fig.*) a person who holds a post till another is qualified for filling it. **warmly**, *adv.* **warmth**, *n.*

**warn** (wôrn) [A.-S. *wearnian*, cogn. with WARY], *v.t.* To inform beforehand; to caution or put on one's guard against; to admonish. **warning**, *n.* Act of cautioning against danger, etc.; previous notice, esp. to quit one's service; that which warns.

**warp** (wôrp) [A.-S. *wearp*], *n.* The threads

running the long way of a woven fabric; a rope used in towing; state of being twisted, a distortion in timber, etc.; a perversity of mind or disposition. *v.t.* To twist out of shape; to make crooked, distort, bias; (*Naut.*) to tow or move with a line attached to a fixed point; to run (yarn) off for weaving. *v.i.* To become twisted or crooked; to turn aside; to become perverted.

**warrant** (wor'ánt) [O.F. *warant*], *v.t.* To give assurance for, to guarantee; to justify. *n.* Authorization; sanction; anything that attests or bears out a statement, etc., a voucher; an instrument giving power to arrest a person, levy a distress, etc.; a certificate of office. **warrant-officer**, *n.* An officer next below a commissioned officer, acting under a warrant. **warrantable**, *a.* Defensible; old enough to be hunted (of deer). **warrantor**, *n.* (*Law*) **warrantly**, *n.* A warrant, an authorization; (*Law*) a vendor's undertaking that the thing sold is his and is fit for use, etc.

**warren** (wor'en) [O.F. *warenn*, as GARRISON], *n.* A ground where rabbits live and breed.

**warrior** (wor'l-ór) [O.F. *guerreier*, as WAR], *n.* A man experienced in war, a distinguished soldier.

**wart** (wôrt) [A.-S. *wearte*], *n.* A small hard excrescence on the skin; a spongy growth on the hinder pastern of a horse.

**wart-hog**, *n.* A large-headed African hog with warty excrescences on the face. **warty**, *a.*

**wary** (wâr'l) [WARE (2), -Y], *a.* Cautious, watchful, etc.; circumspect; characterized by caution. **warily**, *adv.* **wariness**, *n.* Caution.

**was** (woz), **wast**, **were** (wêr), **wert** [A.-S. *wæs*, *wære*, *wæs*, *wæron* (*wæran*, *wærun*), *wesan*, *inf.* (see also BE, AM)], past tense of the *v.* TO BE.

**wash** (wash) [A.-S. *wascan*], *v.t.* To cleanse with water, etc.; to purify; to moisten, or dash against (as dew, waves, etc.); to separate the earthy parts from (ore); to cover with a thin coat of colour or metal. *v.i.* To cleanse (oneself); to wash clothes; to stand washing without being injured; to sweep along, etc. (of water). *n.* Act or operation of washing; state of being washed; a quantity of linen, etc., washed at one time; the motion of a body of water; waste kitchen-stuff used as food for pigs; slops; a cosmetic, a lotion; a thin coating of colour or metal. **washhouse**, *n.* A building furnished for washing clothes in, a laundry. **wash-leather**, *n.* Chamouis leather. **wash-stand**, *n.* A piece of furniture for holding the ewer, basin, etc., for the toilet. **washer**, *n.* One who or that which washes; a washerwoman; a ring of metal, rubber, leather, etc., for placing beneath a nut to tighten a joint. **washerwoman**, *n.* A laundress. **washing**, *n.*

**wasp** (wosp) [A.-S. *wæps*], *n.* A predatory insect with black and yellow stripes and a



powerful sting; (*fig.*) a spiteful or irritable person.

**wassail** (wosl) [A.-S. *wæs hæl*, be thou of good health], *n.* A festive occasion, a carouse; spiced liquor prepared for a wassail. **wassailer**, *n.*

**waste** (wäst) [O.F. *wast*, L. *vastus*, vast], *a.* Desolate, unoccupied, untilled, devastated; unproductive; dismal, cheerless; superfluous. *v.i.* To devastate; to wear away gradually; to use up unnecessarily or lavishly, to squander. *v.t.* To dwindle, to wither. *n.* Act of squandering, or throwing away to no purpose; state or process of being wasted, gradual diminution of substance, strength, etc.; food, etc., rejected as superfluous, useless, or valueless; a wilderness, a dreary scene, a void. **waste-pipe**, *n.* A discharge-pipe for used or superfluous water. **wastage**, *n.* Loss by use, decay, leakage, etc. **wasteful**, *a.* Extravagant, using recklessly or unnecessarily. **wastefully**, *adv.* **wastrel**, *n.* An abandoned child, a waif; a profligate; a wasteful person.

**watch** (woch) [A.-S. *wæcce*, from *wacian*, to watch], *n.* Act or state of watching; vigil, look out, waiting in a state of expectancy, dread, etc.; a watchman, a guard; a division of the night; a small timepiece for carrying on the person; the period during which each division of a ship's crew is alternately on duty; either half into which the officers and crew are divided, taking duty alternately. *v.i.* To be on the watch, to be vigilant or expectant; to act as a guard (over); to keep vigil. *v.t.* To observe closely, to keep one's eyes on; to look out for, to await. **watch-case**, *n.* The metal case enclosing the works of a watch. **watch-dog**, *n.* A dog kept to guard premises. **watch-fire**, *n.* A camp-fire, a signal-fire. **watch-house**, *n.* A house occupied by a watch or guard; a look-up. **watchmaker**, *n.* **watchmaking**, *n.* **watchman**, *n.* A guard, a sentinel, esp. a member of a former street patrol; one who guards a building, etc., at night. **watch-night**, *n.* The last night of the year. **watch-spring**, *n.* The main-spring of a watch. **watch-tower**, *n.* A tower of observation. **watchword**, *n.* A password; a motto or phrase symbolizing the principles of a party, etc. **watcher**, *n.*

**watchful**, *a.* Vigilant, observant, wary. **water** (waw'tér) [A.-S. *water*], *n.* A colourless, transparent liquid, destitute of taste and smell, a compound of hydrogen and oxygen; a sea, lake, river (*often in pl.*); tears, sweat, urine, and other animal secretions; the transparency or lustre of a diamond, pearl, etc. *v.t.* To apply water to; to irrigate; to furnish with water for drinking; to overflow with water (of the mouth, eyes, etc.); (*Comm.*) to increase (nominal capital) by issue of stock without corresponding increase of assets; (*in p.p.*) to give an undulating sheen to (silk, etc.) *v.i.* To secrete, shed, or run with water

(of the mouth, eyes, etc.); to take in water; to drink (of cattle, etc.). **water-cart**, *n.* A wheeled tank for carrying water or for watering the streets. **water-closet**, *n.* A privy with a water-supply for flushing. **water-colour**, *n.* A pigment ground up with water and mucilage; a water-colour painting; the art of painting in water-colours. **watercourse**, *n.* A stream; a channel for conveyance of water. **watercress**, *n.* A creeping aquatic plant eaten as salad. **waterfall**, *n.* A steep descent of a river, a cascade. **waterfowl**, *n.* (*sing. or collect. pl.*) A bird that frequents rivers, lakes, etc. **water-hen**, *n.* The moor-hen. **watering-place**, *n.* A place where water may be procured for cattle, etc.; a place to which people resort to drink mineral waters or for bathing, a spa, a seaside resort. **watering-pot**, *n.* A vessel with a perforated nozzle for sprinkling water on plants. **watering-trough**, *n.* A drinking-trough for horses or cattle. **waterish**, *a.* **water-level**, *n.* The level of the sea used as datum. **water-lily**, *n.* A plant with large floating leaves and white or coloured flowers. **water-line**, *n.* The line up to which the hull of a vessel is submerged in the water. **waterlogged**, *a.* Soaked or flooded (of a vessel) with water so as to lie like a log. **waterman**, *n.* A boatman plying for hire; a (good or bad) oarsman. **water-mark**, *n.* A mark indicating the level to which water rises; the limits of the rise and fall of the tide. **watermark**, *n.* A translucent design stamped in paper in the manufacture. **water-mill**, *n.* A mill driven by the agency of water. **water-proof**, *a.* Impervious to water. *n.* Cloth rendered impervious to water, a coat or other garment of this. *v.t.* To render water-proof. **water-rat**, *n.* A large aquatic vole. **water-shed**, *n.* A ridge between two river-basins or drainage-systems. **water-side**, *n.* The margin of a river, lake, or the sea. **waterspout**, *n.* A phenomenon in which a whirling column of water descends towards the sea, sometimes connecting sea and cloud. **water-supply**, *n.* A system for storing and supplying water; the amount of water stored for the use of a house, works, etc. **watertight**, *a.* So tightly fitted as to retain or exclude water. **waterway**, *n.* A navigable channel; a fairway. **water-wheel**, *n.* A wheel moved by water and turning machinery. **waterworks**, *n. pl.* (*usu. as sing.*) An establishment for the collection and distribution of water for use of communities. **watery**, *a.* Containing much water; sodden; thin, transparent, like water; rainy-looking; consisting of water; tasteless.

**watt** (wot) [James Watt (d. 1819), engineer], *n.* The unit of electric power or rate of work, the rate when the electromotive force is one volt and the intensity of current one ampere.

**wattle** (wotl) [A.-S. *watel*, hurdle, cogn. with *wælla*, bandage], *n.* A hurdle of wicker-work; the fleshy lobe under the throat of the turkey, etc.; one of various species of acacia, the bark of which is used in tanning. *v.t.* To interlace, to plait. **wattle-work**, *n.* Wicker-work.

**wave** (wāv) [A.-S. *wasan*], *v.i.* To move to and fro as a flag in the wind, to flutter, to undulate; to be wavy; to signal (to) by waving. *v.t.* To cause to move to and fro, to brandish; to make wavy; to indicate by a waving signal. *n.* A moving ridge or long curved body of water, esp. one on the surface of the sea that breaks on the shore; (*poet.*) the sea; an undulation; act or gesture of waving; an intensity of some force, influence, emotion, etc. **wavelet**, *n.* wavy, *a.* waviness, *n.* **waver** (wā'vēr) [freq. of WAVE], *v.t.* To flicker, to quiver; to falter, hesitate, vacillate. **waverer**, *n.*

**wax** (1) (wāks) [A.-S. *weax*], *n.* A yellow, plastic substance excreted by bees, beeswax; any substance resembling beeswax, as vegetable wax, bee-bread, sealing-wax, etc. *a.* Waxen. *v.t.* To smear or treat with wax. **wax-cloth**, *n.* A floor-cloth. **waxwork**, *n.* Modelling in wax in imitation of living persons, fruit, flowers, etc.; (*pl.*) an exhibition of wax figures. **waxen**, *a.* Made or consisting of wax; resembling wax.

**wax** (2) (wāks) [A.-S. *weazan*], *v.t.* To increase gradually (esp. of the moon between new and full); to grow in numbers, strength, etc.; to become gradually.

**way** (wā) [A.-S. *weg*], *n.* A road, path, track; distance traversed; course or route between two places; direction; method or manner of doing something; a usual mode of action, an idiosyncrasy; one's line of business, sphere, range; relation, point; condition; onward movement, progress, headway (esp. of a ship); (*pl.*) the framework over which a ship is launched. **way-bill**, *n.* A list of passengers in a public conveyance or of goods sent by a common carrier. **wayfarer**, *n.* A traveller, esp. a pedestrian. **waylay**, *v.t.* To wait in the way of with a view to rob, etc., to lie in wait for. **way-leave**, *n.* A right of way over the land of another. **wayside**, *n.*

**-ways** [A.-S. *weges*, gen. of prec.], *sup.* Forming adverbs as *always*, *lengthways*, *straightway*.

**wayward** (wā'wārd) [AWAY, -WARD], *a.* Perverse, froward, freakish, obstinate.

**we** (wē) [A.-S. *Dut.*], *nom. pl. of 1st pers. pron.* The plural of I; used by a sovereign, editor, writer of an unsigned article, etc.

**weak** (wēk) [A.-S. *wāc*], *a.* Deficient in strength; feeble, infirm, easily fatigued; feeble-minded, lacking resolution or power of resistance, easily led; fragile, brittle, pliant; unreliable; deficient in quantity, weight, etc.; inadequate, trivial; unconvincing; (*Gram.*) inflected by the addition

of *-ed*, *-d*, or *-t* to the stem in forming the past tense and p.p. (of verbs). **weak-kneed**, *a.* Giving way easily; lacking in resolution. **weaken**, *v.* To make or become weak or weaker. **weakling**, *n.* A feeble person. **weakly**, *adv.* In a weak manner. *a.* Not strong; infirm, sickly. **weakness**, *n.* Quality or state of being weak; a particular defect, one's weak point.

**weal** (1) (wēl) [A.-S. *wela*], *n.* A healthy or prosperous state.

**weal** (2) [A.-S. *walu*], *n.* A ridge made by a rod or whip on the flesh.

**weald** (wēld) [M.E. *weeld*, *wald*], *n.* A tract of open forest land.

**wealth** (welth) [WEAL (1), -TH], *n.* Riches, large possessions, affluence; a profusion, great plenty (of). **wealthy**, *a.* Rich.

**wean** (wēn) [A.-S. *wenian*, to accustom], *v.t.* To accustom (a child or animal) to deprivation of the breast; to estrange from a habit, indulgence, etc. *n.* (*Sc.*) A child.

**weapon** (wep'ōn) [A.-S. *wæpen*], *n.* A thing used to inflict bodily harm; anything used for attack or defence.

**wear** (1) (wār) [A.-S. *werian*], *v.t.* (*past wore*, *p.p. worn*) To carry on the person, to have on; to maintain, to exhibit; to waste, impair, or alter by rubbing or use; to fatigue or weary; to produce (a hole, etc.) by attrition. *v.i.* To be consumed, diminished, effaced, altered, etc., by rubbing or use; to be exhausted; to stand continual use (well, badly, etc.); to endure, to last; to pass gradually (away, etc.). *n.* Act of wearing; state of being worn; fashion, vogue; damage by attrition, use, etc. **wearable**, *a.* **wearer**, *n.*

**wear** (2) [VEER], *v.t.* (*past and p.p. wore*) To bring (a ship) about tack by putting the helm up. *v.i.* To come round thus (of a ship).

**weary** (wēr'1) [A.-S. *wērig*], *a.* Tired, exhausted; dispirited, sick (of); tiresome, irksome. *v.t.* To tire, to fatigue; to make weary or impatient (of). *v.i.* To become tired or fatigued; to become weary (of); (*Sc.*) to yearn. **wearily**, *adv.* **weariness**, *n.* **wearisome**, *a.* Tedious, tiresome, causing weariness.

**weasel** (wē'zél) [A.-S. *wesle*], *n.* A small British quadruped related to the stoat.

**weather** (weth'ēr) [A.-S. *weder*], *n.* State of the atmosphere with reference to temperature, clouds and rain, wind, electrical conditions, etc. *v.t.* To encounter and pass through (bad weather) in safety; to get to windward of (a cape, etc.) in spite of inclement weather; to expose (corn, etc.) to the weather; (*usu. in p.p.*) to disintegrate or discolour (rock, masonry, etc.) by this. *v.i.* To stand the effects of weather; to disintegrate, etc. through exposure. **weatherbeaten**, *a.* Seasoned by exposure to storms. **weather-bound**, *a.* Detained by bad weather. **weathercock**, *n.* A revolving vane to show the direction of the wind; (*fig.*) an



inconstant person. **weather-glass**, *n.* A barometer. **weather-wise**, *a.* Skilful in forecasting the weather. **weatherly**, *a.* Presenting such lateral resistance to the water as to make little leeway (of a ship). **weathermost**, *a.* Farthest to windward.

**weave** (wēv) [A.-S. *wefan*], *v.t.* (past wove, *p.p.* woven, wove) To form (yarns, etc.) into a fabric by interlacing; to produce (cloth, etc.) thus; (*fig.*) to interweave (details) into a story, theory, etc. *v.i.* To make fabrics by interlacing threads, etc. **weaver**, *n.* One who weaves; a finch-like bird of warm climates, constructing nests of woven grass. **web** (web) [A.-S.], *n.* A woven fabric; a cobweb or similar structure woven by caterpillars; a large roll of paper from the mill; membrane between the toes of swimming-birds, etc. **web-foot**, *n.* One with the digits connected by a web. **web-footed**, **-toed**, *a.* **webbed**, *a.* **webbing**, *n.* A strong woven band used for girths, seat-bottoms, etc.

**wed** (wed) [A.-S. *weddian*], *v.t.* (past and *p.p.* wedded) To marry; to give in marriage. *v.i.* To marry. **wedded**, *a.* Married; pertaining to matrimony; intimately united. **wedding**, *n.* A marriage ceremony with the accompanying festivities. **wedding-day**, *n.* The day of a marriage or its anniversary.

**wedge** (wej) [A.-S. *wecg*], *n.* A tapering piece of wood or metal used for splitting wood, rocks, etc., for exerting pressure, etc., forming one of the mechanical powers; anything in the shape of a wedge. *v.t.* To cleave, fix, or fasten with a wedge; to crowd or push (in), as a wedge forces its way.

**wedlock** (wed'lok) [A.-S. *wedlūk*], *n.* Matrimony, the married state.

**Wednesday** (wenz'dā, -di) [A.-S. *Wōdnes dæg*, Woden's day], *n.* The fourth day of the week.

**wee** (wē) [M.E., a bit], *a.* Very small, tiny.

**weed** (wēd) [A.-S. *wēod*], *n.* A useless or troublesome wild plant; (*fig.*) any useless intrusive thing; a leggy horse; (*colloq.*) a cigar. *v.t.* To clear (ground) of weeds; to sort out useless or inferior elements, etc. **the weed**: Tobacco. **weedy**, *a.*

**weeds** (wēdz) [A.-S. *wæde*, garment], *n.pl.* Mourning worn by a widow.

**week** (wēk) [A.-S. *wice*], *n.* A period of seven days, esp. from Sunday to Saturday inclusively; the six working days, excluding Sunday. **weekday**, *n.* Any day except Sunday. **week-end**, *n.* The days ending one and beginning the following week (usu. Saturday-Monday); *v.t.* To make a holiday, etc., on these. **week-ender**, *n.* **weekly**, *a.* Happening, issued, or done once a week or every week; lasting a week; reckoned by the week. *adv.* Once a week; week by week. *n.* A weekly periodical.

**ween** (wēn) [A.-S. *wēnan*], *v.i.* To be of opinion; to think, fancy.

**weep** (wēp) [A.-S. *wēpan*], *v.i.* (past and *p.p.* wept) To shed tears; (*fig.*) to drip, to exude. *v.t.* To lament, to bewail; to exhaust with weeping. **weeping-ash**, **-willow**, *n.* An ash or willow with delicate pendulous branches.

**weevil** (wē'vil) [A.-S. *wifel*], *n.* A small beetle feeding on grain, nuts, etc. **weevilled**, **weevilly**, *a.*

**weft** (weft) [A.-S. from *wefan*, to weave], *n.* The threads passing through the warp from selvage to selvage, the woof; a web.

**weigh** (wā) [A.-S. *wegan*, to carry], *v.t.* To find the weight of; to be equivalent to in weight; (*fig.*) to ponder, to estimate the relative value of; to raise (an anchor). *v.i.* To have a specified weight; to be weighed; (*fig.*) to have influence; to be oppressive (upon); to start on a voyage. **weigh-bridge**, *n.* A machine with a platform on which carts, etc., are weighed.

**weight** (wāt) [A.-S. *gewiht*, as prec.], *n.* Heaviness, ponderosity, esp. as expressed in terms of some standard unit; a scale of units of weight; a piece of metal of known weight used with scales for weighing; a heavy mass used for mechanical purposes, as in a clock; a heavy load, a burden, pressure; importance, consequence. *v.t.* To attach a weight to, to burden (*lit. and fig.*); to load, to adulterate. **weighty**, *a.*

**weir** (wēr) [A.-S. *wer*], *n.* A dam across a stream for raising the level of the water above it; stakes, nets, etc., set in a stream to catch fish.

**weird** (wērd) [A.-S. *wyrd*], *n.* Fate, destiny. *a.* Pertaining to this; unearthly, uncanny; strange. **weirdness**, *n.*

**welcome** (wel'kôm) [A.-S. *willa*, pleasure, *cuma*, come], *a.* Admitted or received with pleasure; producing satisfaction; gladly permitted (to do, etc.). *n.* A kind or cordial reception or entertainment of a new-comer; a willing acceptance of an offer. *v.t.* To greet (a new-comer) cordially; to entertain with kindness; to receive with pleasure.

**weld** (weld) [WELL (2), to boil up], *v.t.* To unite (pieces of metal) by hammering after they have been softened by heat; to make thus; (*fig.*) to unite into a coherent mass. *n.* A joint or junction by welding.

**welfare** (wel'fār) [WELL (1), FARE], *n.* Prosperity, health, well-being, success.

**welkin** (wel'kin) [A.-S. *wolcnu*, clouds], *n.* (*poet.*) The sky, the vault of heaven.

**well** (1) [wel] [A.-S. *wel*], *adv.* (*comp.* better, *superl.* best) In a good manner, properly, satisfactorily; happily, fortunately, successfully; fully, perfectly, sufficiently; heartily; with kindness, on good terms; justly, fairly, besittingly. *a.* (*predicative only*) In good health; in a satisfactory state or circumstances. *int.* Expressing astonishment, resignation, etc.; often introductory to resuming one's discourse. **well-advised**, *a.* Prudent, judicious, wise. **well-being**, *n.* Welfare.

**well-bred**, *a.* Of good manners; of pure stock. **well-found**, *a.* Well-appointed. **well-meaning**, *a.* Having good intentions. **well-nigh**, *adv.* Almost, nearly. **well-read**, *a.* Having wide knowledge gained from books. **well-spoken**, *a.* Speaking well, eloquent; of good disposition. **well-to-do**, *a.* In good circumstances, prosperous. **well-wisher**, *n.* A person who wishes well to one.

**well** (2) (wel) [A.-S. *wella*], *n.* A shaft bored in the ground to obtain water, oil, etc.; a hole more or less resembling this; a space in the middle of a building enclosing the stairs or a lift or for light and ventilation; (*fig.*) a source. *v.i.* To spring (forth) as a fountain. **well-sinker**, *n.* One who digs or sinks wells.

**\*welladay** (wel-ä-dä'), **wellaway** (-wä') [A.-S. *wā lā wā*, woe, lo! woe], *int.* An exclamation of sorrow or despair.

**wellington** (wel'ing-tôn) [after the first Duke], *n.* A boot coming to the knee and cut away behind it.

**Welsh** (welsh) [A.-S. *wælsce*, foreign], *a.* Pertaining to Wales or its inhabitants. *n.* The language of the Welsh; the Welsh people. *v.* To cheat on a racecourse by making off without paying. **welsher**, *n.* One who welshes. **welsh rarebit**, often **rabbit**: Cheese melted and spread over toasted bread.

**welt** (welt) [M.E. *welhe*], *n.* A strip of leather between the upper and the sole of a boot for sewing them together.

**welter** (1) (wel'ter) [M.E. *weltren*], *v.i.* To roll, to tumble about; to wallow. *n.* A turmoil, a confusion.

**welter** (2) [?], *a.* (*Horse-racing, etc.*) Heavy-weight.

**wen** (wen) [A.-S. *wenn*], *n.* An indolent tumour, usu. occurring on the neck; (*fig.*) an abnormal growth.

**wench** (wench) [A.-S. *wencel*, infant], *n.* (*now vulg.*) A girl or young woman.

**\*wend** (wend) [A.-S. *wendan*, to turn], *v.t.* To go or direct (one's way). *v.i.* To go.

**werewolf** (wēr'wulf) [A.-S. *werewulf* (from *wer*, man, *wOLF*)], *n.* A person turned or supposed to have the power of turning himself into a wolf.

**Wesleyan** (wes'li-än), *a.* Of or belonging to the Church founded by John Wesley (d. 1791). *n.* A member of this.

**west** (west) [A.-S.], *adv.* At or towards the quarter opposite the east, or where the sun sets at the equinox. *n.* The cardinal point exactly opposite the east; the region lying opposite to the east; a wind blowing from the west. *a.* Being, lying, or living in the west; blowing from the west. **west-south-west**, *a., n., and adv.*

**westering**, *a.* Passing to the west (of the sun). **westerly**, *a.* Being in, situated, or directed towards the west; blowing from the west. *adv.* Towards the west. **western**, *adv. n., and a.*

**westerner**, *n.* **westing**, *n.* Distance travelled or amount of deviation towards the west. **westward**, *a. and adv.*

**wet** (wet) [A.-S. *wæt*], *a.* Moistened, soaked, covered with, or containing water or other liquid; rainy; allowing sale of alcohol, opp. to prohibitionist. *n.* Wetness, moisture; rain. *v.t.* To make wet; to moisten, drench, or soak with liquid. **wet-nurse**, *n.* A woman employed to suckle a child not her own. **wettish**, *a.*

**wether** (weth'ër) [A.-S.], *n.* A castrated ram.

**wey** (wä) [A.-S. *wæge*, weight], *n.* A weight varying with different articles (of wool, 182 lb.; oats and barley, 48 bushels; cheese, 224 lb.; salt, 40 bushels).

**whack** (hwäk) [imit.], *v.t.* To strike heavily, to thwack. *n.* A heavy blow, a thwack; (*slang*) a share. **whacking**, *n.* A thrashing.

**whale** (hwäl) [A.-S. *hwæl*], *n.* A large marine fish-like mammal. *v.i.* To engage in whale-fishing. **whalebone**, *n.* A horny, elastic substance occurring in long, thin plates, found in the palate of certain whales. **whaler**, *n.* A whale-man; a ship employed in whaling. **whaling-gun**, *n.* A gun for firing harpoons at whales. **whale-oil**, *n.* Oil obtained from the blubber of whales; spermaceti.

**wharf** (hwörf) [A.-S. *hwerf*, bank, dam], *n.* (*pl. -ves*) A landing-place for cargoes, a quay, a pier. *v.t.* To moor at a wharf; to deposit goods on a wharf. **wharfage**, *n.* **wharfinger** (hwörf'in-jer), *n.* One who owns or has charge of a wharf.

**what** (hwot) [A.-S. *hwæt*, neut. of *hwā*, WHO], *pron. (interrog.)* Which thing or things (often used ellipt.); (*rel.*) that which, those which, the things that; how much! (as an exclamation). *a.* Which thing, kind, amount, etc. (in questions); how great, remarkable, ridiculous, etc. (exclamatory); (*rel.*) such as, as much or as many as, any that. *adv. (interrog.)* To what extent, in what respect? **what'er** (-är), *pron. (poet.)* Whatever. **what-ever**, *pron.* Anything soever that; all that which. *a.* No matter what (thing or things). **whatnot**, *n.* A piece of furniture with shelves for ornaments, books, etc.

**whatsoever** (hwot-sö-ev'ër), **-soe'er** (-är'), *pron. and a. (poet.)* whatever.

**wheat** (hwët) [A.-S. *hwæte*], *n.* An annual cereal grass the grain of which is ground into flour for bread. **wheat-ear**, *n.* An ear of wheat. **wheaten**, *a.*

**wheatear** (hwët'ër), *n.* The stone-chat or whitetail.

**wheedle** (hwëdl) [?], *v.t.* To gain over, to persuade by coaxing or flattery; to cajole; to obtain from thus. **wheel-ingly**, *adv.*

**wheel** (hwël) [A.-S. *hwēol*], *n.* A circular frame or solid disk turning on its axis; a machine consisting principally of a wheel, as a spinning-wheel, potter's wheel, steering-wheel, etc.; an old instrument of torture for breaking the limbs; act of wheeling, a revolution. *v.t.* To move (a wheeled vehicle) in some direction; to cause to



turn on a pivot. *v.i.* To turn or swing round thus; to change direction; to gyrate; to ride a cycle. **wheelbarrow**, *n.* A barrow on a single wheel, with two handles. **wheel-house**, *n.* A shelter for the steersman. **wheelwright**, *n.* A man who makes wheels, etc.

**wheeze** (hwēz) [A.-S. *hwōsan*], *v.i.* To breathe with an audible sound, as in asthma. **wheezy**, *a.*

**whelk** (hwelk) [A.-S. *uiloc*], *n.* A marine spiral-shelled sea-snail used for food.

**whelp** (hwelp) [A.-S. *hwelp*], *n.* A pup; a cub; an offensive or ill-bred youth.

**when** (hwen) [A.-S. *hwenne*, *interrog. pron.*, *WHO*], *adv.* (*interrog.*) At what or which time? (*rel.*) at which (time), at the time that, at whatever time; as soon as; at or just after; and then; while (often ellipt. with *pres.p.*). *pron.* What or which time. **whenever**, **whene'er**, *adv.* At whatever time. **whensoever**, *adv.* At what time soever.

**whence** (hwens) [M.E. *whennes*, A.-S. *hwanan*], *adv.* (*interrog.*) From what place or which, where from? how? (*rel.*) from which place, source, etc.; wherefore; (*ellipt.*) to or at the place from which. *pron.* What or which place.

**where** (hwār) [A.-S. *hwār*], *adv.* (*interrog.*) At or in what place, case, circumstances, etc.; **whither**, in what direction; (*rel.*) in which (place or places), in or to the direction, etc., in which. *pron.* What or which place. **whereabouts**, *adv.* Near what or which place roughly. *n.* (wār-) The approximate locality. **whereas** (-āz'), *conj.* The fact or case being that, considering that; when in reality. **wherewith** (-āz'), *adv.* At which. **whereby**, *adv.* By which means. **wherefore**, *adv.* For what reason? why? on which account. *n.* The reason why. **wherein** (-in'), *adv.* In what place, respect, etc., in which thing, place, respect, etc. **whereof** (-ov'), *adv.* Of what? of which or whom. **whereon** (-on'), *adv.* On which or what. **wheresoe'er**, *adv.* In or to what place soever. **whereto** (-too'), *adv.* To what place or end. **whereupon**, *adv.* Upon which; in consequence of or immediately after which. **wherev'er**, (*poet.*) **where'er** (-ār'), *adv.* At, in, or to whatever place. **wherewith** (-wīth'), *adv.* With what? with which. **wherewithal** (-awl'), *adv.* **Wherewith**. *n.* (wār-) The necessary means, esp. money.

**wherry** (hwer'i) [?], *n.* A light shallow rowing-boat for plying on rivers. **wherryman**, *n.*

**whet** (hawet) [A.-S. *hwæt*, *keen*], *v.i.* To sharpen by rubbing on a stone; (*fig.*) to excite, stimulate. **whetstone**, *n.* A piece of stone for sharpening outlery.

**whether** (hweik'er) [A.-S. *hwæther*], *pron.* Which of the two? *conj.* Introducing an indirect question in the form of an alternative clause followed by an alternative *or*, or not, or *whether*, or with the alternative unexpressed.

**whey** (hwā) [A.-S. *hwæg*], *n.* The watery part of milk that remains after the curds have been separated. **wheyey**, *a.*

**which** (hwīc) [A.-S. *hwīlc*, *whīlc* (*WHO*, *-LIKE*)], *pron.* (*interrog.*) What person, thing, person(s) or thing(s) of a definite number; (*rel.*) representing in a clause a noun in the principal sentence. *a.* (*interrog.*) What (person, etc.) of a definite number; (*rel.*) used with a noun defining an indefinite antecedent. **whichev'er**, **whichsoev'er**, *a.* and *pron.* (*emphat.*) Which (person or thing) of two or more.

**whiff** (hwif) [imit.], *n.* A sudden expulsion of smoke, etc., a puff, a light gust of odour. *v.* To puff or blow lightly.

**whig** (hwīg) [obs. *whiggamor*, *Sc.* nickname for buyers of corn at Leith], *n.* A member of the political party opposed to the Court party or Tories; a Liberal. **whiggery**, **whiggism**, *n.* **whiggish**, *a.*

**while** (hwīl) [A.-S. *hwīl*], *n.* A space of time, esp. during which something happens. *conj.* During the time that, as long as, at the same time as; whereas. **whilst**, *conj.* While.

**whim** (hwim) [Icel. *hvíma*, to wander with the eyes], *n.* A sudden fancy, a caprice. **whimsical**, *a.* Full of whims; odd-looking, curious, fantastic. **whimsicality**, *n.*

**whimbrel** (hwim'brél) [imit. of cry], *n.* A small curlew.

**whimper** (hwim'pér) [freq. of *WHIM*], *v.i.* To cry with a low, whining voice; to whine. *v.i.* To utter in such a tone. *n.* A low, querulous cry.

**whin** (hwin) [Scand.], *n.* Furze, gorse. **whinchat**, *n.* A small bird, the stonechat.

**whine** (hwin) [A.-S. *hwinan*], *v.i.* To make a plaintive, long-drawn cry; to complain in a peevish way. *v.i.* To utter with a whine or peevishly. *n.* A whining cry; a mean or unmanly complaint.

**whinny** (hwin'i) [freq. of *WHINE*], *v.i.* To neigh gently; act or sound of this.

**whinstone** (hwin'stōn) [?], *n.* A very hard unstratified rock, as basalt or quartzose sandstone.

**whip** (hwip) [Teut.], *v.t.* To snatch, to jerk (away, etc.); to lash, flog; to urge (on) with a whip; to beat (cream, etc.) into a froth; to fish (a stream) by casting a line over the water; to bind closely with twine, etc.; to oversee (a seam) with close stitches. *v.i.* To move or start suddenly, to dart (out, in, etc.). *n.* A lash tied to a handle or rod for driving horses, etc., or for punishing persons; a coachman or driver; a whipper-in; a M.P. appointed unofficially to summon the members of his party to divisions, etc.; a summons sent out thus. **whip-cord**, *n.* A hard twisted cord for making a whip. **whip-hand**, *n.* The hand holding the whip; (*fig.*) the advantage. **whip-top**, *n.* A top kept spinning with a whip. **whipper**, *n.* **whipper-in**, *n.* A man employed to assist the huntsman by looking after

the hounds. **whipper-snapper**, *n.* A presuming, insignificant person.

**whippet** (*hwip'et*) [*?*], *n.* A racing-dog, a cross between the greyhound and terrier.

**whirl** (*hwēr*) [*M.E. whirr*], *v.i.* To move or fly quickly with a whizzing sound. *n.* This sound.

**whirl** (*hwēr*) [*Icel. hvirfla*], *v.t.* To swing round and round, or cause to fly round, with great velocity; to carry (along) rapidly; to hurl. *v.i.* To turn round and round rapidly, to spin; to travel rapidly in a circular course; to move along swiftly; to be giddy. *n.* A whirling motion.

**whirlpool**, *n.* An eddy or vortex. **whirlwind**, *n.* A funnel-shaped column of air moving spirally round an axis and progressing. **whirligig**, *n.* A child's spinning toy; a merry-go-round; (*fig.*) a rotation.

**whisk** (*hwisk*) [*Scand.*], *v.t.* To sweep or flap (away or off); to carry off suddenly; to wave about quickly; to beat up (eggs, etc.). *v.i.* To move swiftly or suddenly. *n.* A whisking movement; a small brush for flapping away flies, dust, etc.; an instrument for beating up eggs, etc. **whisker**, *n.* Hair growing on the cheeks of a man, or on the upper lip of a cat or other animal. **whiskered**, *a.* Having whiskers.

**whisky** (1) (*hwis'ki*) [*Gael. uisge (beatha), water (of life), usquebaugh*], *n.* An ardent spirit distilled from barley, rye, etc.

**whisky** (2) [*WHISK*], *n.* A light one-horse gig.

**whisper** (*hwis'pēr*) [*O. Northumbrian, hwisprian*], *v.t.* To speak in a low voice so as not to be overheard; to converse privately; to plot. *v.t.* To tell or bid in a whisper; to disseminate thus. *n.* A whispering tone or voice; a whispered remark; an insinuation, a rumour. **whispering**, *n.*

**whist** (1) (*hwist*) [*imit.*], *int.* Hush! silence!

**whist** (2) [*WHISK*, in alln. to the sweeping up of the cards], *n.* A card game, usu. for four, played with the full pack of 52 cards.

**whistle** (*hwisl*) [*A.-S. hwiſtlian (imit.)*], *v.t.* To make a shrill musical sound by forcing the breath through the lips or with an instrument; to emit such a sound (of an engine, birds, a flying missile, the wind, etc.). *v.t.* To emit (a tune, etc.) by whistling; to signal to thus. *n.* A whistling sound or note; an instrument for producing such.

**whit** (*hwit*) [*A.-S. wihit*], *n.* A jot, an iota.

**white** (*hwit*) [*A.-S. hwīt*], *a.* Being of the colour produced by reflection of all the visible rays in sunlight as of pure snow, common salt, etc.; pale, light-complexioned, bloodless, colourless; pure, stainless; innocent; silvery or hoary, as from age. *n.* A white colour; a member of one of the paler races, a Euro-

pean; a white part of anything; (*pl.*) white clothes; superior flour. **white-bait**, *n.* The fry of several kinds of fish. **white frost**: Hoar-frost. **white heat**: The degree of heat at which bodies become incandescent; (*fig.*) a high pitch of passion, etc. **white-hot**, *a.* **white lead**: Carbonate of lead, esp. used as basis of white oil-paint. **white-livered**, *a.* Cowardly. **white metal**: A cheap alloy imitating silver. **whitesmith**, *n.* A tinsmith; one who finishes or galvanizes ironwork. **whitethorn**, *n.* The hawthorn. **whitethroat**, *n.* A small warbler. **whitewash**, *n.* A mixture used for whitening walls, ceilings, etc.; (*fig.*) a false colouring given to one to counteract disreputable allegations. *v.t.* To cover with whitewash; (*fig.*) to clear from imputations; to clear a bankrupt of his debts by judicial process. **whiten**, *v.t.* and *i.* **whiteness**, *n.* **whitening**, *n.* Act of making white; state of becoming white; whitening for whitewashing, etc. **whitish**, *a.*

**whither** (*hwith'ēr*) [*A.-S. hwiðer*], *adv.* (*interrog.*) To what or which place, where; (*rel.*) to which; wheresoever. **whithersoever**, *adv.* To what place soever.

**whiting** (*hwi'ting*) [*WHITE, -ING*], *n.* Fine chalk prepared for use in whitewashing, polishing, etc.; a small sea-fish, used for food.

**whitlow** (*hwit'lō*) [*quick-flaw*], a flaking off of the skin round the quick], *n.* An inflammatory tumour, esp. on a finger.

**whitsun** (*hwit'sun*) [*WHITE, SUNDAY*, from the white garment commonly worn at this festival], *a.* Pertaining to Whitsuntide. **Whitsuntide**, *n.* Whit-Sunday and the following days.

**whittle** (*hwitl*) [*A.-S. thwītan, to pare*], *v.t.* To trim, shave, or cut slices off with a knife; to reduce, pare away.

**whity** (*hwi'ti*) [*WHITE, -Y*], *a.* Whitish (as in *whity-brown*, between white and brown).

**whiz** (*hwiz*) [*imit.*], *v.i.* To make a hissing sound. *n.* A whizzing sound.

**who** (*hoo*) [*A.-S. hwa*], *pron.* (*obj. whom*, *hoom*, *poss. whose*, *hooz*) (*interrog.*) What or which person or persons? (*rel.*) that (identifying the subject or object in a relative clause with that of the principal clause). **whoever**, **who'er** (*-ār*) (*poet.*), **whosoever**, *pron.* (*obj. whomever*, etc.) Any one, no matter who.

**whole** (*hōl*) [*A.-S. hāl, HALE* (1)], *a.* Sound, in good health; unimpaired, intact; composed of units, not fractional. *n.* A thing complete in all its parts, units, etc.; the entirety; a complete system, an organic unity. **whole-hearted**, *a.* Done or intended with all one's heart; cordial, sincere. **whole-length**, *a.* Exhibiting the whole figure (of a portrait). **whole meal**: Flour not deprived of a portion of its constituents by bolting. **whole-sale**, *n.* The sale of goods in large



- quantities as dist. from retail. *a.* Buying or selling thus.
- wholesome** (hōl'sōm) [WHOLE, -SOME], *a.* Tending to promote health; promoting moral or mental health, not morbid; clean; \*healthy, sound.
- wholly** (hōl'i) [WHOLE, -LY], *adv.* Entirely, completely; totally, exclusively.
- whoop** (hoop) [M.E. *houpen*], *v.i.* To cry out loudly in excitement, encouragement, exultation, etc.; to hallo. *v.t.* To urge (on) or to mock at with loud cries. *n.* The cry "whoop"; a loud shout of excitement, encouragement, etc.; the sound made in whooping-cough. **whooping-cough**, *n.* An infectious disease, esp. of children, characterized by a violent cough.
- whore** (hōr) [Icel. *hōra*, adulteress], *n.* (not in polite use) A prostitute, a courtesan. *v.i.* To patronize prostitutes. **whoredom**, *n.* Whoremonger, *n.* A fornicator.
- whorl** (hwōrl) [WHIRL], *n.* A ring of leaves, sepals, or other organs on a plant; one turn of a spiral.
- whortleberry** (hwōrt'l'bér-i) [A.-S. *horta*, BERRY], *n.* The bilberry.
- why** (hwī) [A.-S. *hwī*], *adv.* (interrog.) For what reason? (*rel.*) on account of which. *n.* The reason, explanation, or purpose of anything. *int.* Expressing surprise, etc.
- wick** (wik) [A.-S. *wice*], *n.* A piece of fibrous material used in a candle or lamp to convey the melted grease or oil to the flame.
- wicked** (wik'ed) [obs. *wikke*, cogn. with WEAK], *a.* Sinful, addicted to evil or vice; immoral, depraved; mischievous.
- wickedness**, *n.*
- wicker** (wik'er) [Scand.], *n.* Twigs or osiers plaited. *a.* Made of this. **wicker-work**, *n.* and *a.*
- wicket** (wik'et) [A.-F. *wiket*], *n.* A small door, esp. one close to or forming part of a large one; (*Cricket*) a set of three stumps surmounted by two balls at which the bowler directs the ball; the ground on which this is set up.
- wide** (wid) [A.-S. *wid*], *a.* Having great relative extent from side to side, broad; far-extending; spacious; not restricted, free, liberal, comprehensive; considerably distant from a mark, point, purpose, etc. *adv.* Widely; to a great distance, extensively; far from the mark. *n.* (*Cricket*) A ball bowled too far to the side. **wideawake**, *a.* Alert, wary; knowing. *n.* A soft felt hat with a broad brim. **widespread**, *a.* Widely disseminated. **widen**, *v.* **widish**, *a.*
- widgeon** (wij'ōn) [L. *vipto*, a small crane], *n.* A migratory wild duck.
- widow** (wid'ō) [A.-S. *widwe*], *n.* A woman who has lost her husband by death and remains unmarried. *v.t.* To bereave of a husband. **widower**, *n.* A man who has lost his wife by death and remains unmarried. **widowhood**, *n.*
- width** (width) [WIDE -TH], *n.* Extent from side to side, breadth.
- wield** (wēld) [A.-S. *wealdan*, to govern], *v.t.* To have the management of; to sway; to use or employ. **wieldable**, *a.* **wielder**, **wieldy**, *a.* Manageable.
- wife** (wif) [A.-S. *wif*], *n.* A married woman, esp. in relation to her husband. **wifehood**, *n.* **wifely**, *a.*
- wig** (wig) [PERIWIG], *n.* A false head of hair, worn to conceal baldness, as a disguise, or (by judges, livery servants, etc.) as part of an official costume. **wigged**, *a.* **wigging**, *n.* A reprimand, a scolding.
- \*wight** (wit) [as WHITE], *n.* A person.
- wigwam** (wig'wom) [Algonkin, *weekowamut*, in his house], *n.* A N. Am. Indian hut or tent.
- wild** (wild) [A.-S. *wilde*], *a.* Living in a state of nature; not tamed or cultivated (of animals and plants); savage; irregular, desert, uninhabited; disorderly in conduct, lawless, reckless, rash; ill-considered, imprudent, extravagant; ungoverned; stormy, furious; anxiously eager; mad (with); excited (about); shy, easily startled. *n.* A desert. **wild-fowl**, *n.* (*collect.*) Birds pursued as game, esp. waterfowl. **wildish**, *a.* **wildly**, *adv.* **wildness**, *n.*
- wilderness** (wil'dér-nēs) [A.-S. *wilder*, wild animal, -NESS], *n.* An uninhabited or uncultivated land; a waste, a scene of disorder.
- wile** (wil) [A.-S. *wil*], *n.* A trick, a stratagem. *v.t.* To entice, to cajole (into, etc.).
- wilful** (wil'fūl) [WILL (2), -FUL], *a.* Intentional, deliberate; done of one's own free will, not accidental; due to malice; self-willed, perverse. **wilfully**, *adv.* **wilfulness**, *n.*
- will** (1) (wil) [A.-S. *willan*], *v.t.* (*past and cond.* would, *wud*, 2nd sing. wouldst, *wouldst*, *collog. neg.* won't, *wōnt*, wouldn't, *wudnt*), *v.t.* To desire, wish, choose, want (a thing, that, etc.); to consent (to); to resolve, to determine; to direct or cause (a hypnotized person) to act in a specified way; to bequeath by will. *v.i.* To exercise will-power. *v.aux.* (*in 2nd and 3rd pers., or in 1st pers. in reported statement*) To be about or going to; (*in 1st pers.*) to intend, have a mind to; to be certain or probable, must. **willing**, *a.* Not averse or reluctant (to); cheerfully acting, given, etc. **willingly**, *adv.* **willingness**, *n.* **will-power**, *n.* **would-be**, *pref.* Desirous, vainly aspiring to be.
- will** (2) (wil) [A.-S. *willā*], *n.* The mental power by which one initiates or controls one's activities; exercise of this power, a choice, an intention, a fixed purpose; determination, energy of character; that which is willed or determined upon; arbitrary disposal; disposition towards others; the legal declaration of one's intentions as to disposal of his property after death.

**will-o'-the-wisp** (wil'ô-thê-wisp') [*Willam, WISP*], *n.* An ignis fatuus.

**willow** (wil'ô) [*A.-S. welig*], *n.* A tree or shrub with long, slender, pliant branches, usu. growing near water; a cricket-bat made from its wood. **willowy**, *a.* Graceful, like a willow.

**willy nilly** (wil'i-nil-i) [*will he, nil he*], *adv.* Willingly or unwillingly. *a.* Vacillating.

**wilt** (wilt) [?], *v.i.* To wither, to droop; to lose freshness. *v.t.* To cause to wilt.

**wily** (wi'li) [*WILE, -Y*], *a.* Using or full of wiles; cunning, crafty. **wilily**, *adv.* **williness**, *n.*

**wimple** (wimpl) [*A.-S. winpel*], *n.* A covering for the head, formerly worn by women and still by some nuns.

**win** (win) [*A.-S. winnan*, to fight], *v.t.* (*past and p.p.* won, wun) To gain or achieve by struggling, superiority, toil, etc.; to earn; to be victorious in; to reach; to charm (*in pres.p.*); to persuade, to gain over. *v.i.* To be successful in a fight, contest, wager, etc.; to make one's way by effort (to, etc.). *n.* (*colloq.*) A success, a victory. **winner**, *n.* **winning**, *a.* That wins; attractive, charming. *n.pl.* Amount won. **winning-post**, *n.* A post marking the end of a race.

**wince** (wins) [*cogn. with WINK*], *v.i.* To shrink or recoil, as from trouble or a blow. *n.* Act of wincing.

**wincey** (win'si), [?], *n.* A cotton cloth with wool filling.

**winch** (winch) [*A.-S. wince*], *n.* A windlass; a crank turning an axle, etc.

**wind** (1) (wind, *poet.* wind) [*A.-S.*], *n.* Air in motion, a breeze, a gale; (*collect.*) wind-instruments; breath; lung power; a part near the stomach a blow on which causes temporary inability to breathe; (*fig.*) meaningless talk; flatulence; scent carried on the wind; a hint or indication (of). *v.t.* (wind, *past and p.p.* wound) To sound (a horn, etc.) by blowing; (wind, *past and p.p.* winded) to perceive the presence of by scent; to put out of breath; to enable to recover breath by resting, etc. **wind-bag**, *n.* A bag inflated with wind; (*fig.*) a man of mere words, a long-winded speaker. **windfall**, *n.* Something blown down by the wind; (*fig.*) unexpected good fortune. **wind-gauge**, *n.* An instrument for showing the force or pressure of the wind. **wind-hover** (wind'hüv-ér), *n.* The kestrel. **wind-instrument**, *n.* A musical instrument in which the tones are produced by the vibration of an air-column forced into the pipes, reeds, etc., by a bellows or the mouth. **windmill**, *n.* A mill driven by the action of the wind on sails; (*fig. pl.*) chimeras. **windpipe**, *n.* The breathing passage, the trachea. **windward**, *n.* The direction from which the wind blows. *a.* Lying in or directed towards this. *adv.* In this direction. **windy**, *a.*

**wind** (2) (wind) [*A.-S. windan*], *v.i.* (*past*

*and p.p.* wound, wound) To turn, go, or be twisted in a spiral or tortuous course or shape; to meander; to proceed circuitously, to insinuate oneself (into, etc.). *v.t.* To cause to turn spirally, to wrap, twine, or coil; to entwine; to pursue (one's course) in a sinuous way; to hoist by means of a windlass, etc. To wind up: To coil up; (*fig.*) to put ready for activity; to conclude; to arrange the final settlement of the affairs of (a business, etc.); to go into liquidation. **winding-engine**, *n.* A hoisting engine. **winding-sheet**, *n.* The sheet in which a corpse is wrapped.

**windlass** (wind'lās) [*M.E. windelas, Icel. vinda, to WIND* (2), *ass.* pole], *n.* A cylinder on an axle turned by a crank, used for hoisting or hauling.

**window** (win'dô) [*Icel. vindauga*], *n.* An opening in a building, vehicle, etc., with the glazed framework filling it, for the admission of light and air. **window-sash**, *n.* A frame in which panes of glass for windows are set.

**wine** (win) [*A.-S. win, L. vinum*], *n.* The fermented juice of grapes, or of certain fruits in imitation of this. **wineglass**, *n.* A small glass for drinking wine from. **wine-press**, *n.* An apparatus in which grapes are pressed; the place in which this is done.

**wing** (wing) [*M.E. wingē, wenge, Icel. vængr*], *n.* One of the organs of flight in birds, insects, etc.; a supporting part of a flying-machine; (*fig.*) flight, power of flight; a part of a building, army, bone, etc., projecting laterally; (*Theat., pl.*) the sides of the stage. *v.t.* To furnish with wings; to traverse on wings; to wound in the wing. **wing-case, sheath**, *n.* The horny cover protecting the wings of coleopterous insects.

**wink** (wink) [*A.-S. wincian*], *v.i.* To close and open (of an eye); to give a sign or signal by such a motion; to blink; (*fig.*) to twinkle. *v.t.* To close and open (an eye or the eyes). *n.* Act of winking, esp. as a signal; a hint.

**winkle** (winkl) [*A.-S. wine-wincia*], *n.* An edible sea-snail, a periwinkle.

**winnow** (win'ô) [*A.-S. windwian*], *v.t.* To separate and drive the chaff from (grain); (*fig.*) to sift, sort; to analyse thoroughly. **winsome** (win'sôm) [*A.-S. wynn, joy, -SOME*], *a.* Winning, charming, attractive.

**winter** (win'tér) [*A.-S.*], *n.* The cold season of the year; (*fig.*) a period of inactivity, a cheerless state of things. **winter-garden**, *n.* A large conservatory for plants. **wintry**, *a.*

**wipe** (wip) [*A.-S. wipian*], *v.t.* To rub with something soft in order to clean or dry. *v.t.* To strike (at). *n.* The act of wiping; a sweeping blow.

**wire** (wir) [*A.-S. wir*], *n.* Metal drawn out into a thread of uniform diameter; such a rod, thread, or strand of metal; (*fig.*) the telegraph, a telegraphic message.



- v.t.* To apply wire to, to fasten, bind, stiffen or snare with wire. (*collog.*) to telegraph to. *v.i.* To send a telegram. **wire-draw**, *v.t.* (*p.p.* -drawn) To draw (metal) into wire; (*fig.*) to over-refine (an argument, etc.). **wire-haired**, *a.* Having stiff, wiry hair. **wire-puller**, *n.* (*fig.*) A politician, etc., working behind the scenes. **wireworm**, *n.* A larva destructive to roots of vegetables, etc. **wireless**, *a.* Without a wire. *n.* Wireless telegraphy. *v.* (*collog.*) To communicate with by this. **wiry**, *a.* **wiriness**, *n.*
- wisdom** (wiz'dóm) [WISE (1), -DOM], *n.* Quality or state of being wise; knowledge and experience, with ability to make use of them rightly, sagacity, common sense.
- wise** (1) (wiz) [A.-S. *wis*], *a.* Having the power of discerning rightly, sagacious, sensible, discreet; experienced, understanding. **wisely**, *adv.*
- wise** (2) [A.-S.], *n.* Manner, way, guise. **-wise** [WISE (2)], *suf.* Forming adverbs of manner, as *lengthwise*, *likewise*, *otherwise*.
- wisecre** (wí'zā-kér) [M.H.G. *wizago*, a prophet], *n.* One pretending to learning or wisdom.
- wish** (wish) [A.-S. *wýscan*], *v.t.* To have a strong desire or craving (that, etc.), to want; to express a desire concerning, to invoke, to bid. *v.i.* To have a strong desire (for). *n.* A desire, a longing, an aspiration; an expression of this, a petition, invocation; that which is desired. **wishful**, *a.* **wish-bone**, *n.* The merrythought.
- wisp** (wisp) [M.E.], *n.* A small bunch of straw, hay, etc. **wispy**, *a.*
- wistaria** (wis-tár'i-á) [Caspar Wistar, d. 1818], *n.* A climbing shrub with lilac-coloured flowers.
- wistful** (wist'fúl) [?], *a.* Full of vague yearnings, sadly longing; pensive.
- \*wit** (1) (wit) [A.-S. *witan*], *v.* (1st sing. wot, 3rd sing. wottest, past. wist; no other parts used) To know (esp. in the infin. "to wit," namely). **witting**, *a.* **wittingly**, *adv.* Knowingly, intentionally.
- wit** (2) [A.-S. *witt*, knowledge, from prec.], *n.* Intelligence, sense (*often in pl.*); the power of perceiving other relations between apparently incongruous ideas; a person distinguished for this power. **witticism**, *n.* A witty saying, a jest. **witless**, *a.* **witty**, *a.* **wittily**, *adv.*
- witch** (wich) [A.-S. *wicca* (masc.)], *n.* A woman dealing with evil spirits or practising sorcery; a fascinating woman; an old and ugly hag. *v.t.* To bewitch, to fascinate. **witchcraft**, *n.* The practices of witches; sorcery, magic. **witchery**, *n.* **witching**, *a.*
- witenagemot** (wit'é-ná-gé-mót) [A.-S., meeting of wise men], *n.* The Anglo-Saxon parliament.
- with** (with) [A.-S., from *with*, against], *prep.* In the company of or association; having, possessed of, characterized by;
- in the possession or care of; by the means, use, or aid of; by the addition of; because of; in regard to, in respect of, concerning; in opposition to, against.
- withal** (wi-thawl') [WITH, ALL], *adv.* With the rest, in addition, at the same time, moreover.
- withdraw** (with-draw') [WITH, DRAW], *v.t.* (*past* -drew, *p.p.* -drawn) To draw back or apart; to remove, retract. *v.i.* To retire; to go apart or aside. **withdrawal**, *n.*
- withe** (with, with) [WITHY], *n.* A tough, flexible branch used in binding; a tie made of osiers, twigs, straw, etc.
- with** (with'er) [M.E. *widren*, as WEATHER], *v.t.* To shrivel and dry (up); to cause to lose freshness, soundness, or vigour. *v.i.* To become dry and wrinkled; to dry and shrivel (up); to fade away, languish, droop. **withering**, *a.*
- withers** (with'érz) [A.-S. *wiðer*, against], *n.pl.* The ridge between the shoulder-blades of a horse.
- withershins** (with'er-shinz) [Icel. *viðr*, against, A.-S. *with*, *sinnr*, movement], *adv.* In the contrary direction, esp. opposite to the direction of the sun.
- withhold** (with-hold') [WITH, HOLD], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* -held) To keep from action, to hold back, to refuse to grant.
- within** (wi-thin') [WITH, IN], *adv.* Inside, in or to the inner part or parts; internally; indoors. *prep.* In or to the inner part of, inside; in the range or compass of; not beyond; in no longer a time than.
- without** (wi-thout') [WITH, OUT], *adv.* In, at, or to the outside, outside; externally; out of doors. *prep.* Not having, destitute of, free from; outside of; out of the compass or range of, beyond.
- withstand** (with-stánd') [WITH, STAND], *v.t.* (*past* and *p.p.* -stood) To resist, to oppose.
- witness** (wit'nés) [WIT (1), -NESS], *n.* Attestation of a fact, etc., testimony, evidence; one who has seen or known an incident, one present at an event; one who gives evidence in a law-court; one who testifies to the genuineness of a signature. *v.t.* To see or know by personal presence, to be a spectator of; to attest, to sign as witness; (*fig.*) to show, to prove. *v.i.* To give evidence; to serve as evidence (against, for, etc.). **witness-box**, *n.* An enclosure in a law-court for witnesses.
- wizard** (wiz'árd) [M.E. *wisard* (*wis*, WISE (1), -ARD)], *n.* A sorcerer, a magician; (*fig.*) one who works wonders. **wizardry**, *n.*
- wizen** (wizn) [A.-S. *wisnian*], *v.* To wither, dry up, shrivel. *a.* **Wizened**.
- woad** (wōd) [A.-S. *wād*], *n.* A plant yielding a blue dye.
- woe** (wō) [A.-S. *wā*, int.], *n.* Sorrow, calamity, overwhelming grief. **woebegone**, *a.* Overcome with woe, sorrowful-looking. **woeful**, *a.* **woefully**, *adv.*
- wold** (wōld) [A.-S. *weald* (*wald*, forest)], *n.* A tract of open country, esp. downland.

**wolf** (wulf) [A.-S. *wulf*], *n.* (*pl.* **wolves**) A greyish, carnivorous quadruped, allied to the dog, preying on sheep, etc., and hunting in packs; (*fig.*) a rapacious, greedy, or cruel person. *v.t.* To devour ravenously, to gulp greedily. **wolfhound**, *n.* A large powerful dog of Russian or Irish breed. **wolf's-bane**, *n.* A species of aconite. **wolfish**, *a.* **wolfishly**, *adv.*

**wolverine** (wul'vēr-ēn) [dim. of WOLF], *n.* A small N. American carnivorous animal, the glutton or carcajou.

**woman** (wum'an) [A.-S. *wīfman* (WIFE, MAN)], *n.* (*pl.* **women**, wim'ēn), *n.* An adult human female; womankind, the female sex; a lady-in-waiting. **womenfolk**, *n.* One's womankind; women collectively. **womankind**, *n.* Women collectively, the female sex; the women of one's household. **womanhood**, *n.* **womanish**, *a.* Having the character or qualities of a woman, effeminate. **womanly**, *a.* Having the qualities becoming a woman, truly feminine. *adv.* In the manner of a woman.

**womb** (woom) [A.-S. *wamb*], *n.* The uterus; (*fig.*) the place where anything is brought into existence.

**wombat** (wom'bāt) [Austral. *womback*], *n.* A nocturnal marsupial resembling a small bear.

**wonder** (wūn'dēr) [A.-S. *wundor*, a portent], *n.* A strange or marvellous thing, event, etc., a prodigy; the emotion excited by the unexpected, extraordinary, or inexplicable; surprise mingled with admiration. *v.i.* To be struck with surprise; to feel doubt or curiosity (about, etc.). **wonderful**, *a.* Exciting wonder or admiration, astonishing, strange. **wonderfully**, *adv.* **wonderland**, *n.* A fairyland.

**wont** (wōnt) [M.E. *woned*, accustomed], *a.* Used, accustomed (to); using or doing habitually. *n.* Custom, habit, use. *v. aux.* To be accustomed or used (to). **wonted**, *a.* Customary, habitual, usual.

**woo** (woo) [A.-S. *wōgian*, in], *v.* To court, to solicit in marriage; to coax, to importune. **wooper**, *n.*

**wood** (wud) [A.-S. *wudu*], *n.* A large and thick collection of growing trees, a forest (*often in pl.*); the fibrous, solid substance of a tree; timber. **woodbine**, *n.* The wild honeysuckle. **woodblock**, *n.* A die cut in wood for striking impressions from; a woodcut. **woodcock**, *n.* A game-bird related to the snipe. **wood-craft**, *n.* Skill in anything pertaining to life in the woods. **woodcut**, *n.* An engraving on wood, a wood-block; a print from this. **wood-cutter**, *n.* One who cuts timber; an engraver on wood. **wooded**, *a.* **wooden**, *a.* Made of wood; (*fig.*) stiff, clumsy, ungainly, spiritless. **wood-engraving**, *n.* The art of cutting wood-blocks; an impression or print from one of these. **woodland**, *n.* Wooded country. *a.* Pertaining to this, sylvan.

**wood-lark**, *n.* A European lark smaller than the skylark. **wood-louse**, *n.* A wingless creeping insect infesting decayed wood. **woodpecker**, *n.* A bird living in woods and tapping trees to discover insects. **wood-pigeon**, *n.* The ring-dove, a European pigeon whose neck is nearly encircled by a ring of whitish feathers. **woodwork**, *n.* Things made of wood; the part of a building composed of wood. **woody**, *a.* Abounding in woods.

**woof** (woof) [A.-S. *ðwef*], *n.* The threads that cross the warp, the weft; cloth; texture.

**wool** (wul) [A.-S. *wull*], *n.* The fine, soft hair forming the fleece of sheep, etc., used as the raw material of cloth; underfur or down, resembling this; the hair of a negro; woollen yarn, worsted. **woollen**, *a.* Made or consisting of wool. *n.* Cloth made of wool; (*pl.*) woollen goods. **wool-gathering**, *a.* (*fig.*) In a brown study, absent-minded. *n.* Inattention. **wool-pack**, *n.* A bale of wool, formerly 240 lbs.; (*fig.*) a fleecy cloud. **woolsack**, *n.* The seat of the Lord Chancellor in the House of Lords (a large, square cushion, without back or arms). **woolly**, *a.* Consisting of, or resembling, or naturally covered with wool; fleecy.

**word** (wërd) [A.-S.], *n.* An articulate sound uttered or written, printed, etc., expressing an idea and forming part, or the whole, of a sentence; discourse, talk; news, a message; an order, an injunction; a password, watchword, motto; one's promise; (*pl.*) terms expressive of anger or reproach. *v.i.* To express in words, to phrase. **the Word**: The Scriptures, or any part of them. **wordy**, *a.* Verbose, prolix; consisting of words, verbal.

**work** (wërk) [A.-S. *weorc*], *n.* Exertion of energy (physical or mental), effort; labour, toil; an undertaking, task; materials used in this; occupation; an action, performance, achievement; product of nature, art, or labour; a large engineering structure, a fortification; a book, a literary, musical, or other artistic production; (*pl.*) a manufactory; building operations, esp. under a public authority; the mechanism (of a watch, etc.); (*Theol.*) moral duties or the performance of meritorious acts, as opp. to grace. *v.i.* (*past and p.p.* **worked**, \***wrought** (*rawt*)) To exert physical or mental energy, to labour, to be employed or occupied (at, in, etc.); to be in continuous activity, to act, operate; to take effect, to exercise influence; to ferment. *v.t.* To exert energy in or upon; to employ, to keep busy; to carry on, to manage; to effect, to produce as a result; to mould, to fashion; to solve; to excite. **workaday**, *a.* Pertaining to or suitable for work-days, everyday, ordinary. **worker**, *n.* **worker-bee**, *n.* A partially developed female bee doing the work of the hive. **workhouse**, *n.* A public establishment



for paupers. **working**, *a.* Engaged in work, esp. manual labour. *n.* Act of labouring; operation, mode of operation; a mine or quarry, disused or in which work is going on; fermentation, movement. **workman**, *n.* Any man employed in manual labour, an operative. **workman-like**, *a.* Done in the manner of a good workman. **workmanship**, *n.* Skill or finish shown in making something or in the thing made; the result of working or making. **workshop**, *n.* A room or building in which a handicraft or other work is carried on.

**world** (wêrld) [A.-S. *weoruld*], *n.* The universe, everything; a system of things, a cosmos; the earth with its lands and seas; a celestial body; a large division of the earth; mankind, human society, the public; fashionable people; human affairs, social life; a particular class of people, animals, or things, a realm, domain, sphere; a vast quantity (of); the present state of existence; secular interest as opp. to spiritual; the unregenerate portion of mankind. **worldling**, *n.* A worldly person. **worldly**, *a.* Pertaining to the material world; earthly, secular, not spiritual. **worldly-wise**, *a.* Wise in the things of this world.

**worm** (wêrm) [A.-S. *wyrm*, cogn. with L. *vermis*, see VERMICULAR], *n.* An invertebrate creeping animal with a long limbless segmented body; an intestinal parasite; a grub, caterpillar, maggot, etc.; (*fig.*) a poor grovelling creature; a spiral part or thing. *v.i.* To crawl or progress with a worm-like motion; (*fig.*) to work stealthily. *v.t.* To insinuate (oneself); to draw out by craft and perseverance. **worm-cast**, *n.* A cylindrical mass of earth voided by an earth-worm. **worm-eaten**, *a.* Gnawed or bored by worms. **wormy**, *a.*

**wormwood** (wêrmwud) [A.-S. *wermôd*], *n.* A perennial herb having bitter and tonic properties; (*fig.*) bitterness, gall, mortification.

**worry** (wûr'i) [A.-S. *wyrgan*], *v.t.* To pull about with the teeth (of dogs); to harass, bother, persecute, or wear out with importunity, etc. *v.i.* To bite, pull about, etc. (of dogs); to be unduly anxious, to fret. *n.* Act of worrying; a worrying person; care, anxiety, vexation, fret (*often in pl.*). **worrier**, *n.*

**worse** (wêrs) [A.-S. *wyrs*], *a.* (*comp. of* BAD) More bad; (*predicatively*) in a poorer state of health, position, or circumstances. *adv.* More badly; into a poorer state; less. *n.* A worse thing; loss, defeat. \***worsen**, *v.*

**worship** (wêr'ship) [A.-S. *weorthschipe* (WORTH (1), -SHIP)], *n.* Act of paying divine honour to God, esp. in religious services; act or feeling of adoration or loving or admiring devotion or submissive respect; deference, respect (used as a title of respect in addressing magistrates, mayors, etc.). *v.t.* To pay divine honours to; to perform religious service to; to

reverence, adore, treat as divine. *v.t.* To take part in a religious service. **worshipful**, *a.*

**worst** (wêrst) [A.-S. *wyrst* (WORSE, -EST)], *a.* Bad in the highest degree. *adv.* Most badly. *n.* The most bad, evil, severe, or calamitous part, state, etc. *v.t.* To get the better of, to defeat, to best.

**worsted** (wêrs'têd) [*Worsted* (now Worstead), Norfolk], *n.* Woollen yarn used for stockings, carpets, etc. *a.* Made of worsted.

**wort** (wêrt) [A.-S. *wyrt*], *n.* A plant, a herb (*usu. in comb., as soapwort*); an infusion of malt for fermenting into beer.

**worth** (wêrth) [A.-S. *wyrth*, value], *a.* Equal in value to; deserving; having property to the value of. *n.* That which a person or thing is worth, the equivalent of anything, esp. in money; merit, desert. **worthless**, *a.*

**worthy** (wêr'thi) (WORTH (1), -Y), *a.* Having worth, estimable; deserving of honour, respectable; fit, suitable, adequate. *n.* A person of note in his time, locality, etc. **worthily**, *adv.* **worthiness**, *n.*

**wound** (1) (woond) [A.-S. *wund*], *n.* An injury (esp. a cut) to the flesh of an animal or the substance of plants; (*fig.*) any hurt or pain to feelings, reputation, etc. *v.t.* To inflict a wound on.

**wrack** (râk) [WRECK], *n.* Seaweed thrown upon the shore; a cloud-rack; wreck, ruin.

**wraith** (râth) [?], *n.* The double of a living person; an apparition.

**wrangle** (rângl) [A.-S. *wrang*], *v.i.* To dispute or quarrel angrily or peevishly, to brawl. *n.* An angry or noisy quarrel, an altercation. **wrangler**, *n.* One who wrangles; (*Camb. Univ.*) one placed in the first class in the mathematical tripos.

**wrap** (râp) [?], *v.t.* To fold or arrange so as to cover something; to muffle, surround, or conceal in soft material; to enfold thus; (*in p.p.*) to absorb, to engross (*with up*). *n.* A cloak, shawl, rug, etc.

**wrapper**, *n.* That in which anything is wrapped, a covering for a book, or for a newspaper for posting; a woman's loose outer garment. **wrapping**, *n.*

**wrath** (rawth) [WROTH], *n.* Deep or violent anger, indignation. **wrathful**, *a.*

**wreak** (rêk) [A.-S. *wrecan*], *v.t.* To carry out, to inflict, to execute.

**wreath** (rêth) [A.-S. *wræth*], *n.* A ring of flowers or leaves tied or twisted together, a garland; this in wood, stone, etc.; a circlet of twisted silk, etc.; a curl (of cloud, smoke, etc.). **wreath** (rêth), *v.t.* To form (flowers, etc.) into a wreath.

**wreck** (rek) [A.-S. *wrac*, expulsion], *n.* Destruction, ruin, esp. of a ship; a vessel seriously crippled or shattered; the remains of anything dilapidated or worn-out; wreckage. *v.t.* To destroy (a vessel) by collision, driving ashore, etc.; to ruin. *v.i.* To suffer shipwreck.

**wreckage**, *n.* The debris from a wreck.  
**wrecker**, *n.* One who causes shipwreck with intent to plunder; a person or ship employed in recovering a wreck.

**wren** (ren) [A.-S. *wrenna*], *n.* A small bird with a short erect tail and short wings.

**wrench** (rench) [A.-S. *wrenc*], *n.* A violent twist or sideways pull; a sprain; (*fig.*) pain or distress caused by a parting, loss, etc.; a tool for twisting screws, nuts, etc. *v.t.* To wrest or twist with force; to strain, to sprain; (*fig.*) to distort.

**wrest** (rest) [A.-S. *wrestan*], *v.t.* To twist, to turn aside violently; to pull or extort forcibly; (*fig.*) to pervert, defect from its natural meaning. *n.* A violent wrench or twist; a turning implement.

**wrestle** (resl) [freq. of prec.], *v.t.* To contend by grappling with and trying to throw one's opponent; (*fig.*) to struggle, to strive vehemently. *v.t.* To contend with in a wrestling-match. *n.* A bout at wrestling. **wrestler**, *n.*

**wretch** (rech) [A.-S. *wrecca*, an outcast], *n.* A miserable, unfortunate, despicable, or vile person. **wretched** (rech'ed), *a.* Miserable, sunk in deep affliction or distress; calamitous, pitiable; worthless, paltry.

**wriggle** (rigl) [freq. of obs. *wrig*], *v.t.* To twist the body to and fro with short motions; to move with contortions or twistings. *n.* A wriggling motion.

**wright** (rit) [A.-S. *wyrht*, work], *n.* One in some mechanical business, an artificer, a workman (esp. in comb, as *wheelwright*).

**wring** (ring) [A.-S. *wringan*], *v.t.* (past and *p.p.* *wrung*) To twist and squeeze; to turn, forcibly; to press (water, etc., out) thus; (*fig.*) to distress; to extort.

**wrinkle** (1) (rinkl) [cogn. with prec.], *n.* A small furrow caused by the contraction of a flexible surface. *v.* To fold or contract into furrows, creases, or ridges. **wrinkly**, *a.*

**wrinkle** (2) [dim. of A.-S. *wrenc*, trick], *n.* A useful bit of information, a bright idea, a tip.

**wrist** (rist) [A.-S., as *WRITHE*], *n.* The joint uniting the hand to the forearm.

**writ** (rit) [A.-S. *gewrit*, a writing], *n.* A writing; a written command issued by a court in the name of the sovereign.

**write** (rit) [A.-S. *writan*], *v.t.* (past wrote, \**writ*, *p.p.* *written*, \**writ*) To form words in letters or symbols, with a pen, etc., on paper or the like; to set (down), to record, to convey by writing, to produce as an author. *v.t.* To trace letters or symbols representing words on paper, etc.; to write or send a letter; to compose books, etc., as an author. **writer**, *n.* One who writes; an author, journalist, etc.; a clerk; (*Sc.*) a solicitor. **writing**, *n.* Act of one who writes; that which is written; a literary composition, a legal instrument.

**writhe** (rit'h) [A.-S. *wrihan*], *v.t.* To

twist or roll the body about, as in pain; to squirm. *v.t.* To twist or distort (the limbs, etc.).

**wrong** (rong) [A.-S. *wrang*, a wrong thing], *a.* Not morally right, wicked; not the right (one, etc.); not according to reality; out of order, not suitable, etc.; false, mistaken. *adv.* Wrongly, unjustly. *n.* That which is wrong; an injustice, trespass, or injury, hurt or pain; error. *v.t.* To treat unjustly, to do wrong to. **wrongdoer**, *n.* **wrongdoing**, *n.* **wrong-headedness**, *n.* **wrongful**, *a.* Injurious, unjust, wrong. **wrongfully**, *adv.* **wrongly**, *adv.*

**wroth** (röth) [A.-S. *wrāth*, perverted, as *WRITHE*], *a.* (*poet.*) Angry, wrathful.

**wry** (ri) [A.-S. *wrigian*], *a.* Twisted, distorted, skew; showing distaste, disgust, etc. **wry-mouthed**, *a.* Having a distorted or cynical expression. **wryneck**, *n.* A bird allied to the woodpeckers, which twists its head round as on a pivot; stiffneck.

**wych-hazel** (wich), *n.* A N. American shrub with several large branching trunks.

## X

**x** (eks), *n.* (*Alg.*, *x*) The first unknown quantity or variable. **X-rays**, *n.* Röntgen rays.

**xanthous** (zăn'thūs), *a.* (*Ethn.*) Of the fair-haired type.

**xiphoid** (zif'oid) [Gr. *xiphos*, sword, -oid], *a.* Sword-shaped.

**xyl-**, **xylo-** [Gr. *xulon*, wood], *comb. form.*

## Y

**-y** [L. -tus], *suffix*. Forming (1) abstract nouns, etc., as in *memory*, *remedy*; (2) [A.-S. -ig] adjectives as in *mighty*, *trusty*; (3) diminutives and pet names, as *horsy*, *sonny*; (4) [F. -é], forming nouns as *army*, *treaty*.

**yacht** (yot) [Dut.], *n.* A light sailing-vessel, esp. for racing; a vessel propelled by sails or power used for pleasure cruising, as a state vessel, etc. *v.i.* To cruise about in a yacht. **yachting**, *n.* **yachtsman**, *n.* One who keeps or sails a yacht. **yahoo** (yá-hoo') [coined by Swift in "Gulliver's Travels"], *n.* One of a race of brutes in human shape; a brutish or degraded person.

**yak** (yāk) [Tibetan *gyak*], *n.* A long-haired ruminant from Central Asia.

**yam** (yām) [W. Afr. native], *n.* The fleshy edible tuber of a tropical climber; the plant.

**Yankee** (yāng'ki) [Am. Ind., corr. of F. *Anglais*, the English], *n.* An inhabitant of New England; an American. *a.* Pertaining to America.

**yard** (1) (yard) [A.-S. *gyrd*, stick], *n.* The British standard of length, 3 ft. or 36 in.; a spar slung on a mast to extend a sail. **yard-arm**, *n.* Either half of a



sail-yard from centre to end. **yard-measure**, *n.* A tape or stick, three feet in length, used for measuring.

**yard** (2) (*yard*) [A.-S. *geard*, Icel. *garthr*, L. *hortus*, as GARDEN], *n.* A small piece of enclosed ground, esp. adjoining a house; such an enclosure used as a dockyard, graveyard, timber-yard, etc.

**yarn** (*yarn*) [A.-S. *gearn*], *n.* Any spun fibre prepared for weaving, rope-making, etc.; (*colloq.*) a long or rambling story, esp. one of doubtful truth. *v.i.* To tell or spin yarns.

**yarrow** (*yār'ō*) [A.-S. *gæruwe*], *n.* Milfoil, a perennial herb with white flowers.

**yaw** (*yaw*) [Icel. *jaga*, to hunt], *v.i.* To steer out of the direct course, to move unsteadily (of a ship).

**yawl** [Dut. *jol*], *n.* A ship's jolly-boat; a small sailing-vessel cutter-rigged with a jigger-mast.

**yawn** (*yawn*) [A.-S. *gānian*], *v.i.* To gape, to stand wide open; to open the mouth through drowsiness, boredom, etc. *n.* The act of yawning.

**ye** (*yē*, *yé*) [A.-S. *gē*], *pron.*, 2nd pers. *pl.* The nominative of YOU.

**yea** (*yā*) [A.-S. *gēa*], *adv.* Yes; truly, indeed; not only so but also. *n.* An affirmative.

**year** (*yēr*, *yēr*) [A.-S. *gēar*], *n.* The period of time occupied by the revolution of the earth round the sun; 365 days, divided into 12 months; (*pl.*) age, length or time of life, old age. **yearling**, *n.* An animal more than one and less than two years old. **yearly**, *a.* Happening or recurring once a year or every year; lasting a year. *adv.* Annually; by the year.

**yearn** (*yērn*) [A.-S. *giernan*], *v.i.* To feel a longing desire, tenderness, etc. (for). **yearning**, *a.* and *n.*

**yeast** (*yēst*) [A.-S. *gist*], *n.* A growth of fungous cells developed in contact with saccharine liquids and producing alcoholic fermentation; (*fig.*) mental or moral ferment. **yeasty**, *a.* Containing or resembling yeast; (*fig.*) frothy; empty, superficial.

**yell** (*yel*) [A.-S. *gellan*], *v.i.* To cry out with a loud, sharp cry as in rage, terror, or uncontrollable laughter. *v.i.* To utter or express thus. *n.* Such a shout, esp. a war-cry of savages, students, etc.

**yellow** (*yel'ō*) [A.-S. *geolo*, *geolu*], *a.* Of the colour of gold, brass, sulphur, or lemon; (*fig.*) jaundiced, jealous. *n.* This colour; a yellow pigment, dye, etc. *v.* To make or turn yellow. **yellow-hammer** [A.-S. *amore*], *n.* A bunting with yellow head, neck, and breast.

**yelp** (*yelp*) [A.-S. *gilpan*, to boast], *v.i.* To utter a sharp, quick cry, as a dog. *n.* Such a cry.

**yeoman** (*yō'mán*) [M.E. *yeman*], *n.* (*pl. -men*) A freeholder not ranking as one of the gentry; a farmer, a small landowner; a member of the yeomanry.

**yeoman's service**: Good service, hearty

support. **yeomanly**, *a.* **yeomanry**, *n.* (*collect.*) Yeomen; a British force of volunteer cavalry.

**-yer** [*var.* of -ER], *suf.* Denoting an agent, as in *lawyer*, *sawyer*.

**yes** (*yes*) [A.-S. *gise*], *adv.* As you say; indicating affirmation or consent, or that the speaker hears and understands.

**\*yester-** [A.-S. *geostra*, as in (*acc.*) *geostran dæg*, yesterday], *pref.* Pertaining to that preceding this. **yesterday**, *n.* The day immediately before to-day; (*fig.*) time in the immediate past. *adv.* On or during yesterday.

**yet** (*yet*) [A.-S. *gít*], *adv.* Still, up to this or that time; by this or that time, so soon as the present, in addition, further; eventually; even (*with compar.*). *conj.* Nevertheless, but still.

**yew** (*ū*) [A.-S. *tw*], *n.* A dark-leaved evergreen tree with spreading branches and durable timber; its wood.

**Yiddish** (*yid'ish*) [G. *jüdisch*, Jewish], *n.* A Germanized Hebrew dialect written in Hebrew characters, spoken by German Jews.

**yield** (*yēld*) [A.-S. *gielðan*, to pay], *v.i.* To produce, to bring forth; to give up, surrender, relinquish. *v.i.* To give a return, to repay; to give way, to assent, to comply; to make submission (*to*). *n.* That which is yielded; output, return.

**yielding**, *a.* Compliant.

**yoke** (*yök*) [A.-S. *geoc*], *n.* Gear fitting over the necks of two draught animals and attaching them to a plough, etc.; a frame for carrying a pair of buckets suspended from the shoulders; a frame or cross-bar for some similar purpose, a tie-beam, tie-rod, etc.; a part of a garment made to support the rest; (*fig.*) a bond, a tie; a pair of draught animals, esp. oxen; servitude, submission. *v.i.* To put a yoke upon; to couple, join, link; to enslave.

**yokel** (*yō'kél*) [*prob.* from *prec.*, ploughman], *n.* A rustic, a country bumpkin.

**yolk** (*yök*) [A.-S. *geolca*, YELLOW], *n.* The yellow part of an egg. **yolked**, **yolky**, *a.*

**yon**, **yonder** (*yon'dér*) [A.-S. *geon*], *a.* That over there; being at a distance, but in the direction indicated. *adv.* Over there; at a distance but within view.

**yore** (*yör*) [A.-S. *geðra*, gen. *pl.* of *gēar*, YEAR], *n.* Long ago, old time. **of yore**: Formerly.

**you** (*ū*, *yu*) [A.-S. *ēow*; sing. THOU, obj. THREE, poss. YOUR, YOURS], 2nd pers. *pron.* sing. and *pl.* (*with pl. v.*) The person, persons, or things, etc., addressed; (*reflex.*) yourself, yourselves; (*indef.*) anyone.

**young** (*yūng*) [A.-S. *geong*], *a.* Being in the early stage of life or development; of recent beginning, newly produced, etc.; vigorous, fresh; raw, inexperienced; characteristic of youth. *n.* Offspring, esp. of animals. **youngster**, *n.* A young person, a child, a lad.

**your** (*ūr*, *yūr*, *yör*) [A.-S. *ēower*, gen. *pl.* of *YE*], *a.* Pertaining or belonging to

**you, yours, pron.** That or those belonging or pertaining to you. *a. (predictatively)* Belonging to you; at your service. **yourself (-self'), pron. (pl. -selves)** You, you alone; you in particular or in your normal condition, health, etc. (also used reflexively).

**youth (ÿth) [A.-S. *geoguth*], n. (pl. youths, ÿthz)** State of being young; the period of life following infancy, youthfulness, the vigour, inexperience, etc., of this period; a young man; young people. **youthful, a. youthfully, adv.**

**yule (ÿl) [A.-S. *gēola*], n.** Christmas time, the festival of Christmas. **yule-tide, n.** **ywis (i-wis') [A.-S. *gewis*], adv.** Certainly, verily.

## Z

**zany (zā'ni) [It. *Giovanni*, John], n.** A buffoon who mimicked the clown; a simpleton.

**zaptieh (zāp'ti-ā) [Turk.], n.** A Turkish policeman.

**zeal (zēl) [L. *zēlus*], n.** Ardour, earnestness, enthusiasm. **zealot (zel'öt), n.** One full of or carried away by zeal; a fanatical partisan. **zealous (zel'üs), a. zealously, adv.**

**zebra (zē'brā) [Afr. native], n.** A striped ass-like mammal allied to the horse, from S. Africa.

**Zend (zend) [a commentary], n.** The ancient Iranian language; the Zend-Avesta, a collection of the sacred scriptures of the Parsees or Zoroastrians.

**zenith (zen'ith) [O.F. *cenith*, Arab. *samt*, way, road], n.** The point in the heavens directly overhead to an observer; (*fig.*) the highest or culminating point.

**zephyr (zef'ir) [L. *zephyrus*], n.** The west wind personified; any gentle breeze; light worsted or woollen yarn; a shawl or other garment made of this.

**Zeppelin (zep'é-lin) [Count Ferdinand Zeppelin (1838-1918)], n.** A large dirigible airship invented by Count Zeppelin.

**zero (zēr'ō) [Arab. *cifr*, cipher], n. (pl. -oes)** The figure 0, a cipher, nil; the point on a scale from which positive or negative quantities are reckoned; the lowest point.

**zest (zest) [O.F., the woody skin dividing the kernel of a walnut], n.** As flavouring; piquancy, relish; keen enjoyment.

**zigzag (zig'zāg) [G. *zickzack*, redupl. from *sacke*, tooth], a.** Having sharp alternate turns or angles. *n.* A zigzag line, path, pattern, etc. *adv.* In a zigzag course or manner.

**zinc (zink) [G. *zink*], n.** A bluish-white

metallic element used in alloys, as roofing-material, for printing-blocks, etc. *v.t.* To coat or cover with zinc. **zinc-blende, n.** Native sulphide of zinc.

**zither (zith'er) [CITHER], n.** A simple musical instrument with strings plucked by the fingers.

**zodiac (zō'di-āk) [Gr. *zōdiakos*, pertaining to animals], n.** The zone or broad belt of the heavens, extending about 8° to each side of the ecliptic, which the sun traverses during the year, anciently divided by twelve equal parts called the signs of the zodiac which orig. corresponded to the zodiacal constellations bearing the same names, but now, through the precession of the equinoxes, coincides with the constellations bearing the names next in order. **zodi'acal, a.** Pertaining to the zodiac.

**zone (zōn) [Gr. *zōnē*, girdle], n.** \*A girdle, a belt; a well-marked stripe encircling an object; one of the five great divisions of the earth (two *temperate*, two *frigid*, and one *torrid*) bounded by circles parallel to the equator; any well-defined belt or tract of land.

**zoo- [Gr. *zōon*, animal], comb. form.** Pertaining to animals or to animal life.

**zoology (zō-ol'ō-jī) [ZOO-, -LOGY], n.** The natural history of animals, the branch of biology dealing with the structure, physiology, classification, habits, and distribution of animals. **zoological (zō-ō-loj'i-kāl), a. zoologist (zō-ol'ō-jist), n.**

**zoo- [Gr. *zōon*, animal], comb. form.** Pertaining to animals or to animal life.

**zoophyte (zō'ō-fit) [ZOO-, -PHYTE], n.** An invertebrate animal resembling a plant, as a coral, sea-anemone, sponge, etc.

**Zoroastrian (zor-ō-ās'tri-ān), a.** Pertaining to Zoroaster or his religious system set forth in the Zend-Avesta, the ancient Persian religion still held by the Parsees, or fire-worshippers. *n.* A follower of Zoroaster. **Zoroastrianism, n.**

**Zouave (zoo-av') [N. Afr. *zuawa*, a Kabyle tribe], n.** A soldier in a French infantry corps, orig. composed of Kabyles and still wearing an Oriental uniform; a short, round-fronted jacket, usu. sleeveless, worn by women.

**zounds (zoundz) [contr. from *God's wounds*, an obsolete oath], int.** An exclamation of anger, etc.

**Zulu (zoo'loo) [native], n.** A member of a warlike tribe of Bantu or Kafir race, in S.E. Africa.

**zymotic (zī-mot'ik) [Gr. *zumē*, leaven], a.** Pertaining to or produced by fermentation; applied to epidemic, endemic, or contagious diseases produced by the multiplication of germs introduced from without.



## FOREIGN PHRASES AND WORDS IN ENGLISH USE

*Many foreign words, etc., that have become semi-naturalized are given  
in the main body of the Dictionary*

- à bas [F.]. Down! down with!
- ab initio [L.]. From the beginning.
- ab origine [L.]. From the commencement.
- ab ovo [L.]. From the egg, from beginning.
- absit omen. Let there be no ill omen.
- ab urbe condita or A.U.C. [L.]. From the building of the city (Rome), 754 B.C.
- à cheval [F.]. On horseback.
- à compte [F.]. On account, in part payment.
- actum est [L.]. It is all over.
- ad astra [L.]. To the stars.
- ad captandum vulgus [L.]. To attract or please the rabble.
- à demi [F.]. By halves.
- ad hoc [L.]. For this particular purpose, specially.
- ad hominem [L.] [see ARGUMENTUM].
- ad infinitum [L.]. To infinity.
- ad nauseam [L.]. So as to disgust or nauseate.
- ad rem [L.]. To the point.
- adsum [L.]. I am present.
- ad unguem [L.]. To a nicety, exactly.
- ad usum [L.]. According to the custom (of).
- ad valorem [L.]. According to value.
- advocatus diaboli [L.]. The devil's advocate.
- æquo animo [L.]. With a calm mind.
- ætatis suæ [L.]. Of his (or her) age.
- affaire d'honneur [F.]. An affair of honour, a duel.
- à fond [F.]. To the bottom, thoroughly.
- à jamais [F.]. For ever.
- à la [F.]. According to; in the style of.
- à la carte [F.]. By the bill of fare.
- à la mode [F.]. In fashion.
- al fresco [It.]. In the open air.
- allez-vous-en [F.]. Begone, off with you!
- allons! [F.]. Come, let us be off!
- Alma Mater [L., fostering mother]. One's school, college, or university.
- alter ego [L.]. One's second self.
- alter idem [L.]. Another exactly similar.
- amari aliquid [L.]. A touch of bitterness.
- âme damnée [F., lost soul]. (*fig.*) One's catspaw.
- amende honorable [F.]. Public apology, public amends.
- a mensa et toro [L.]. From bed and board.
- à merveille [F.]. Admirably, perfectly.
- amicus curiæ [L.]. A friend of the court, an adviser with no personal interest.
- amour-propre [F.]. Self-esteem, vanity.
- anguis in herba [L.]. A snake in the grass, an unforeseen danger.
- anno Domini [L.]. In the year of our Lord.
- anno mundi [L.]. In the year of the world.
- anno salutis [L.]. In the year of redemption.
- annus mirabilis [L.]. A year of wonders.
- ante bellum [L.]. Before the war.
- ante meridiem [L.]. Before noon.
- à outrance [F.]. To the end, to extremities.
- à pied [F.]. On foot.
- à plaisir [F.]. At pleasure, at will.
- a posteriori [L.]. From effect to cause; inductive.
- a priori [L.]. From cause to effect; deductive.
- à propos de bottes [F., with regard to boots]. Irrelevantly.
- arbiter elegantiarum [L.]. A judge in matters of taste.
- Arcades ambo [L.]. Two of similar tastes, etc.
- à reculons [F.]. Backwards.
- argent comptant [F.]. Ready money.
- argumentum ad hominem [L.]. An appeal to personal interests, etc.
- armes blanches [F.]. Swords, bayonets, etc.
- ars est celare artem [L.]. The art is to conceal art.
- ars longa, vita brevis [L.]. Art is long, life short.
- artium magister [L.]. Master of Arts.
- assez bien [F.]. Moderately well.
- à tout prix [F.]. At any price.
- atra cura [L.]. Black care.
- à travers [F.]. Across, through.
- au contraire [F.]. On the contrary.

**au courant de** [F.]. Fully informed about.  
**audi alteram partem** [L.]. Hear the other side.  
**au fait** [F.]. Familiar, well-acquainted with.  
**au fond** [F.]. At bottom.  
**au gratin** [F.]. (Cooked) with bread-crumbs or grated cheese.  
**au naturel** [F.]. In its natural state.  
**au pied de la lettre** [F.]. Literally, precisely.  
**au pis aller** [F.]. At the very worst.  
**au revoir** [F.]. Till we meet again.  
**auri sacra fames** [L.]. Accursed lust of gold.  
**au sérieux** [F.]. Seriously.  
**aut Cæsar aut nullus** [L.]. Either Cæsar or nobody; either first or nowhere.  
**aux armes!** [F.]. To arms!  
**avant-propos** [F.]. Preface, preliminary remarks.  
**ave, atque vale** [L.]. Hail! and farewell!  
**ave Imperator, morituri te salutant** [L.]. Hail Cæsar (or Emperor)! Those who are about to die salute thee.  
**avertissement** [F.]. Notice, warning.  
**a vinculo matrimonii** [L.]. From the marriage bond, complete divorce.  
**à votre santé!** [F.]. To your health!  
**Bachelier ès lettres, sciences** [F.]. Bachelor of Letters, of Science.  
**ballon d'essai** [F.]. A feeler.  
**bas bleu** [F.]. A blue-stocking.  
**bavardage** [F.]. Gossip, tittle-tattle.  
**Beata Maria** [L.]. The Blessed Virgin.  
**beau sabreur** [F.]. A dashing cavalry-man.  
**beaux esprits** [F.]. Men of wit.  
**beaux yeux** [F.]. Fine eyes, good looks.  
**bel esprit** [F.]. A brilliant mind, man of parts.  
**bella! horrida bella!** [L.]. War! horrid war!  
**belle amie** [F.]. A female friend.  
**ben trovato** [It.]. Well invented.  
**ben venuto** [It.]. Welcome.  
**beso las manos** [Sp.]. I kiss your hands.  
**bête noire** [F.]. A bugbear, one's aversion.  
**bien aimé** [F.]. (*fem.* *aimée*) Well-beloved.  
**bien entendu** [F.]. To be sure, of course.  
**bis dat qui cito dat** [L.]. He gives twice who gives speedily.  
**blague** [F.]. Humbug.  
**bon accueil** [F.]. A good reception.  
**bon gré, mal gré** [F.]. Willingly or unwillingly, whether one will or not.  
**bona fide** [L.]. In good faith.  
**bonjour** [F.]. Good day.  
**bon marché** [F.]. A cheap shop; cheap.  
**bon mot** [F.]. A witty saying.  
**bonne** [F.]. A nurse-maid.  
**bonne-bouche** [F.]. A dainty morsel.  
**bonsoir** [F.]. Good evening.  
**bon ton** [F.]. Fashion, good style.  
**bon vivant** [F.]. One fond of good living.  
**bon voyage** [F.]. A pleasant journey, farewell.  
**breveté** [F.]. Patented,

**brevi manu** [L.]. Extempore, summarily.  
**brutum fulmen** [L.]. A random thunderbolt, an empty threat.

**cà ira** [F.]. That will go, that's the thing.  
**canaille** [F.]. The rabble.  
**caramba!** [Sp.]. Wonderful!  
**carême** [F.]. Lent.  
**carpe diem** [L.]. Enjoy the day, seize the present opportunity, improve the time.  
**casus belli** [L.]. A ground of war.  
**casus fœderis** [L.]. A case provided for by treaty.  
**causa vera** [L.]. A true cause.  
**cause célèbre** [F.]. A notable case or trial.  
**cave canem** [L.]. Beware of the dog.  
**caveat actor (emptor, viator)** [L.]. Let the doer (purchaser, traveller) beware.  
**cead mile failte** [Ir.]. A hundred thousand welcomes.  
**cedant arma togæ** [L.]. Let arms yield to the gown; let violence give place to law.  
**cela va sans dire** [F.]. That goes without saying.  
**ce n'est que le premier pas qui coûte** [F.]. It is only the first step that is troublesome.  
**c'est-à-dire** [F.]. That is to say.  
**c'est égal** [F.]. It's all the same.  
**cetera desunt** [L.]. The rest are wanting.  
**ceteris paribus** [L.]. Other things being equal.  
**chacun à son goût** [F.]. Every one to his taste.  
**chapeaux bas!** [F.]. Hats off!  
**chapelle ardente** [F.]. A chapel or room lighted with candles for a lying-in-state.  
**châteaux en Espagne** [F.]. Castles in Spain.  
**chef-d'œuvre** [F.]. A masterpiece.  
**chemin de fer** [F.]. A railway.  
**cherchez la femme** [F.]. Look for the woman, there's a woman at the bottom of it.  
**che sarà, sarà** [It.]. What will be, will be.  
**cheval de bataille** [F.]. A favourite subject.  
**chose jugée** [F.]. A closed subject.  
**ci-devant** [F.]. Formerly, of a past time.  
**ci-gît** [F.]. Here lies.  
**circa** [L.]. About.  
**clarum et venerabile nomen** [L.]. An illustrious and venerable name.  
**cogito, ergo sum** [L.]. I think, therefore I exist.  
**comme il faut** [F.]. As it should be, correct.  
**communiqué** [F.]. An official report.  
**compos mentis** [L.]. Sound of mind.  
**compte rendu** [F.]. An official report.  
**con amore** [It.]. With affection, with zeal.  
**conseil d'État** [F.]. A council of state.  
**con spirito** [It.]. With animation.  
**consummatum est** [L.]. It is finished.  
**contra bonos mores** [L.]. Contrary to good manners.  
**contra jus gentium** [L.]. Against the law of nations.  
**corpus delicti** [L.]. The substance of the offence,



**corpus juris canonici** or **civillis** [L.]. The body of canon or civil law.

**corpus vile** [L.]. Worthless matter.

**coup de grâce** [F.]. A finishing stroke.

**coup de main** [F.]. A sudden attack, enterprise, or undertaking.

**coup d'État** [F.]. A stroke of policy; a sudden, esp. unconstitutional, change of government.

**coup d'œil** [F.]. A rapid glance.

**coûte que coûte** [F.]. Cost what it may.

**credat Judæus Apella** [L.]. Let Apella the Jew believe it; tell that to the marines.

**crème de la crème** [F.]. The very best.

**crescit eundo** [L.]. It increases as it goes.

**crimen falsi** [L.]. Forgery.

**crimen læsæ majestatis** [L.]. High treason.

**cucullus non facit monachum** [L.]. The cowl does not make the monk.

**cui bono?** [L.]. For whose advantage?

**cum grano salis** [L.]. With a grain of salt; with some allowance.

**cum privilegio** [L.]. With privilege.

**currente calamo** [L.]. Off-hand, fluently.

**d'accord** [F.]. Agreed; in time.

**dame d'honneur** [F.]. A maid of honour.

**damnosa hæreditas** [L.]. A legacy entailing loss.

**date obolum Belisario** [L.]. Give an obolus to Belisarius (a celebrity reduced to beggary).

**Davus sum, non Œdipus** [L.]. I am Davus, not Œdipus; I am a bad hand at riddles.

**de bonne grâce** [F.]. With good will, willingly.

**de die in diem** [L.]. From day to day.

**de facto** [L.]. In reality, actually.

**défense de fumer** [F.]. Smoking not allowed.

**de gustibus non est disputandum** [L.]. There is no disputing about tastes.

**de haut en bas** [F.]. From head to foot; contemptuously.

**Dei gratia** [L.]. By the grace of God.

**déjeuner à la fourchette** [F.]. Luncheon.

**de jure** [L.]. By right.

**delenda est Carthago** [L.]. Carthage must be utterly destroyed.

**delineavit** [L.]. He (or she) drew it.

**de luxe** [F.]. Luxurious.

**de minimis non curat lex** [L.]. The law does not concern itself with trifles.

**de mortuis nil nisi bonum** [L.]. Let nothing be said of the dead but what is good.

**de novo** [L.]. Anew.

**Deo gratias** [L.]. Thanks be to God.

**de omnibus rebus** [L.]. Concerning all things.

**Deo volente** [L.]. God willing.

**de pis en pis** [F.]. From bad to worse.

**de profundis** [L.]. Out of the depths.

**de proprio motu** [L.]. On one's own initiative.

**de rigueur** [F.]. According to strict etiquette.

**dernier ressort** [F.]. A last resource.

**de trop** [F.]. Superfluous, not wanted.

**deus ex machina** [L.]. A god from the machine (in the Gr. theatre); a romantic dénouement.

**Deus vobiscum** [L.]. God be with you.

**Deus vult** [L.]. God wills it.

**Deutschland über alles** [G.]. Germany above everything.

**Dichtung und Wahrheit** [G.]. Poetry and truth (title of Goethe's autobiography).

**dies iræ** [L.]. The Day of Judgment.

**dies non** [L.]. A day when business is not transacted.

**Dieu et mon droit** [F.]. God and my right.

**Dieu vous garde!** [F.]. God protect you!

**dis aliter visum** [L.]. The gods have decided otherwise.

**disjecta membra** [L.]. Scattered remains.

**divide et impera** [L.]. Divide and govern.

**doctor utriusque legis** [L.]. Doctor of both laws (i.e. canon and civil).

**dolce far niente** [It.]. Sweet idleness.

**Domine, dirige nos** [L.]. O Lord direct us (the motto of the City of London).

**Dominus illuminatio mea** [L.]. The Lord is my light (the motto of Oxford Univ.).

**Dominus vobiscum** [L.]. The Lord be with you.

**dulce, domum** [L.]. Sweet is the strain of "Homeward."

**dulce est desipere in loco** [L.]. It is pleasant to play the fool at times.

**dulce et decorum est pro patria mori** [L.]. It is sweet and glorious to die for one's country.

**dum spiro, spero** [L.]. While I breathe, I hope.

**dum vivimus, vivamus** [L.]. Let us live while we live; let us enjoy life.

**ecce agnus Dei** [L.]. Behold the lamb of God.

**ecce homo** [L.]. Behold the man!

**ecce signum** [L.]. Behold the proof.

**édition de luxe** [F.]. A sumptuous edition.

**editio princeps** [L.]. A first printed edition.

**ego et rex meus** [L.]. I and my king.

**ehu! fugaces labuntur anni** [L.]. Alas! the fleeting years slip away.

**ejusdem generis** [L.]. Of the same kind.

**embarras de richesse** [F.]. A superfluity of anything wanted or desirable.

**en arrière** [F.]. In the rear, behind.

**en avant** [F.]. Forward.

**en bloc** [F.]. In the mass.

**en déshabillé** [F.]. In undress; in one's true colours.

**en effet** [F.]. Substantially, in effect.

**en famille** [F.]. With one's family, at home.

**enfants perdus** [F.]. A forlorn hope.

**enfant terrible** [F.]. A precocious youngster.

**en fête** [F.]. In festivity.

**en garçon** [F.]. As a bachelor.

**en grande tenue** [F.]. In full dress.

**en masse** [F.]. In a body.

**en passant** [F.]. By the way.  
**en pension** [F.]. On boarding-house terms.  
**en rapport** [F.]. In sympathy with.  
**en règle** [F.]. In order, as it should be.  
**en revanche** [F.]. In return, as compensation.  
**en route** [F.]. On the way.  
**en suite** [F.]. In a set, in succession.  
**entente cordiale** [F.]. A good understanding.  
**entre nous** [F.]. Between ourselves, in confidence.  
**e pluribus unum** [L.]. One out of or composed of many. (Motto of the U.S.A.)  
**épuisé** [F.]. (fem. -sée) Worn out; out of print.  
**errare est humanum** [L.]. To err is human.  
**esprit de corps** [F.]. Animating spirit of a collective body; pride in one's school, regiment, etc.  
**esse quam videri** [L.]. To be rather than to seem.  
**est modus in rebus** [L.]. There is a middle course in all things.  
**état-major** [F.]. A staff of officers.  
**et id genus omne** [L.]. And everything of the sort.  
**et sic de ceteris** [L.]. And so of the rest.  
**et similia** [L.]. And the like.  
**et tu Brute!** [L.]. And thou too Brutus (the last words of Cæsar).  
**Ewigkeit** [G.]. Eternity.  
**ex animo** [L.]. Heartily, sincerely.  
**ex cathedra** [L.]. From the chair, with authority.  
**exceptio probat regulam** [L.]. The exception proves the rule.  
**exceptis excipiendis** [L.]. Due allowances having been made.  
**exegi monumentum ære perennius** [L.]. I have reared a monument more lasting than bronze.  
**exempli gratia** [L.]. By way of example.  
**exeunt omnes** [L.]. All go out.  
**ex gratia** [L.]. As an act of favour.  
**ex hypothesi** [L.]. According to the hypothesis.  
**ex mero motu** [L.]. Of his own free will.  
**ex nihilo nihil fit** [L.]. Out of nothing nothing comes.  
**ex officio** [L.]. By virtue of one's office.  
**ex parte** [L.]. From one side only.  
**ex pede Herculem** [L.]. You may judge of Hercules by his foot, the whole by the part.  
**experientia docet** [L.]. Experience teaches.  
**experto crede** [L.]. Believe one who has tried it.  
**ex post facto** [L.]. After the deed is done.  
**ex proprio motu** [L.]. Of one's own initiative.  
**ex tempore** [L.]. At the time, off-hand.  
**extra muros** [L.]. Outside the walls.  
**ex ungue leonem** [L.]. You may tell the lion by his claw.  
**faber quisque fortunæ suæ** [L.]. Every man is the architect of his own fortune.

**facile princeps** [L.]. The acknowledged chief.  
**facilis descensus Averno** [L.]. The descent to hell is easy.  
**façon de parler** [F.]. Manner of speaking.  
**facta non verba** [L.]. Deeds not words.  
**factum est** [L.]. It is done.  
**fait accompli** [F.]. An accomplished fact.  
**fama clamosa** [L.]. A current scandal.  
**far niente** [It.]. Doing nothing.  
**fata obstant** [L.]. The Fates oppose.  
**faute de mieux** [F.]. In default of something better.  
**faux pas** [F.]. A blunder, a slip.  
**favete linguis** [L.]. Favour with your tongues, be silent.  
**fecit** [L.]. He (or she) made or drew it.  
**femme incomprise** [F.]. An unappreciated woman.  
**festina lente** [L.]. Don't be impetuous.  
**fiat justitia ruat cælum** [L.]. Let justice be done though the heavens should fall.  
**fiat lux** [L.]. Let there be light.  
**fidei defensor** [L.]. Defender of the faith.  
**fides Punica** [L.]. Punic faith; treachery.  
**fi donc!** [F.]. For shame!  
**fidus Achates** [L.]. Faithful Achates (companion of Æneas); a true friend.  
**fille de chambre** [F.]. A chamber-maid.  
**finem respice** [L.]. Look to the end.  
**finis coronat opus** [L.]. The end crowns the work.  
**flagrante delicto** [L.]. In the very act.  
**floreat** [L.]. May (it) flourish.  
**fons et origo malorum** [L.]. The source and origin of our miseries.  
**force majeure** [F.]. Superior power, circumstances not under one's control.  
**fortes fortuna juvat** [L.]. Fortune favours the brave.  
**fortiter in re, suaviter in modo** [L.]. Acting forcibly yet in gentle fashion.  
**front à front** [F.]. Face to face.  
**fulmus Troes** [L.]. We once were Trojans; we have seen better days.  
**fuit Ilium** [L.]. Troy has been (but is no more).  
**furor loquendi** [L.]. A rage for speaking.  
**furor poeticus** [L.]. Poetical frenzy.  
**furor scribendi** [L.]. A rage for writing.  
**gage d'amour** [F.]. A love-token.  
**garde du corps** [F.]. A body-guard.  
**gardez bien** [F.]. Take good care, be careful.  
**gaudeamus igitur** [L.]. Therefore, let us rejoice.  
**Geist** [G.]. Spirit, animating principle.  
**gens d'affaires** [F.]. Business people.  
**gens de lettres** [F.]. Literary men.  
**genus irritabile vatum** [L.]. The irritable tribe of bards.  
**gloria in excelsis Deo** [L.]. Glory to God in the highest.  
**gloria Patri** [L.]. Glory be to the Father.  
**grâce à Dieu** [F.]. Thanks be to God.  
**gradatim** [L.]. Step by step.  
**gradus ad Parnassum** [L.]. A step to Parnassus; aid in writing Latin poetry.



**grande parure, tenue, or toilette** [F.].

Full dress.

**grande passion** [F.]. A serious love-affair.

**guerra al cuchillo** [Sp.]. War to the knife.

**hic et ubique** [L.]. Here and everywhere.

**hic labor, hoc opus est** [L.]. This is the labour, this the toil.

**hic sepultus** [L.]. Here [Hic] buried.

**hinc illæ lacrimæ** [L.]. Hence these tears; this is the cause of the trouble.

**his non obstantibus** [L.]. Notwithstanding this.

**hoc age** [L.]. This do; attend.

**hoc genus omne** [L.]. All this sort of (people, etc.).

**hodie mihi, cras tibi** [L.]. It is my turn to-day, yours to-morrow.

**homme de bien** [F.]. A man of worth.

**homme d'esprit** [F.]. A wit, a genius.

**homo sum; humani nihil a me alienum puto** [L.]. I am a man, and I consider nothing that concerns mankind a matter of indifference.

**honi soit qui mal y pense** [F.]. Shame be to him who thinks evil of it (motto of the Order of the Garter).

**honnête homme** [F.]. A worthy man.

**honoris causa or gratia** [L.]. For the sake of honour, honorary.

**horæ canonicæ** [L.]. Hours prescribed for prayers.

**horæ subsecivæ** [L.]. Leisure hours.

**horas non numero nisi serenas** [L.]. I count none but shining hours (on sundials).

**horresco referens** [L.]. I shudder as I tell the story.

**horribile dictu** [L.]. Horrible to tell.

**horribile visu** [L.]. Horrible to see.

**hors concours** [F.]. Not for competition.

**hors de combat** [F.]. Disabled.

**hôtel garni** [F.]. Furnished apartments.

**humanum est errare** [L.]. To err is human.

**ich dien** [G.]. I serve (Prince of Wales's motto).

**ici on parle français** [F.]. French is spoken here.

**idée fixe** [F.]. A fixed idea, monomania.

**ignorantia legis neminem excusat** [L.]. Ignorance of the law is an excuse for no one.

**ignoratio elenchi** [L.]. Ignoring the point in dispute.

**ignotum per ignotius** [L.]. (To explain) a thing not understood by one still less understood.

**il faut de l'argent** [F.]. Money is necessary.

**il n'y a pas de quoi** [F.]. There is no need, don't mention it.

**il n'y a pas que le premier pas qui coûte** [F.]. It is only the first step that is troublesome.

**ils n'ont rien appris ni rien oublié** [F.]. They have learned nothing and forgotten nothing (said of the Bourbons).

**il va sans dire** [F.]. It goes without saying.

**in æternum** [L.]. For ever.

**in articulo mortis** [L.]. At the moment of death.

**in camera** [L.]. In the judge's chamber, not in open court.

**in capite** [L.]. In chief, (holding) directly from the Crown.

**in commendam** [L.]. (Holding a vacant benefice) in trust for the successor.

**inconnu** [F.]. (*fem. -nue*) Unknown.

**in curia** [L.]. In open court.

**in Deo speravi** [L.]. In God have I trusted.

**index verborum** [L.]. An index of words.

**in esse** [L.]. In actual being.

**in excelsis** [L.]. In the highest.

**in extenso** [L.]. At full length.

**in extremis** [L.]. At the point of death.

**in flagrante delicto** [L.]. In the very act.

**in forma pauperis** [L.]. As a pauper.

**infra dignitatem (infra dig.)** [L.]. Beneath one's dignity.

**in hoc signo vinces** [L.]. By this sign thou shalt conquer (motto of Constantine the Great).

**in infinitum** [L.]. For ever.

**in initio** [L.]. In the beginning.

**in limine** [L.]. As a preliminary.

**in loco** [L.]. In the place (of).

**in loco parentis** [L.]. In the place of a parent.

**in manus tuas commendo spiritum meum** [L.]. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit.

**in medias res** [L.]. Into the very midst of the business.

**in memoriam** [L.]. To the memory of.

**in nomine** [L.]. In the name (of).

**in nubibus** [L.]. In the clouds; vague.

**in pace** [L.]. In peace.

**in partibus infidelium** [L.]. In the countries of unbelievers.

**in perpetuum** [L.]. For ever.

**in petto** [It.]. Within the breast, in reserve.

**in posse** [L.]. In possibility, potentially.

**in propria persona** [L.]. In one's own person.

**in puris naturalibus** [L.]. In a state of nature; naked.

**in re** [L.]. In the matter of.

**in rerum natura** [L.]. In the nature of things.

**in sæcula sæculorum** [L.]. For ever and ever.

**in situ** [L.]. In (its original or proper) position.

**in statu quo** [L.]. In the same state as.

**integer vitæ scelerisque purus** [L.]. Blameless in life and clear of crime.

**in tenebris** [L.]. In the dark, in doubt.

**inter alia** [L.]. Among other things.

**inter arma leges silent** [L.]. In the time of war the laws are silent.

**inter canem et lupum** [L.]. Between the dog and the wolf, twilight.

**inter nos** [L.]. Between ourselves.

- in totidem verbis [L.]. In so many words.
- in toto [L.]. Entirely.
- in transitu [L.]. On the way, en route.
- intra vires [L.]. Within the powers (of).
- in utroque jure [L.]. Under both (canon and civil) laws.
- in vacuo [L.]. In a vacuum, in empty space.
- invenit [L.]. He (or she) devised this.
- in vino veritas [L.]. Drunkenness makes a man let out the truth.
- ipse dixit [L.]. He himself has said it; a mere assertion.
- ipsissima verba [L.]. The identical words.
- ipso facto [L.]. By the fact itself.
- ita lex scripta [L.]. Thus the law stands written.
- jacta alea est [L.]. The die is cast.
- jam satis! [L.]. Enough now of this!
- je ne sais quoi [F.]. I know not what, something indefinable.
- je ne sais trop [F.]. I don't know precisely.
- je suis prêt [F.]. I am ready.
- jeu de mains [F.]. A practical joke; a pun.
- jeune premier [F.]. A stage lover.
- jeunesse dorée [F.]. The gilded youth.
- jubilare Deo [L.]. O be joyful in the Lord.
- jure divino [L.]. By divine law.
- jure humano [L.]. By human law.
- juris peritus [L.]. One learned in the law.
- juris utriusque doctor [L.]. Doctor of both (canon and civil) laws.
- jus canonicum [L.]. Canon law.
- jus civile [L.]. Civil law.
- jus divinum [L.]. Divine law.
- jus et norma loquendi [L.]. The law and rule of speech.
- jus gentium [L.]. The law of nations.
- juste milieu [L.]. The golden mean.
- juvante Deo [L.]. God helping.
- j'y suis et j'y reste [F.]. Here I am and here I stay.
- labor omnia vincit [L.]. Labour overcomes all difficulties.
- læsa majestas [L.]. Lèse-majesty.
- lapsus calami (linguæ, memoriæ) [L.]. A slip of the pen (tongue, memory).
- lares et penates [L.]. Household gods.
- lasciate ogni speranza, voi ch' entrate [It.]. All hope abandon ye who enter here.
- laudator temporis acti [L.]. One who praises the good old days.
- laus Deo [L.]. Praise be to God.
- le beau monde [F.]. The world of fashion, society.
- le pas [F.]. Precedence.
- le roy, or la reyne, le veut [N.-F.]. The King, or the Queen, wills it (royal assent to a Bill).
- les absents ont toujours tort [F.]. The absent are always wrong.
- les convenances [F.]. The proprieties.
- l'État, c'est moi [F.]. The State! I am the State.
- le tout ensemble [F.]. The general effect.
- lever de rideau [F.]. A curtain-raiser.
- lex loci [L.]. The law of the place, local custom.
- lex non scripta [L.]. The unwritten law.
- lex talionis [L.]. The law of retaliation.
- l'homme propose et Dieu dispose [F.]. Man proposes and God disposes.
- licet [L.]. It is permitted, it is legal.
- limbus fatuorum [L.]. A fool's paradise.
- l'inconnu [F.]. The unknown.
- l'incroyable [F.]. The incredible, the marvellous.
- lite pendente [L.]. During the trial.
- littera scripta manet [L.]. The written word remains.
- loco citato [L.]. In the place quoted.
- locus in quo [L.]. The place in which.
- locus sigilli [L.]. The place of the seal.
- locus standi [L.]. Recognized place or position authorizing appearance in court, etc.
- longo intervallo [L.]. At a long interval.
- loquitur [L.]. He (or she) speaks.
- lucernam olet [L.]. It smells of the lamp.
- lucus a non lucendo [L.]. *Lucus* (a grove) is derived from *lucere* (to shine) because it is dark; (*fig.*) anything inconsequent and absurd.
- lupus in fabula [L.]. The wolf in the fable; talk of the devil and he will appear.
- lusus naturæ [L.]. A freak of nature.
- lux in tenebris [L.]. Light in darkness.
- lux mundi [L.]. The light of the world.
- ma chère [F.]. My dear (fem.).
- magna est veritas et prævalet [L.]. Truth is great and all-powerful.
- magnas inter opes inops [L.]. Poor in the midst of great wealth.
- magni nominis umbra [L.]. The shadow of a mighty name.
- magnum bonum [L.]. A great good.
- magnum opus [L.]. A great undertaking, the great work of a man's life.
- maison de santé [F.]. A private asylum or hospital.
- maison de ville [F.]. A town hall.
- maître d'hôtel [F.]. A house steward.
- mal à propos [F.]. Unseasonably.
- mala fide [L.]. In bad faith, treacherously.
- mal de mer [F.]. Sea-sickness.
- malentendu [F.]. A misunderstanding, a mistake.
- mal entendu [F.]. Misunderstood.
- malgré nous [F.]. In spite of us.
- mali exempli [L.]. Of bad example.
- malo modo [L.]. In an evil manner.
- manet [L.]. (*pl. manent*) He (or she) remains.
- manu forti [L.]. With the strong hand.
- manu propria [L.]. With one's own hand.
- mardi gras [F.]. Shrove Tuesday.
- mare clausum [L.]. A closed sea.
- marque de fabrique [F.]. A trade-mark.
- mauvaise honte [F.]. False shame.
- mauvais sujet [F.]. A worthless fellow.



**mauvais ton** [F.]. Bad style.  
**mea culpa** [L.]. By my fault.  
**medio tutissimus ibis** [L.]. You will travel safest in a middle course.  
**me iudice** [L.]. In my opinion.  
**memoriter** [L.]. From memory.  
**mens invicta manet** [L.]. The mind remains unconquered.  
**mens sana in corpore sano** [L.]. A sound mind in a sound body.  
**mens sibi conscia recti** [L.]. A mind conscious of its own rectitude.  
**meo periculo** [L.]. At my own risk.  
**meo voto** [L.]. By my own wish.  
**merum sal** [L.]. Pure salt, true wit.  
**meum et tuum** [L.]. Mine and thine.  
**mi-carême** [F.]. Mid-Lent.  
**mirabile dictu** [L.]. Wonderful to relate.  
**mirabile visu** [L.]. Wonderful to see.  
**miserere mei** [L.]. Have mercy upon me.  
**mon ami** [F.]. (*fem. amie*) My friend.  
**mon Dieu!** [F.]. Good heavens! gracious!  
**more majorum** [L.]. After the manner of our ancestors.  
**more suo** [L.]. In his usual way.  
**morituri morituros salutant** [L.]. Those about to die salute those about to die.  
**mors janua vitæ** [L.]. Death is the gate of life.  
**mors omnibus communis** [L.]. Death is common to all men.  
**motu proprio** [L.]. Of his own accord.  
**moyen âge** [F.]. The Middle Ages.  
**multum in parvo** [L.]. Much in little.  
**multum non multa** [L.]. Much not many.  
**mutatis mutandis** [L.]. The necessary changes being made.  
**natale solum** [L.]. The land of one's birth.  
**ne cede malis** [L.]. Do not yield to misfortune.  
**necessitas non habet legem** [L.]. Necessity knows no law.  
**nec pluribus impar** [L.]. No unequal match for many (motto assumed by Louis XIV.).  
**ne exeat** [L.]. Let him not depart.  
**negatur** [L.]. It is denied.  
**nenime contradicente** [L.]. No one contradicting.  
**nenime dissentiente** [L.]. No one dissenting.  
**nemo me impune lacessit** [L.]. No one provokes me with impunity.  
**ne nimium** [L.]. Not too much; avoid excess.  
**ne plus ultra** [L.]. Nothing further; perfection.  
**nervi belli pecunia** [L.]. Money is the sinews of war.  
**ne sutor supra crepidam** [L.]. The shoemaker should not go beyond his last.  
**nihil ad rem** [L.]. Nothing to the purpose.  
**nihil tigit quod non ornavit** [L.]. He touched nothing without embellishing it.  
**nihil admirari** [L.]. To be astonished at nothing.  
**nihil desperandum** [L.]. Never despair,

**n'importe** [F.]. It is of no consequence.  
**nisi Dominus frustra** [L.]. Unless the Lord (build the house, they labour) in vain (that build it).  
**noblesse oblige** [F.]. Rank imposes obligations.  
**nolle prosequi** [L.]. To be unwilling to prosecute.  
**nolo contendere** [L.]. I will not contest it; guilty.  
**nolo episcopari** [L.]. I do not wish to be a bishop (formal reply to offer of bishopric).  
**non compos mentis** [L.]. Not of sound mind, mentally deranged, lunatic.  
**non est inventus** [L.]. (He) is not to be found.  
**non libet** [L.]. It does not please me.  
**non mi ricordo** [It.]. I do not remember.  
**non multa, sed multum** [L.]. Not many things, but much.  
**non nobis** [L.]. Not unto us.  
**non obstante** [L.]. Notwithstanding.  
**non omnis moriar** [L.]. I shall not wholly die.  
**non placet** [L.]. A formula expressing a negative vote.  
**non possumus** [L., we cannot]. A statement of inability or a refusal to act.  
**non sequitur** [L., it does not follow]. An illogical inference; an irrelevant conclusion.  
**nosce teipsum** [L.]. Know thyself.  
**nota bene** [L.]. Note well.  
**Notre-Dame** [F.]. Our Lady, the Virgin Mary.  
**nous avons changé tout cela** [F.]. We have changed all that.  
**nous verrons** [F.]. We shall see.  
**nouveau riche** [F.]. (*pl. nouveaux riches*) A newly-rich man, a parvenu.  
**nulli secundus** [L.]. Second to none.  
**nunc aut nunquam** [L.]. Now or never.  
**nunquam non paratus** [L.]. Never unprepared.  
**obiit** [L.]. He (or she) died.  
**obiter dictum** [L.]. A thing said incidentally.  
**obscurum per obscurius** [L.]. (Ex-  
 plaining) an obscurity by something still more obscure.  
**odi profanum vulgus et arceo** [L.]. I hate the vulgar rabble and keep it aloof.  
**odium theologicum** [L.]. Hatred among theologians.  
**œuvres** [F.]. Works.  
**omnia mors æquat** [L.]. Death levels all distinctions.  
**omnia munda mundis** [L.]. To the pure all things are pure.  
**omnia mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis** [L.]. All things are subject to change, and we change with them.  
**omnia vincit amor** [L.]. Love conquers all things.  
**omnibus idem** [L.]. The same to all men.  
**onus probandi** [L.]. The burden of proving.

- opere citato** [L.]. In the work cited.  
**ora e sempre** [It.]. Now and always.  
**ora et labora** [L.]. Pray and work.  
**ora pro nobis** [L.]. Pray for us.  
**orate pro anima** [L.]. Pray for the soul (of).  
**ore rotundo** [L.]. With impressive utterance.  
**O ! si sic omnia** ! [L.]. O if only all had been (spoken or acted) thus !  
**O tempora ! O mores** ! [L.]. Alas for the times and the manners !  
**otium cum dignitate** [L.]. Dignified leisure.  
**pace** [L.]. By leave of, with the consent of.  
**pacta conventa** [L.]. The conditions agreed on.  
**pallida mors** [L.]. Pale Death.  
**palmam qui meruit ferat** [L.]. Let him bear the palm who has deserved it.  
**panem et circenses** [L.]. Bread and the circus-games; food and amusement.  
**parbleu** ! [F.]. An exclamation of surprise, etc.  
**par-ci par-là** [F.]. Here and there.  
**par complaisance** [F.]. Out of politeness.  
**par excellence** [F.]. Pre-eminently.  
**par exemple** [F.]. For instance.  
**pari passu** [L.]. At the same rate or pace.  
**parole d'honneur** [F.]. Word of honour.  
**particeps criminis** [L.]. A partaker in the crime; an accessory.  
**parturiunt montes, nascetur ridiculus mus** [L.]. The mountains are in labour and the result will be a ridiculous mouse.  
**pas de deux** [F.]. A dance for two.  
**pas possible** ! [F.]. Impossible !  
**pas seul** [F.]. A dance for one person.  
**pax Romana** [L.]. The peace of the Roman Empire.  
**pax vobiscum** [L.]. Peace be with you.  
**peine forte et dure** [F.]. Very severe punishment (a kind of judicial torture).  
**per angusta ad augusta** [L.]. Through trial to triumph.  
**per aspera ad astra** [L.]. Through rough ways to the stars; through suffering to renown.  
**per contra** [L.]. On the contrary.  
**per fas aut nefas** [L.]. Through right or wrong.  
**per mare, per terras** [L.]. By sea and land.  
**per mensem** [L.]. Monthly.  
**per saltum** [L.]. At a leap.  
**per se** [L.]. By itself.  
**persona grata** [L.]. An acceptable person.  
**petitio principii** [L.]. Begging the chief point, begging the question.  
**peu à peu** [F.]. Little by little, by degrees.  
**pièce de résistance** [F.]. The most substantial dish at a meal.  
**piéd-à-terre** [F.]. A footing, a temporary lodging.  
**pis aller** [F.]. A makeshift.  
**plein air** [F.]. The open air.  
**pleno jure** [L.]. With full authority.  
**poco à poco** [It.]. Little by little, by degrees.  
**poco curante** [It.]. Indifferent, apathetic.  
**poeta nascitur, non fit** [L.]. The poet is born, not made.  
**point d'appui** [F.]. A base for action.  
**post hoc, ergo propter hoc** [L.]. After this, therefore on account of this.  
**post obitum** [L.]. After death.  
**pour ainsi dire** [F.]. So to speak.  
**pour encourager les autres** [F.]. To encourage the others.  
**pour faire rire** [F.]. To raise a laugh.  
**pour prendre congé** (P.P.C.) [F.]. To take leave.  
**preux chevalier** [F.]. A brave knight.  
**prima facie** [L.]. At first sight.  
**primus inter pares** [L.]. First among equals.  
**pro aris et focis** [L.]. For our altars and hearths.  
**probatum est** [L.]. It has been proved.  
**pro bono publico** [L.]. For the public good.  
**procul, O procul este, profani** [L.]. Hence, oh get hence, ye profane.  
**pro forma** [L.]. As a matter of form.  
**pro hac vice** [L.]. For this occasion.  
**proh pudor** ! [L.]. For shame.  
**pro patria et rege** [L.]. For country and king.  
**proprio motu** [L.]. Of one's own accord.  
**pro rata** [L.]. In proportion.  
**pro rege, lege, grege** [L.]. For the king, the law, the people.  
**pro re nata** [L.]. As occasion may arise.  
**prosit tibi** [L.]. May it be well with thee.  
**pro tanto** [L.]. For so much, to that extent.  
**pro tempore** [L.]. For the time being.  
**proxime accessit** [L.]. He (or she) came nearest.  
**Punica fides** [L.]. Punic faith, treachery.  
**quare** [L.]. Inquire.  
**quæritur** [L.]. It is asked.  
**quæ vide** [L.]. Which (things) see.  
**quantum libet** [L.]. As much as you like.  
**quantum meruit** [L.]. As much as he (or she) deserved.  
**quantum sufficit** [L.]. As much as suffices.  
**quantum valeat** [L.]. So much as it may be worth.  
**quelque chose** [F.]. Something; a trifle.  
**que voulez-vous** ? [F.]. What would you have ?  
**quem deus vult perdere, prius dementat** [L.]. Whom a god means to destroy he first makes mad.  
**quem di diligunt, adolescens moritur** [L.]. He whom the gods love dies young.  
**quid faciendum** ? [L.]. What is to be done ?  
**quid pro quo** [L.]. Something in return.  
**quid rides** ? [L.]. Why do you laugh ?  
**quién sabe** ? [Sp.]. Who knows ?  
**qui facit per alium, facit per se** [L.]. He who acts through another acts through himself.



**qu'importe?** [F.]. What does it matter?  
**quis custodiet ipsos custodes?** [L.].  
 Who will watch the watchers?  
**qui s'excuse, s'accuse** [F.]. He who  
 excuses himself accuses himself.  
**quis separabit?** [L.]. Who shall separate  
 us? (the motto of the Order of St.  
 Patrick).  
**qui va là?** [F.]. Who goes there?  
**quoad hoc** [L.]. To this extent.  
**quo animo?** [L.]. With what intention?  
**quocunque modo** [L.]. In whatever  
 manner.  
**quod absurdum est** [L.]. Which thing  
 is absurd.  
**quod avertat Deus!** [L.]. Which God avert!  
**quod dixi, dixi** [L.]. What I have said, I  
 have said.  
**quod erat demonstrandum** (Q.E.D.) [L.].  
 Which was to be proved.  
**quod erat faciendum** (Q.E.F.) [L.].  
 Which was to be done.  
**quod vide** [L.]. Which (thing) see.  
**quo jure?** [L.]. By what right?  
**quomodo?** [L.]. By what means?  
**quot homines, tot sententiæ** [L.]. As  
 many minds as men; so many men, so  
 many minds (sometimes incorr. quoted  
 TOT HOMINES, etc.).  
**quo vadis?** [L.]. Whither goest thou?  
**raison d'être** [F.]. The reason for a thing's  
 existence.  
**rara avis** [L.]. A rare bird; a prodigy.  
**reculer pour mieux sauter** [F.]. To  
 retire in order to advance better.  
**reductio ad absurdum** [L.]. Proof by  
 demonstrating the absurdity of the  
 contrary.  
**re infecta** [L.]. With the business un-  
 finished.  
**rem acu tetigisti** [L.]. You have touched  
 the matter with a needle; you have  
 described it accurately.  
**répondez s'il vous plaît** (R.S.V.P.) [F.].  
 Please reply.  
**requiescat in pace** [L.]. May he rest in  
 peace.  
**res angusta domi** [L.]. Matters straitened  
 at home, poverty.  
**res judicata** [L.]. An issue that has been  
 settled in a court.  
**respite finem** [L.]. Look to the end.  
**resurgam** [L.]. I shall rise again.  
**revenons à nos moutons** [F.]. Let us  
 return to our sheep, let us come back to  
 our subject.  
**ruat cælum** [L.]. Let the heavens fall.  
**ruse de guerre** [F.]. A military  
 stratagem.  
**rus in urbe** [L.]. Country in town.  
**sæva indignatio** [L.]. Fierce indignation.  
**sal Atticum** [L.]. Attic salt, wit.  
**salus populi suprema lex** [L.]. The  
 public safety is the supreme law.  
**salvo jure** [L.]. Without prejudice.  
**salvo pudore** [L.]. Without offence to  
 modesty.  
**sans doute** [F.]. Doubtless.

**sans pareil** [F.]. Unequaled.  
**sans peur et sans reproche** [F.]. With-  
 out fear and without blame.  
**sans phrase** [F.]. Without circumlocution,  
**sans souci** [F.]. Free from care.  
**sapere aude** [L.]. Dare to be wise.  
**satis quod sufficit** [L.]. What suffices is  
 enough.  
**sat pulchra, si sat bona** [L.]. Fair  
 enough if good enough; handsome is as  
 handsome does.  
**sauve qui peut** [F.]. Save yourselves who  
 can.  
**savoir faire** [F.]. Tact; skill.  
**savoir vivre** [F.]. Good breeding.  
**scandalum magnatum** [L.]. The defa-  
 mation of exalted personages.  
**sculpsit** [L.]. He engraved or carved this.  
**secundum artem** (naturam, regulam)  
 [L.]. According to art (nature, rule).  
**selon les règles** [F.]. According to the rules.  
**semper eadem** [L. pl.]. (sing. idem)  
 Always the same.  
**semper fidelis** [L.]. Always faithful.  
**semper paratus** [L.]. Always ready.  
**Senatus Populusque Romanus**  
 (S.P.Q.R.) [L.]. The Roman Senate and  
 People.  
**seniores priores** [L.]. Those who are  
 older first.  
**se non è vero, è ben trovato** [It.]. If it  
 is not true, it is cleverly invented.  
**servare modum** [L.]. To keep within  
 bounds.  
**servus servorum Dei** [L.]. The servant  
 of the servants of God (a title of the Pope).  
**sic in originali** [L.]. Thus in the original.  
**sic itur ad astra** [L.]. Such is the way to  
 the stars (or to fame).  
**sic semper tyrannis** [L.]. Ever thus to  
 tyrants.  
**sic transit gloria mundi** [L.]. So earthly  
 glory passes away.  
**sicut ante** [L.]. As before.  
**sic vos non vobis** [L.]. So you do not  
 (labour) for yourselves.  
**s'il vous plaît** [F.]. If you please.  
**si monumentum requiris, circumspice**  
 [L.]. If you seek his memorial look  
 around you. (In St. Paul's Cathedral, of  
 the architect, Sir Christopher Wren.)  
**simpliciter** [L.]. Absolutely, without  
 qualification.  
**sine cura** [L.]. Without charge or office.  
**sine die** [L.]. Without any day (being  
 fixed).  
**sine mora** [L.]. Without delay.  
**sine prole** [L.]. Without offspring.  
**sine qua non** [L.]. An indispensable  
 condition.  
**siste, viator!** [L.]. Stay, traveller!  
**sit tibi terra levis** [L.]. May the earth lie  
 light upon thee.  
**si vis pacem, para bellum** [L.]. If you  
 want peace be ready for war.  
**solitudinem faciunt, pacem appellant**  
 [L.]. They make a solitude and call it  
 peace.  
**solvitur ambulando** [L.]. It is proved  
 as you go along.

- spero meliora** [L.]. I hope for better things.
- splendide mendax** [L.]. Magnificently false.
- spolia opima** [L.]. The richest spoils.
- sponte sua** [L.]. Of one's own accord.
- statim** [L.]. At once.
- status quo ante** [L.]. The same state as before.
- stet fortuna domus!** [L.]. May the fortune of the house endure!
- Sturm und Drang** [G.]. Storm and stress.
- sua cuique voluptas** [L.]. Every man has his own pleasures.
- suaviter in modo, fortiter in re** [L.]. Gentle in manner, resolute in execution.
- sub colore juris** [L.]. Under colour of law.
- sub iudice** [L.]. Under consideration.
- sub pede sigilli** [L.]. Under the Great Seal.
- sub pœna** [L.]. Under penalty (of).
- sub rosa** [L.]. Under the rose, confidentially.
- sub silentio** [L.]. Without notice being taken.
- succès d'estime** [F.]. A success with more credit than profit.
- suggestio falsi** [L.]. A suggestion of something that is untrue.
- sui generis** [L.]. Of its (his, or her) own kind.
- sui juris** [L.]. Of his (or her) own right.
- summum jus, summa injuria** [L.]. The rigour of the law is the height of oppression.
- sunt lacrimæ rerum** [L.]. There are tears for mortal things.
- suo Marte** [L.]. By his own powers or skill.
- suppressio veri suggestio falsi** [L.]. The suppression of the truth is the suggestion of a falsehood.
- sursum corda** [L.]. Lift up your hearts.
- suum cuique** [L.]. To each his own.
- suus cuique mos** [L.]. Every one has his own particular habit.
- tabula rasa** [L.]. A smooth tablet ("a clean slate").
- tædium vitæ** [L.]. Weariness of life.
- tant mieux** [F.]. So much the better.
- tant pis** [F.]. So much the worse.
- tantum quantum** [L.]. Just as much as (is required).
- teipsum nosce** [L.]. Know thyself.
- tempora mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis** [L.]. The times are changed and we with them.
- tempus edax rerum** [L.]. Time the devourer of things.
- tempus fugit** [L.]. Time flies.
- terminus ad quem** [L.]. The goal.
- terminus a quo** [L.]. The starting-point.
- terra incognita** [L.]. An unknown land.
- tertium quid** [L.]. A third something.
- teste** [L.]. By the evidence (of).
- timeo Danaos et dona ferentes** [L.]. I fear the Greeks even when they offer gifts.
- toties quoties** [L.]. As often as.
- toto cælo** [L.]. By the whole sky, diametrically (opposite).
- totus in toto** [L.]. Complete as a whole.
- toujours perdrix** [F.]. Always partridge, too much of a good thing.
- toujours prêt** [F.]. Always ready.
- tour de force** [F.]. A feat of strength or skill.
- tout à coup** [F.]. Suddenly.
- tout à fait** [F.]. Wholly, entirely.
- tout à l'heure** [F.]. Instantly.
- tout de suite** [F.]. Immediately.
- tout ensemble** [F.]. The general effect.
- tout est perdu hors l'honneur** [F.]. All is lost but honour.
- tria juncta in uno** [L.]. Three things combined in one (motto of the Order of the Bath).
- trium literarum homo** [L.]. A man of three letters (*L. fur*, thief); a thief.
- Troja fuit** [L.]. Troy was; Troy has perished.
- tu quoque** [L.]. You also.
- uberrima fides** [L.]. Implicit faith.
- ubi bene, ibi patria** [L.]. Where one is well off there is one's country.
- ubique** [L.]. Everywhere.
- ultima ratio regum** [L.]. The last resource of kings (war.)
- ultimus Romanorum** [L.]. The last of the Romans (used by Brutus of Cassius).
- ultra posse nemo obligatur** [L.]. No one is obliged to do more than he can.
- ultra vires** [L.]. Beyond one's (legal) powers.
- uno animo** [L.]. With one mind, unanimously.
- urbi et orbi** [L.]. To the city and the world.
- usus loquendi** [L.]. The usage of speech.
- ut infra** [L.]. As (mentioned) below.
- uti possidetis** [L.]. As you now have in your possession.
- ut mos est** [L.]. As the custom is.
- ut supra** [L.]. As (mentioned) above.
- vade in pace** [L.]. Go in peace.
- væ victis!** [L.]. Woe to the vanquished!
- vanitas vanitatum, et omnia vanitas** [L.]. Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.
- varia lectio** [L.]. (*pl. variæ lectiones*) A variant reading.
- vedi Napoli e poi muori** [It.]. See Naples and then die.
- veluti in speculum** [L.]. As in a mirror.
- veni, Creator Spiritus** [L.]. Come, Holy Spirit, Creator.
- veni, vidi, vici** [L.]. I came, I saw, I conquered.
- verbatim et literatim** [L.]. Word for word and letter for letter.
- verbera, sed audi** [L.]. Strike, but hear.
- verbum satis sapienti** [L.]. A word is enough to the wise.
- veritas omnia vincit** [L.]. Truth conquers all things.
- vexata questio** [L.]. A disputed question.
- via crucis via lucis** [L.]. The way of the Cross is the way of light.



**via media** [L.]. A middle course.  
**vicisti, Galilæe!** [L.]. Thou hast conquered, O Galilean!  
**victi vicimus** [L.]. Conquered, we conquer.  
**video meliora proboque, deteriora sequor** [L.]. I see the better and approve it, yet pursue the worse.  
**vide ut supra** [L.]. See as above.  
**vi et armis** [L.]. By force and arms.  
**vigilate et orate** [L.]. Watch and pray.  
**vincet amor patriæ** [L.]. The love of country will prevail.  
**vires acquirit eundo** [L.]. It acquires strength as it goes.  
**virginibus puerisque** [L.]. For maidens and boys.  
**virtute officii** [L.]. By virtue of one's office.  
**vis inertiae** [L.]. The power of inertness.  
**visum visu** [L.]. To see and to be seen.  
**vis unita fortior** [L.]. Strength united is the more powerful.  
**vita brevis, ars longa** [L.]. Life is short, but art is long.  
**vivat rex (regina)!** [L.]. Long live the king (queen)!.  
**vive la République!** [F.]. Long live the Republic!

**vive l'empereur!** [F.]. Long live the Emperor!  
**vixere fortes ante Agamemnona** [L.]. There were brave men before Agamemnon.  
**vogue la galère** [F.]. Row the galley, happen what may.  
**voilà** [F.]. See there, there it is.  
**voilà tout** [F.]. That's all.  
**volens et valens** [L.]. Willing and able.  
**volenti non fit injuria** [L.]. No injury is done to a consenting party.  
**volo, non valeo** [L.]. I am willing but unable.  
**vox et prætereā nihil** [L.]. A voice and nothing more.  
**vox faucibus hæsit** [L.]. His voice stuck in his throat; he was dumb with amazement.  
**vox (pl. voces) populi** [L.]. The voice of the people, popular feeling.  
**vox populi vox Dei** [L.]. The voice of the people is the voice of God.

**Weltgeist** [G.]. The world-spirit.  
**Weltschmerz** [G.]. World-sorrow, pessimism.

**Zeitgeist** [G.]. The spirit of the age.

## PRONUNCIATION OF PROPER NAMES

*For Key to Pronunciation see p. 4.*

**Aachen**, a'chèn  
**Abana**, äb'a-nä  
**Abbasside**, ä-bäs'id  
**Abdera**, äb-dër'ä; **Ab-**  
**derite**, äb'dër-it  
**Abednego**, ä-bed'né-gö  
**Abergavenny**, äb-ér-gen'i  
**Abinger**, äb'in-jér  
**Abrantes**, a-bran'tes  
**Abruzzi**, a-brood'zè  
**Abydos**, ä-bí-dos  
**Aceldama**, ä-sel'dá-mä  
**Achates**, ä-kä'tèz  
**Acheron**, äk'é-r-ön  
**Achilles**, ä-kil'éz  
**Achitophel**, ä-kit'ó-fel  
**Acroceraunia**, äk-rö-sé-  
 raw'ni-ä  
**Actæon**, äk-tè'ön  
**Adonai**, a-dó'ní, äd-ó-nä'i  
**Adonais**, äd-ó-nä'is  
**Ægeus**, é'joos  
**Æneas**, è-né'as  
**Æneid**, è-né-id  
**Æschylus**, ès'ki-lüs  
**Agamemnon**, äg-ä-mem'-  
 nön

**Agessilaus**, ä-jes-i-lä'üs  
**Agulhas**, a-gool'yas  
**Ahriman**, a'ri-män  
**Aida**, a-é'dä  
**Aileen**, i-lén'  
**Aisne**, än  
**Aix-la-Chapelle**, äks-la-  
 shä-pel'  
**Aix-les-Bains**, äks-lä-bän  
**Alaric**, äl'ä-rik  
**Albania**, äl-bä'ni-ä  
**Albany**, awl'bä-ní  
**Albemarle**, äl'bè-marl  
**Albuera**, al-bu-ä'ra  
**Alcazar**, äl-ka'zar, -ka'thar  
**Alcester**, awls'tér  
**Alcibiades**, äl-sí-bí-ä-dèz  
**Alcides**, äl-sí'dèz  
**Alcinous**, äl-sin'ó-üs  
**Alcoran**, äl-kó-ran'  
**Alcyone**, äl-sí'ó-nè  
**Alençon**, ä-len'són, a-lan-  
 son'  
**Alethea**, äl-è-tè'ä  
**Aleutian**, äl-i-oo'shi-än,  
 ä-lü'shän  
**Alfieri**, al-fyär'i

**Algeciras**, äl-jé-sèr'äs  
**Alhambra**, äl-häm'brä  
**Alghieri**, a-lè-gyär'è  
**Alleghany**, äl'é-gä-ní  
**Alnwick**, än'ik  
**Alpheus**, äl-fè'üs  
**Alsace-Lorraine**, äl-säs'lò-  
 rän'  
**Althæa**, äl-thè'ä  
**Amadeus**, äm-ä-dè'üs  
**Amalfi**, ä-mäl'fi  
**Amariyllis**, äm-ä-ril'is  
**Amati**, ä-ma'tè  
**Amici**, a-mè'chè  
**Amiens**, äm'i-enz, a-myan'  
**Ammergau**, äm'er-gou  
**Amphion**, äm-fi'ön  
**Amphitrite**, äm-fi-trí'ti  
**Amundsen**, a'mun-sén  
**Amyot**, ä-mè-ó'  
**Anacreon**, ä-näk'rè-ön  
**Anaxagoras**, än-äk-säg'ò-  
 räs  
**Anchises**, än-kí'sèz  
**Andrassy**, on'dra-shi  
**Androcles**, än'dró-klèz  
**Andromache**, än-drom-ä-kè

**Andronicus**, ăn-drô-nî'kus,  
 (Shak.) ăn-dron'i-kûs  
**Angelique**, an-zhă-lêk'  
**Angelus**, ăn'jê-lûs  
**Angevin**, ăn'jê-vin, an-zhê-  
 van'  
**Angoulême**, an-goo-lăm'  
**Anjou**, ăn'joo, an-zhoo'  
**Annunzio**, a-noond'zi-ô  
**Anthony**, ăn'tô-ni  
**Antibes**, an-têb'  
**Antigone**, ăn-tig'ô-nê  
**Antinous**, ăn-tin'ô-ûs  
**Antoine**, an-twan'  
**Anubis**, ă-nû'bîs  
**Apelles**, ă-pel'êz  
**Aphrodite**, ăf-rô-dî'tê  
**Apollyon**, ă-pol'i-on  
**Appomattox**, ăp-ô-măt'-  
 oks  
**Apuleius**, ăp-û-lê'ûs  
**Apulia**, ă-pû-li-ă  
**Aquarius**, ă-kwăr'i-ûs  
**Aquinas**, ă-kwî'năs  
**Aquitaine**, ăk-wi-tăn'  
**Aramis**, ă-ra-mês'  
**Arbela**, ar-bê'lă  
**Archangel**, ark-ăn'jêl  
**Archimago**, ar-ki-mă'gô  
**Archimedes**, ar-ki-mê'dêz  
**Arcola**, ar-kô-lă  
**Arcole**, ar-kô'lă  
**Arcturus**, ark-tûr'ûs  
**Areopagus**, ăr-ê-op'ă-gûs  
**Ares**, ăr'êz  
**Arezzo**, a-red'zô  
**Argentine**, ar'jên-tên  
**Argolis**, ar'gô-lîs  
**Atiadne**, ăr-i-ăd'nî  
**Arian**, ăr'i-ăn  
**Arion**, ă-rî'ôn  
**Aristides**, ăr-is-tî'dêz  
**Aristobulus**, ă-ris-tô-bû'lûs  
**Aristophanes**, ăr-is-tof'ă-  
 nêz  
**Aristotle**, ăr'is-totî  
**Arius**, ă-rî'ûs, ăr'i-ûs  
**Arkansas**, (State) ar'kân-  
 saw; (City) ar-kăn'zăs  
**Armida**, ar-mê'dă  
**Arras**, a-ras'  
**Artaxerxes**, ar-tăk-zêrk'-  
 sêz  
**Artemis**, ar'tê-mîs  
**Artois**, ar-twa'  
**Asclepius**, ăs-kî'pî-ûs  
**Ashanti**, ă-shăn'tî  
**Asmodeus**, ăs-mô-dê'ûs  
**Aspasia**, ăs-pă'shî-ă  
**Assisi**, a-sê'zi  
**Assuan**, as-u-an'  
**Astraea**, ăs-trê-ă  
**Astrophel**, ăs'trô-fel  
**Asturias**, as-toor'ê-ăs  
**Ate**, ă'ti  
**Athalie**, a-ta-lê'  
**Athene**, ă-thê'nê  
**Auber**, ô-băr'  
**Aubigné**, ô-bê-nyă'  
**Aubusson**, ô-bu-sôn'

**Aucassin**, ô-ka-săn'  
**Auchinleck**, ăf'lek, awn'lek  
**Augereau**, ôzh'rô  
**Augsbürg**, ougz'boorch  
**Austerlitz**, ou stêr-lîts  
**Auteuil**, ô-tu'yê  
**Autolycus**, aw-tol'i-kûs  
**Auvergne**, ô-vărn'  
**Auxerre**, ô-săr'  
**Avalon**, ăv'ă-lon  
**Avebury**, (place) ă'bêr-i  
 (title) ăv'bêr-i  
**Averroes**, ă-ver'ô-êz  
**Avicenna**, ăv-i-sen'ă  
**Ayesha**, î'ê-shă  
**Ayscough**, ăs'kû  
**Azrael**, ăz'ră-el

**Bach**, bach  
**Baedeker**, bă'dé-kér  
**Bahia**, ba-ê'ă  
**Baiae**, bă'yê  
**Baikal**, bî-kal'  
**Balacava**, băl-ă-kla'vă  
**Balearic**, băl-ê-ăr'ik  
**Baliol**, bă'li-ôl  
**Balliol**, bă'li-ôl  
**Balzac**, băl'zăk, bal-zak'  
**Bamfylde**, bām'fêld  
**Banff**, bamf  
**Baptiste**, ba-têst'  
**Barbault**, bar'bawld  
**Barberini**, bar-bă-rê'nê  
**Barnardiston**, bar-năr-  
 dis'tôn  
**Barraclough**, băr-ă-klûf'  
**Barras**, ba-ra'  
**Bartholdi**, bar-tôl-dê'  
**Bartholomew**, bar-ti-mê'ûs  
**Bartolozzi**, bar-tô-lot'sî  
**Baruch**, bār'ûk  
**Barwick**, bār'ik  
**Bashkirtseff**, băsh-kêrt'sef  
**Basil**, báz'il  
**Basque**, bask  
**Bastien-Lepage**, bas-te-  
 ăn'lê-pazh'  
**Bastille**, bas-têl'  
**Batavia**, bă-tă'vê-ă  
**Bathsheba**, băth'shê-bă  
**Batthyani**, bot-yan'yê  
**Baugh**, baw  
**Bayard**, ba-yar'  
**Bayeux**, bă-yêr'  
**Bayonne**, bă-yon'  
**Bayreuth**, bî-roit'  
**Bazaine**, ba-zăn'  
**Beaucaire**, bô-kăr'  
**Beauchamp**, bê'chăm  
**Beauleuc**, bô'klăr, -klêrk  
**Beauclerk**, bô'klark  
**Beaujolais**, bô-zho-lă'  
**Beaumarchais**, bô-mar-  
 shă'  
**Beaumaris**, bô-măr'îs  
**Beauvais**, bô-vă'  
**Bechstein**, bech'shtîn  
**Beethoven**, bă'tô-vên  
**Belle Isle**, bel-îl', -êl  
**Bellona**, bé-lô'nă

**Belvoir**, bê'vêr  
**Bentivoglio**, ben-tî-vô'lyô  
**Beowulf**, bă'ô-wulf  
**Benewice**, ber-ê-nî'sê  
**Bergerac**, bêr-zhê-rak'  
**Berkeley**, bark'li  
**Berkshire**, bark'shir  
**Berlioz**, bêr-li-ôs'  
**Bermuda**, bêr-mû'dă  
**Bernadotte**, bêr-nă-dot'  
**Bernhardt**, bêr'nart, bêr-  
 nar'  
**Berthelot**, bêr-te-lô'  
**Bertie** (title and surname),  
 bar'ti  
**Bertillon**, bêr-ti-yon'  
**Berwick**, ber'ik  
**Besant** (1) [Annie], bes'ânt  
**Besant** (2) [Sir Walter], bê-  
 zânt'  
**Bethlehem**, beth'lê-hêm  
**Bethmann-Holweg**, băt'-  
 man-hôl'văg  
**Bethune** (1), bê-tôn, bê-  
 thûn'  
**Bethune** (2) [F.], bă-tun'  
**Bettws-y-Coed**, bet'us-i-  
 kô-êd  
**Beulah**, bū'lă  
**Bewick**, bū'ik  
**Bianchi**, bê-ăng'ki  
**Biarritz**, bi-a-rêtz'  
**Bicester**, bis'têr  
**Bingen**, bîng'en  
**Birkbeck** (family), bêr'bek  
**Biron**, bê-ron'  
**Bismarck**, bis'mark  
**Bizet**, bê-ză'  
**Ejörnson**, byêrn'sôn  
**Bienheim**, blen'im  
**Bligh**, bli  
**Blind** (Karl, Mathilde), blînt  
**Blois**, blwa  
**Blouet**, bloo-ă'  
**Blücher**, bloo'chêr  
**Blumenbach**, bloo'mên-  
 bach  
**Boadicea**, bô-ă-di-sê'ă  
**Boccaccio**, bô-ka'chô  
**Bode**, bô'dê  
**Boehm**, bêrm  
**Boetia**, bê-ô'shî-ă  
**Boethius**, bô-ê'thi-ûs  
**Boileau**, bwa-lô'  
**Bolingbroke**, būl'in-bruk  
**Bolivia**, bô-liv'i-ă  
**Bompas**, būm'păs  
**Bonifacio**, bon-ê-fa'chô  
**Boötes**, bô-ô'têz  
**Borghese**, bôr-gă'ză  
**Borromeo**, bôr-ô-mă'ô  
**Borrowes**, būr'ôz  
**Bosanquet**, bô'sân-ket  
**Boscawen**, bô'skô-en  
**Bossuet**, bô'swă  
**Botticelli**, bot-i-chel'i  
**Boucher**, boo-shă'  
**Boucicault**, boo-si-kô'  
**Bouillon**, boo-yon'  
**Boulanger**, boo-lan-zhă



Boulogne, boo-lôn'yé  
 Bourbon, boor'bón, boor-bon'  
 Bourget, boor-zhâ'  
 Bourke, bérk  
 Bovary, bô-va-ré'  
 Brabançonne, bra-ban-son'  
 Brahe, bra'hé  
 Breadalbane, brê-dawl'bân  
 Brechin, brech'in  
 Breda, brâ-da'  
 Brescia, brâ'sha  
 Brillat-Savarin, brê-ya'sa-va-ran'  
 Brindisi, brân'dê-zê  
 Broglie, brô'i  
 Brontë, bron'ti  
 Brough, brüf  
 Brougham, broo'am, broom  
 Bruges, broozh  
 Brunetière, brun-tyär'  
 Buccleuch, bú-kloo'  
 Buchan, бүк'ân  
 Buchanan, бү-kân'ân  
 Buenos Ayres, bô-nás-är'-iz  
 Burghclere, bër'klär  
 Burghersh, bër'gérsh  
 Burleigh, bër'li  
 Bury, (town and Albemarle family) ber'i; (viscount) бүr'i  
 Busiris, бү-sir'is  
 Bysshe, bish  
 Cabot, käb'ót  
 Cadillac, ka-dê-yak'  
 Cadoogan, kâ-düg'ân  
 Cadwaladr, käd-wol'á-dér  
 Caen, kan  
 Cagliostro, ka-lyos'trô  
 Caillard, kí'ar  
 Cairo, kí'r'ô  
 Caius, (pers. name) kâ'üs; (the Cambridge college) kêz  
 Calais, käl'äs, käl'ä  
 Caldicleugh, kâld-klüf'  
 Calhoun, kâ-hoon'  
 Callisthenes, kâ-lis'thé-nêz  
 Calvé, kal-vä'  
 Cambrai, kan-brä'  
 Campagna, kam-pa'nya  
 Campden, kâm'dên  
 Campeggio, kâm-peg'ô  
 Candide, kan-dêd'  
 Cannes, kan  
 Canrobert, kan-rô-bär'  
 Caracci, ka-ra'chê  
 Caravaggio, ka-ra-va'jô  
 Carew, kâr'i, kâ-roo'  
 Carnegie, kar-neg'i  
 Carnot, kar-nô'  
 Carpentier, kar-pon'ti-a, -tyä  
 Caruso, kâ-roo'zô  
 Casaubon, kâ-saw'bón  
 Cassilis, käsiz  
 Cassiopeia, käs-i-ô-pê'yä  
 Castiglione, kas-tê-lyô'nä

Castlereagh, käsli-rä'  
 Catriona, kâ-trê'ô-nä  
 Cavan, käv'ân  
 Cavanagh, käv'â-nä  
 Cavendish, käv'ân-dish, kân'dish  
 Cavour, ka-voor'  
 Cayman, kí-man'  
 Cayster, kâ-is'tér  
 Cecrops, sê'krops  
 Cellini, ché-lê'nê  
 Cenci, chen'chê  
 Cepheus, sê'fús, -fé-ús  
 Ceres, sér'êz  
 Cetinje, tset'in-yä  
 Cévennes, sâ-ven'  
 Chalons, sha-lon'  
 Chamonix, sha'mô-nê  
 Champ-de-Mars, shan-dê-mar'  
 Champs-Élysées, shan-zä-lê-zä'  
 Chandos, shân'dos  
 Charlemagne, shar-le-mân'  
 Charon, kâr'ón  
 Charteris, char'térz  
 Charybdis, kâ-rib'dis  
 Chastelard, shat-lar'  
 Chateaubriand, sha-tô-brê-an'  
 Chautauqua, sha-taw'kwä  
 Cheops, kê'ops  
 Cheyne, cha'ni  
 Chicago, shi-ka'gô, (Am). -kaw'gô  
 Chichele, chich'é-li  
 Chillon, shê-yon'  
 Chisholm, chiz'óm  
 Chloe, klô'ä  
 Cholmondeley, chüm'li  
 Chopin, shô-pan'  
 Cicero, sis'ér-ô  
 Cid, sid  
 Cinq-Mars, san-mar'  
 Circe, sér'sê  
 Cirencester, sis'i-tér  
 Clanricarde, klân-rik'árd  
 Clausen, klou'sén  
 Claverhouse, kläv'erz  
 Cleopas, klê'ô-päs  
 Cleopatra, klê'ô-pä-, pä-trä  
 Clough, klüf  
 Clytemnestra, kli-tém-nêsträ  
 Cnidian, nid'i-ân  
 Cnut, ké-nüt'  
 Cockburn, kô'bérn  
 Cocles, kok'lêz  
 Colclough, kôk'li  
 Coleridge, kôl'rij  
 Colon, kô-lon'  
 Colquhoun, kô-hoon'  
 Compiègne, kon-pê-ä'-nyé  
 Compton, kûmp'tón  
 Comte, kont  
 Connaught, kon'awt, -át  
 Connecticut, kô-net'i-küt  
 Constable, kun'stábl  
 Conybeare, kün'i-bär

Conyngnam, kün'ing-ám  
 Coquelin, kok-lan'  
 Coriolanus, kô-ri-ô-lä'nús  
 Corioli, kô-ri-ô-li  
 Corneille, kôr-ní'yé  
 Coruña, kô-roon'yä  
 Corunna, kô-rún'ä  
 Couch, kooch  
 Coverley, küv'ér-li  
 Creagh, krä  
 Creighton, kri'tón  
 Crepaud, krä-pô'  
 Crespiigny, krep'i-ni, krip'ni  
 Crichton, kri'tón  
 Cressus, krê'sús  
 Cromwell, krüm'-, krom'-wél  
 Cuvier, ku-vyä  
 Cuypp, kolp  
 Cybele, sib'é-lê  
 Cyclades, sik'lä-dêz  
 Cymbeline, sim'bê-lên  
 Cymry, kim'ri, sim'ri  
 Cyprian, sip'ri-ân  
 Czech, chek  
 Dahomey, da-hô'mi  
 Dalhousie, däl-hoo'zi  
 Daimeny, däl-men'i  
 Dalzell, Dalziel, dê-el'  
 Dandin, dan-dän'  
 Dante, dän'ti, dan'tä  
 Danton, dan-ton'  
 Darien, dâr'i-én  
 Darius, dá-rí'ús  
 Daubigny, dô-bê-nyô'  
 Daudet, dô-dä'  
 da Vinci, da-vin'chi  
 Decles, dê'shêz  
 Delacroix, dê-la-krwa'  
 De la Pasture, dê-läp'ä-tür  
 Delhi, del'i  
 De Moleyns, dem-ô-lênä'  
 d'Eon, dä-on'  
 Deptford, det'fórd  
 Derby, dar'bi, dêr'bi  
 De Ros, de-roos'  
 De Saumarez, dê-sô'mä-rez  
 Descartes, dâ-kart'  
 Deschanel, dâ-sha-nel'  
 Dettingen, det'ing-ên  
 Deutsch, doitzh, Deutsch-land, doitzh'lant  
 Devereux, dev'er-oo  
 Dewar, dü-är'  
 Diana, di-än'ä  
 Diderot, dêd-rô'  
 Dieppe, dê-ep'  
 Dijon, dê-zhon'  
 Dinant, dê-nan'  
 Diogenes, di-ô-jê-nêz  
 Dionysius, di-ô-nish'i-ús  
 Dionysus, di-ô-ní'sús  
 Disraeli, diz-rä'li  
 Dives, di'vêz  
 Divina Commedia, dê-vê-na-kom-mä'di-a  
 Dnieper, nâ'pér

Dniester, nēs'tér  
 Dolgelly, dol-geth'li  
 Dominica, dom-i-nē'ká  
 Donegal, don-é-gawl'  
 Donizetti, dō-nēd-zet'ē  
 Don Juan, don-joo'an  
 Donoghue, dūn'ò-hoo  
 Don Quixote, don kwik'-  
 sòt,  
 Doré, dō-rā'  
 d'Orsay, dōr'sā  
 Dostoevski, dos-tò-ef'ski  
 Douay, doo-ā'  
 Dreyfus, drā-fus'  
 Dryburgh, drī'bū-rò  
 Drysdale, driz'dāl  
 Du Guesclin, du-gā-klān'  
 Dulcinea, dūl-sin'ē-ā, -si-  
 nē'ā  
 Dulwich, dūl'ij  
 Dumas, du-mā'  
 Du Maurier, dū-mor'i-ā  
 Dumfries, dūm-frēs'  
 Dundalk, dūn-dawk'  
 Dunsany, dūn-sā'ni  
 Dunsinane, dūn-si-nān'  
 Dupuy, du-pwē'  
 Durazzo, du-rad'zò  
 Dusé, doo-zā

Edinburgh, edn'bū-rò  
 Égalité, ā-ga-lē-tā  
 Eiffel Tower, i-fel'tou'ér  
 Eildon, ēl'dòn  
 Eileen, ā-lēn', i'lēn  
 Elcho, el'kò  
 Eleusis, ē-lūs'is  
 Elia, ē'li-ā  
 Elsinore, el-si-nōr'  
 Émile, ā-mēl'  
 Emmaus, ē-mā'ūs  
 Endymion, en-dim'i-òn  
 Enghien, an-gān'  
 Éöthen, ē-ò'thēn  
 Ephraim, ē-frā-im  
 Epictetus, ep-ik-tē'tūs  
 Epicurus, ep-i-kūr'ūs  
 Erebus, er'é-būs  
 Erigena, ē-rij'ē-nā  
 Eros, ēr'os  
 Esaias, ē-zā'yās, ē-zī'ās  
 Este, es'tā  
 Esther, es'tér  
 Étienne, ā-tyen'  
 Eugene, ū-jēn'  
 Eugène, ū-zhān'  
 Eugénie, ū-zhā-nē'  
 Eulenspiegel, oi'lēn-spē gēl  
 Eumenides, ū-men'i-dēz  
 Euphrosyne, ū-fros'i-nē  
 Euphues, ū-fū-ēz  
 Euripides, ū-rip'i-dēz  
 Euroclydon, ū-rok'li-dòn  
 Eurydice, ū-rid'i-sē  
 Eusebius, ū-sē'bi-ūs  
 Euterpe, ū-tēr'pē  
 Euxine, ūk'sin  
 Evelyn, ēv'lin  
 Eyck, ik  
 Eyre, ār

Farnese, far-nē'sā  
 Farquhar, far'kwār, -kār  
 Faucit, faw'sit  
 Faust, foust  
 Fayal, fi-al'  
 Fayette, fā-et'  
 Fenwick, fen'ik  
 Fermanagh, fēr-mān'ā  
 Feuerbach, foi'ér-bach  
 Fichte, fīch'té  
 Fiennes, finz  
 Fiesole, fi-ā'zò-lā  
 Fildes, fildz  
 Firdausi, fēr-dou'sē  
 Fiume, fū'mā  
 Flaubert, flō-bār'  
 Flotow, flō'tò  
 Foljambe, foo'jām  
 Foscari, fos'ka-rē  
 Fouché, foo-shā'  
 Foulis, foulz  
 Fra Diavolo, fra-dē-a'vò-lò  
 François, fran-swa'  
 Frankenstein, frāng'kēn-  
 stēn  
 Friedland, frēd'lānd, -lant  
 Froebel fru'bel  
 Froude, frood  
 Fuchs, fuks

Gaboriau, ga-bō-ryò'  
 Gaeta, ga-ā'tā  
 Gairdner, gard'nār  
 Galatia, gā-lā'shī-ā  
 Galileo, gāl-i-lē'ò  
 Gallagher, gāl'ā-hēr  
 Ganymede, gān'i-mēd  
 Garibaldi, gār-i-bāl'di  
 Gautama, gaw'ta-ma  
 Gautier, go-tyā'  
 Gawain, ga'wān  
 Geikie, gē'ki  
 Genevieve, jen'é-vēv  
 Geneviève, zhen-vē-āv'  
 Genoa, jen'ò-ā  
 Geoghegan, gā'gān  
 Georges, zhōrzh  
 Geraint, jēr-ānt'  
 Gervinus, ger-vē'nus  
 Gethsemane, geth-sem'ā-  
 nē  
 Ghent, gent  
 Ghrilandajo, gēr-lan-da'-  
 yò  
 Gibraltar, jib-rawl'tār  
 Gilboa, gil-bō'ā  
 Gilchrist, gil'krist  
 Gilkes, jilks  
 Gillespie, gi-les'pi  
 Gilzean, gi-lēn'  
 Gioconda, jō-kon'dā  
 Giorgione, jōr-jō'nā  
 Giotto, jot'ò  
 Giovanni, jō-va'nē  
 Gironde, ji-rond', zhē rond'  
 Giuseppe, joo-sep'-ā  
 Glamis, glāmz  
 Gneist, gnist  
 Godiva, gò-dī'vā  
 Goethe, gēr'tē

Goetz, gërts  
 Gortschakoff, gōr-cha-kof'  
 Goschen, gō'shēn  
 Gotha, gō'tā  
 Gotham, got'am  
 Göttingen, gër'ting-ēn  
 Gough, gūf, gōf  
 Goulburn, gool'būrn  
 Gounod, goo-nò'  
 Graeme, grām  
 Granada, grā-na'dā  
 Greaves, grāvz, grēyz  
 Greenwich, grin'ij  
 Greig, greg  
 Grenada [W. Indies], grē  
 nā'dā, [U.S.A.], grē-nā'dā  
 Greuze, grērz  
 Grieg, grēg  
 Grolier, grō'lyā  
 Grosvenor, grōv'nōr  
 Grouchy, groo-shē'  
 Guadeloupe, gaw-de-loop'  
 Guelders, gel'dērz  
 Guiana, gē-a'nā  
 Guicciardini, gwē-char-  
 dē'nē  
 Guido Reni, gwē'dō-rā'nē  
 Guilbert, gēl-bār'  
 Guildford, gil'fōrd  
 Guinevere, gwin'ē-vēr  
 Guinness, gin'ēs  
 Guiscard, gēs-kar'  
 Guise, gēz  
 Guizot, gē-zò'  
 Guzman, gooth-man'  
 Gwydyr, gwī'dēr, gwīd'i-ēr  
 Gyges, gī'jēz

Habana, ha-va'na  
 Hague, hāg  
 Haiti, hā'ti  
 Halcione, hāl-si'ò-nē  
 Haldane, hawl'dān  
 Harlech, har'lech  
 Haroun al-Raschid, ha-  
 roon'al-ra'shēd  
 Harz, harts  
 Houghton, hō'tòn  
 Hauptmann, haupt'man  
 Haussmann, ōs-man'  
 Havre, avr  
 Hawaii, ha-wī'ē  
 Hawarden, (place) har'dēn:  
 (title) hā'wōr-dēn  
 Hawsels, haw'is  
 Haydn, hādn, hīdn  
 Hebe, hē'bē  
 Hecate, hek'ā-tē  
 Hegel, hā'gēl  
 Heidelberg, hī'dēl-bērg  
 Heidsieck, hīd'sēk  
 Heine, hī'nē  
 Heinrich, hīn'rich  
 Héloïse, ā-lō-ēz'  
 Henri, an-rē'  
 Heraclitus, her-ā-klī'tus  
 Herat, hé-rat'  
 Hermione, hér-mi'ò-nē  
 Herries, her'is  
 Hertford, har'fōrd



Hervey, har'vi  
 Heytesbury, hāts'bū-ri  
 Hiawatha, hī-ā-woth'ā  
 Hippolyta, hī-pol'i-tā  
 Hobbema, hob'è-ma  
 Hoboken (N.Y.), hō'bō-kén  
 Hoche, ōsh  
 Hohenzollern, hō-én-tsol  
     ern  
 Holbein, hōl'bīn  
 Holburn, hō'būrn  
 Holmes, hōmz  
 Holyhead, hol'i-hed  
 Holyoke, hōl'yōk  
 Honduras, hon-dūr'ās  
 Hotham, hūth'am  
 Hough, hūf  
 Hougomont, oo-goo-mon'  
 Houston, hoos'tōn  
 Huish, hū'ish  
 Hunstanton, hūn'stōn  
 Huygens, hī'genz  
 Huysman, hois'man  
 Huysmans, us-man'  
 Hyères, i-ār  
 Hypatia, hī-pā'shi-ā  
 Hyperion, hī-pēr'i-ōn

Iago, i-a'gō, ya'gō  
 Iamblichus, i-ām'bli-kūs  
 Ian, é'an  
 Icarus, ik'ā-rūs  
 Icabod, ik'ā-bod  
 Idaho, i'dā-hō  
 Illinois, il-i-nōi', -nōiz'  
 Inez, é'néz, i'néz  
 Inge, ing  
 Ingres, an'gré  
 Iowa, i'ō-wā  
 Iphigenia, if-i-jé-ni'ā  
 Iquique, é-kō'kā  
 Iran, i-ran'  
 Isaiah, i-zī'ā  
 Iser, é'zér  
 Iseult, é-soolt'  
 Islay, i'lā, is'lā  
 Isolde, i-sōld'  
 Ito, é'tō  
 Ivan, i'van, é-van'  
 Ivengh, i'vā

Jael, jā'él  
 Jairus, jā-i'rūs  
 Japheth, jā'fēth  
 Jaques, (Fr.) zhak; (sur-  
     name) jaks; (Shak.) jā'-  
     kwez  
 Jeaffreson, jef'ér-sōn  
 Jeanne d'Arc, zhan-dark'  
 Jekyll, jek'il  
 Jena, yā'na  
 Jeremiah, jer-é-mī'ā  
 Jarvis, jar'vis  
 Jeyes, jāz  
 Jocelyn, jos'lin  
 Jordaens, yōr'dans  
 Jourdain, zhoor-dān'  
 Jowett, jou'ēt  
 Jules, zhul  
 Jungfrau, yung'frou

Junot, zhu-nō'  
 Jusserand, zhus-ran'  
 Kaiser, kī'zér  
 Kashmir, kash-mēr'  
 Kavanagh, kāv'ā-nā  
 Kearsarge, kēr'sarj  
 Keble, kēbl  
 Kedleston, kel'sōn, ked'-  
     lés-tōn  
 Keighley, kēth'li  
 Keightley, kēt'li  
 Keller, kē'lér  
 Keogh, kyō  
 Ker, Kerr, kar  
 Keswick, kez'ik  
 Keynes, kēnz  
 Khayyam, kī-yam'  
 Khiva, kē'va  
 Kiev, kē'ef  
 Kilmorey, kil-mūr'i  
 Kingscote, kingz'kūt  
 Kinnoul, ki-nool'  
 Kirghiz, kir-gēz'  
 Kirkcaldy, kir-kaw'di  
 Kirkcudbright, kir-koo'bri  
 Knollys, Knowles, nōlz  
 Knyvett, niv'et  
 Koch, koch  
 Korea, kō-rē'ā  
 Kosciuszko, kos-i-ūs'kō  
 Kurdistan, koor-dis-tan'  
 Kynaston, kin'ās-ton  
 Kyoto, kyō'tō  
 Kyrie, kēri

Labouchere, lāb-oo-shār'  
 Lacedæmon, lās-é-dē'mōn  
 Lachesis, lāk'é-sis  
 Lafayette, la-fā-yet'  
 La Fontaine, la-fon-tān  
 La Harpe, la arp'  
 Laing, lāng  
 Lais, lā'is  
 L'Allegro, la-lā'grō  
 Lamech, lā'mék  
 Lanier, lā-nēr  
 Laocōn, lā-ok'ō-ōn  
 Laodamia, lā-ō-dā-mī'ā  
 Lāo-tsze, la'ot-zér  
 Laplace, la-plas'  
 La Rochefoucauld, la-rōsh-  
     foo-kō'  
 Lascelles, lās'élz, lā-selz'  
 Lassalle, la-sal'  
 Laurier, lō-ryā'  
 Lausanne, lō-zan'  
 Lavater, lā-va'tér, la-va-  
     tār'  
 Lavoisier, la-vwa-zyā'  
 Layamon, lā'ā-mōn  
 Leamington, lem'ing-tōn  
 Leander, lé-ān'dér  
 Lechmere, lēch'mēr  
 Leconte de Lisle, lé-kont'-  
     dé-lēl'  
 Lefebvre, lé-fevr'  
 Lefevre, lé-fē'vēr  
 Legh, lē  
 Lehmann, lā'mān

Leibnitz, līp'nits  
 Leicester, les'tér  
 Leigh, lē  
 Leighton, lā'tōn  
 Lella, lē'lā  
 Leinster, len'stér  
 Leipzig, līp'sik  
 Leishman, lēsh'mān  
 Leith, lēth  
 Lely, lē'li  
 Lenclos, lan-klō'  
 Leominster, lem'stér  
 Leonardo, lā-ō-nar'dō  
 Leopardi, lā-ō-par'dō  
 Leopold, lē-ō-pōld  
 Le Poer, lē-pōr  
 Lerwick, lēr'ik  
 Le Sage, lē-sazh'  
 Letitia, lē-tish'ā  
 Leveson, loo'sōn  
 Lewes, lū'is  
 Lewis [Hebrides], looz  
 Ley, lē  
 Leyden, lī'dén  
 Liège, li-āzh'  
 Ligny, lē-nyē'  
 Lille, lēl  
 Lima, lē'mā  
 Limoges, lē-mōzh'  
 Lincoln, ling'kōn  
 Linlithgow, lin-lith'gō  
 Listowell, lis'tōl  
 Liszt, list  
 Llanberis, hlān-ber'is  
 Llandudno, hlān-did'nō  
 Llanelly, hlān-eth'li  
 Llangollen, hlān-goth'lén  
 Llewelyn, hloo-el'in  
 Lochaber, loch-a'bér  
 Lochiel, loch-ēl'  
 Lochinvar, loch-in-var'  
 Lohengrin, lō'én-grin  
 Loire, lwar  
 Lopez, lō'pās  
 Lorelei, lōr-é-lī  
 Los Angeles, los-an'je-lēz  
 Louis, loo'i, -is  
 Louisiana, loo-ē-zi-ān'ā  
 Lourdes, loord  
 Louvain, lu-vān'  
 Louvre, loovr  
 Lovat, luv'at  
 Lowell, lō'el  
 Lusitania, lū-si-tā-ni-ā  
 Luther, loo'thēr  
 Luxembourg, luk-san-boor'  
 Luxemburg, lūk-sém-bérg  
 Lycidas, līs'i-dās  
 Lyly, lī'lī  
 Lympne, lim  
 Lyons, lē-on'  
 Lys, lēs  
 Macao, mā-ka'ō  
 M'Crea, mā-krā'  
 M'Culloch, mā-kūl'och  
 M'Evoy, māk'é-voi  
 M'Gillicuddy, ma-gil'i-  
     kūd-i  
 Machiavelli, ma-kē-a-vel'i

**M'Ilwraith**, māk-il-rāth'  
**Mackarness**, māk'-a-nés  
**Mackay**, má-kl'  
**Mackie**, māk'i  
**Maclachlan**, má-klawch'lán  
**Maclean**, má-klán'  
**Macleod**, **McLeod**, má-  
 kloud'  
**Macmahon**, māk-man'  
**Macquoid**, má-koid'  
**Macready**, má-kré'di  
**Mæcenás**, mē-sé'nás  
**Maeterlinck**, ma'tér-link  
**Mafeking**, ma'fé-king  
**Magdala**, (1) mág-dá-lá;  
 (2) [Abyssinia] mág-da-lá  
**Magdalen**, [Oxf.] Magda-  
 lene, [Camb.] mawd'lin  
**Magellan**, má-jel'án  
**Maggiore**, ma-jór'á  
**Mahabharata**, ma-ha-  
 ba'rá-tá  
**Mahan**, man, má-han'  
**Mahon**, má-hoon'  
**Mahony**, ma'ni  
**Maintz**, mints  
**Mainwaring**, mǎn'ér-ing  
**Malaga**, mál'-á-gá  
**Malcolm**, mál'kóm  
**Malines**, má-lén'  
**Malmaison**, mal-mā-zon'  
**Malmesbury**, mamz'bù-ri  
**Malplaquet**, mal-pla-ká'  
**Manon Lescaut**, ma-non'-  
 les-kó  
**Mansergh**, mǎn'sér  
**Marat**, ma-rá'  
**Marazion**, mǎr-á-zí'on  
**Marconi**, mar-kó'né  
**Mardi Gras**, mar'dé-gra  
**Marengo**, má-réng'gō  
**Margot**, mar-gō'  
**Marie**, ma-ré'  
**Marischall**, mar'shál  
**Marius**, mǎr'i-ús  
**Marjoribanks**, marsh'báns  
**Mariborough**, maw'l'bó-ró  
**Marseille**, mar-sǎ'yé  
**Marseilles**, mar-sǎlz'  
**Martinique**, mar-ti-nēk'  
**Marylebone**, mǎr-i-bùn  
**Mascagni**, mas-ka'nyé  
**Masham**, (1) [name] mǎsh'  
 ám; (2) [place in Yorks]  
 mǎs'ám  
**Masséna**, ma-sǎ-na'  
**Mathers**, mǎth'ers  
**Maughan**, mawn  
**Maunsell**, mǎn'sél  
**Maupassant**, mō-pa-san'  
**Maupertuis**, mō-pér-twé-á  
**Mauretania**, maw-ré-tá'ni-á  
**Mayence**, ma-yans'  
**Meagher**, má'ér  
**Meaux**, mō  
**Medici**, med'i-chē, mǎ'dē-  
 chē  
**Meiklejohn**, mikl'jōn  
**Meissonier**, mǎ-sō-nyá'  
**Meihuish**, mel'ish

**Menai**, men'i  
**Mentone**, men-tō'ná  
**Menzies**, ming'is  
**Meroe**, mer'ō-ē  
**Merope**, mer'ō-pē  
**Mesopotamia**, mes-ō-pó-  
 tā'mi-á  
**Methuen**, meth'ū-én  
**Meuse**, mūz, mērz  
**Meyerbeer**, mī'ér-bār  
**Meynell**, men'él  
**Michelet**, mēsh-lá'  
**Michelham**, mikl'ám  
**Mignon**, mēn-yon'  
**Miguel**, mē-gál'  
**Millais**, mi-lá'  
**Mincio**, mēn'chō  
**Miraflores**, mē-ra-flō'rās  
**Mirandola**, mē-ran'dō-la  
**Mnemosyne**, nē-mos'i-nē  
**Mobile**, mō-bēl'  
**Mocha**, mō'ká  
**Molière**, mō-lyār'  
**Moltke**, mōlt'ké  
**Molyneux**, mūl'i-nūks, -nū  
**Monaco**, mon'á-kō  
**Monaghan**, mon'á-hán  
**Mona Lisa**, mō-ná-lě-zá  
**Monier**, mō'ni-ér  
**Monro**, **Monroe**, mūn-rō'  
**Montaigne**, mon-tǎn'  
**Mont Blanc**, mon-blan'  
**Montefiore**, mon-ti-fē-ōr'é  
**Montesquieu**, mon-tes-kū  
 mon-tes-kyér'  
**Montmorency**, mūnt-mé-  
 ren'zi  
**Montpellier**, mon-pel-yá'  
**Morant**, mō-rant'  
**Moray**, mūr'i  
**Morgante**, mōr-gan'tá  
**Mosheim**, mōs'hím  
**Mozambique**, mō-zám-bēk'  
**Mozart**, mō'zart  
**Mudie**, mū'di  
**Muir**, mūr  
**Mülhausen**, mul'hou-zén  
**Munich**, mū'nik  
**Murat**, mu-ra'  
**Musset**, mu-sǎ'  
**Mycenae**, mī-sē'nē  
**Mytilene**, mít-i-lē'nē  
**Naas**, nās  
**Nantes**, nǎnts, nant  
**Naomi**, ná'ō, ná-ō'ml  
**Napier**, ná'pi-ér, ná-pēr'  
**Nassau**, (Eng.) nās'aw;  
 (Ger.) ná'sou; (Fr.) ná-sō'  
**Nauheim**, nou'hím  
**Nausicaa**, naw-sik'á-á  
**Navarino**, náv-á-rē'nō  
**Navarre**, na-var'  
**Nellson**, nēl'són  
**Neoptolemus**, nē-op-tol'é-  
 mūs  
**Nepal**, né-pawl'  
**Nepos**, nē'pos  
**Neuchâtel**, **Neufchâtel**,  
 nēr-sha-tel'

**Neully**, nu-yé'  
**Newfoundland**, nū-found'  
 lánd  
**Newnes**, nūnz  
**Ney**, ná  
**Nibelung**, nē'bē-lung  
**Nice**, nēs  
**Niemen**, nē'mén  
**Nietzsche**, nē'ché  
**Nigel**, ní'jél  
**Niger**, ní'jér  
**Nîmes**, nēm  
**Niobe**, ní'ō-bē  
**Nizam**, nē-zam'  
**Noailles**, nō-í'yé  
**Norwich**, nor'ich, -ij  
**Notre-Dame**, nōtr-dam'  
**Ober-Ammergau**, ō-bér  
 a'mér-gou  
**Ochterlony**, och-tér-lō'ni  
**Odoacer**, ō-dō-á'sér  
**O'Donoghue**, ō-dūn'ō-hoo  
**Odysseus**, ō-dis'ūs  
**Odyssey**, ōd'i-si  
**Edipus**, é'di-pūs  
**Enone**, ē-nō'nē  
**Ogilvy**, ōgl'vi  
**O'Hagan**, ō-hǎ'gán  
**Ohio**, ō-hí'ō  
**Ohnet**, ō-nǎ'  
**Oise**, waz  
**Omar**, ō'már  
**O'Meara**, ō-mǎr'á  
**Omphale**, om'fá-lē  
**Onesimus**, ō-nēs'i-mūs  
**Ophir**, ō'fir  
**Orfeo**, ōr-fǎ'ō  
**Oriana**, ōr-i-a'ná  
**Origen**, or'i-jén  
**Orinoco**, or-i-nō'kō  
**Orion**, ō-rí'on  
**Orleans**, ōr'lé-ánz  
**Orléans**, ōr-lǎ-an'  
**Orpheus**, ōr'fūs  
**Orsini**, ōr-sē'ni  
**Urvieto**, ōr-vē-á'tō  
**O'Shea**, ō-shǎ'  
**Osiris**, ō-sir'is  
**Ossian**, os'i-án  
**Oudh**, oud  
**Oughtred**, ō'trèd  
**Ouida**, wé'dá  
**Outram**, oo'trám  
**Paderewski**, pa-dé-rev'ski  
**Paganini**, pa-ga-nē'nē  
**Pagliacci**, pa-lyá'chē  
**Palæmon**, pá-lē'món  
**Palamedes**, pǎl-á-mē'dēs  
**Palestrina**, pá-lās-trē'ná  
**Pell Mall**, pel-mel'  
**Palmer**, pá'mér  
**Pamir**, pa-mēr'  
**Panama**, pǎn-á-ma'  
**Panhard**, pá-nar'  
**Panizzi**, pá-nít'si  
**Pantagruel**, pǎn-tǎg'ru-el  
**Paradiso**, pa-ra-dē'sō  
**Paraguay**, pa-ra-gwí'



Paros, pār'os  
 Parrhasius, pá-rā'si-ús  
 Parthenope, par-then'ó-pē  
 Pasteur, pas-tur'  
 Patiala, pūt-i-a-lá  
 Pauncefote, pawns'fut  
 Pavia, pa-vé'a  
 Paysandu, pi-zan-doo'  
 Pechili, pá-ché-lé'  
 Peer Gynt, pār-gunt  
 Peleus, pé-lūs  
 Peloponnesus, pel-ó-pó-nē'sūs  
 Penelope, pé-nel'ó-pē  
 Penmaenmawr, pen-men-mawr'  
 Pennycuick, pen'i-kuk  
 Penthesilea, pen-thes-i-lé'a  
 Pepys, péps, pep'is, peps  
 Perdita, pēr'di-tá  
 Perez, pēr'éz  
 Perier, pār-yá'  
 Périgord, pár-ē-gör'  
 Perrault, per-ó'  
 Persephone, pér-sef'ó-nē  
 Perseus, pēr'sūs  
 Peshawar, pé-shawr'  
 Petruchio, pé-troo'chi-ó  
 Phaethon, fá'é-thon  
 Pharaoh, fár'ó  
 Phayre, fár'  
 Phidias, fid'i-ás  
 Philæ, fī'lē  
 Philemon, fi-lē'món  
 Philippe, fē-lép'  
 Philippi, fi-lip'i  
 Phlegethon, fleg'-, flej'é-thon  
 Phœbe, fē'bē  
 Phryne, fri'nē  
 Pichegru, pēsh'groo  
 Piedmont, pēd'mont  
 Pierre, pyār  
 Pierrepont, pēr'point  
 Pilatus, pé-la'tus  
 Pincio, pēn'chō  
 Pinero, pi-nār'ō  
 Plozzì, pē-ot'si  
 Piræus, pí-rē'ús  
 Pirithous, pí-rith'ó-ús  
 Pizarro, pi-zar'ó  
 Plantin, plan-tán'  
 Plautus, plaw'tús  
 Pleydell, pled'él  
 Plotinus, pló-ti'nús  
 Poe, pō  
 Poincaré, pwan-ka-rá'  
 Poitiers, pwa-tyá'  
 Poitou, pwa-too'  
 Pole Carew, pool-kár'i  
 Polignac, pō-lē-nyak'  
 Polk, pōk  
 Polyphemus, pol-i-fē'mús  
 Polyxena, pō-lik'sé-ná  
 Pompador, pon-pa-door'  
 Pompeii, pom-pá'yē  
 Poniatowski, pō-nē-a-tov'-ski  
 Ponsonby, pūn'són-bi

Pontefract, pom'frét, pon'-tē-frákt  
 Portia, pōr'shi-á  
 Poseidon, pō-si'dón  
 Posthumus, pos'tū-mús;  
 (Shak.) pos-tū'mús  
 Potomac, pó-tō'mák  
 Poughkeepsie, pō-kip'si  
 Poulett, paw'let  
 Poussin, poo-sán'  
 Powell, pou'él, pó'él  
 Powhatan, pou-á-tán'  
 Powlett, paw'let  
 Praed, prád  
 Praxiteles, prák-sit'é-léz  
 Prevost, prev'ó; [F.] prá-vō  
 Prideaux, prid'ó, pré'dō  
 Probyn, prob'in  
 Procyon, pró'si-ón  
 Prometheus, pró-mē'thūs  
 Proserpina, pró-sēr'pi-ná  
 Proserpine, pros'ér-pln  
 Proteus, pró'tūs, -tē-ús  
 Psyche, sí'kō  
 Ptolemy, tol'é-mi  
 Puccini, poo-chē'nē  
 Puebla, pwā'bla  
 Pugh, pū  
 Pulci, pool'chē  
 Puleston, pil'stón  
 Pullein, pul'en  
 Pulteney, pōlt'ná  
 Pwll-hell, puth-lel'i, pul-hel'i  
 Pyramus, pí-rá-mús  
 Pyrenees, pí-ré-nēs  
 Quatre Bras, katr-bra  
 Quesnel, ká-nel'  
 Quiberon, kē-bé-ron'  
 Quiller-Couch, kwil'ér-kooch  
 Quirinal, kwi-rí-nál  
 Quito, kē'tō  
 Rabelais, ra-bé-lá'  
 Racine, ra-sēn'  
 Ralph, ráf; (Am.) rálf  
 Ramayana, ra-ma'yá-ná  
 Ramillies, rám-i-léz  
 Raoul, ra-ul', roul  
 Raphael, ráf'a-él  
 Ravaillac, ra-va-yak'  
 Rayleigh, rá'li  
 Reading, red'ing  
 Reay, rá  
 Regnault, ré-nyó'  
 Regnier, rá-nyá'  
 Rehan, ré'hán  
 Reichsland, richs'lant  
 Reims, rémz, rāns  
 Réjane, rá-zhan'  
 Renan, ré-nan'  
 Renwick, ren'ik  
 Reszke, resh'ké  
 Reuss, rois  
 Reuter, roi'tér  
 Reykjavík, rá'kyá-vēk  
 Rhodes, rōdz

Rhodesia, ró-dē'zyá  
 Rhys, rēs  
 Ricci, ré'chē  
 Riccio, ré'chō  
 Richelieu, rēsh'é-lū  
 Richter, rich'tér  
 Rienzi, ré-en'zē  
 Riga, ré'gá  
 Rigolotto, ré-gō-let'ō  
 Rio de Janeiro, ré'ō-dā-zha-nár'ō  
 Rio Grande, ré'ō-gran'dá  
 Riordan, rēr'dán  
 Riviera, ré-vē-ár'a, ré-vyār'a  
 Rizzio, ré'ts'ō-ō  
 Robbia, rob'ē-a  
 Robespierre, rōbz'pi-ār  
 Rochefort, rōsh-fór'  
 Rochelle, rō-shel'  
 Rodin, rō-dān'  
 Roget, rō-zhā'  
 Rohan, rō-an'  
 Rolleston, rōl'stón  
 Romanes, rō-ma'nes  
 Romanov, rō-ma'nof  
 Romford, rúm'fórd  
 Romney, rúm'ni  
 Romsey, rōm'zi  
 Ronsard, ron-sar'  
 Röntgen, runt'gén  
 Roosevelt, rō'zē-velt, rocs'á-velt  
 Roscius, rosh'i-ús  
 Rosny, rō-nē'  
 Rossetti, rò-set'i  
 Rossini, rò-sē'nē  
 Rothes, roth'éz  
 Rothesay, roth'sá  
 Rothschild, roths'chíld  
 Roubiliac, roo-bē-yak'  
 Rouen, roo-an  
 Rousseau, roo-sō'  
 Roussillon, roo-sē-yon'  
 Roux, roo  
 Rowton, rō'tón  
 Rubaiyat, roo-bi-yat'  
 Rustchuk, rust-chook'  
 Ruthven, riv'en, rooth'ver  
 Ruy Blas, roo'é-blas  
 Ruy Lopes, roo'é-lō'péz  
 Ruysdael, rois'dal

Sacheverell, sá-shev'er-el  
 Sachs, saks  
 Sadowa, sa'dō-va  
 Sahara, sá-ha'rá  
 Saint Albans, sánt-awl'-báns  
 Sainte-Beuve, sant-běrv'  
 St. Clair, sín'klār  
 Saint-Cyr, sán-sēr'  
 St. Cyres, sín-cēr'  
 Saint-Germain, sán-zher-mán'  
 Saint Helena, sánt-é-lē'ná  
 St. John, (pers. name) sín-jón  
 Saint-Just, sán-zhoost'

St. Leger, (pers. name) sil'én-jér; (horse-race) sánt-lej'ér  
 Saint-Pierre, sán-pyār'  
 Saint-Saens, sán-sans'  
 Saint-Simon, sán-sē-mon'  
 Sakhalin, sa-cha-lyēn'  
 Sala, sāl'a  
 Salome, sá-lō'mē  
 Salonika, sa-lō-nē'ká  
 Sandes, Sandys, sándz  
 Sanquhar, säng'kér  
 San Remo, san-rā'mō  
 Sans Gène, san-zhān'  
 Sans Souci, san-soo-sē'  
 Santiago, san-tē-a'gō  
 Sardou, sar-doo'  
 Saumarez, Sausmarez, sǎv'má-réz  
 Savoy, sá-voí'  
 Scaffell, skaw'fəl  
 Scheherazade, shē-hā-rá-zá'dé  
 Scheldt, skelt  
 Schiehallion, shē-hāl'i-ón  
 Schiller, shil'ér  
 Schlegel, shlá'gél  
 Schley, shí  
 Schmidt, shmit  
 Schofield, skō'fēld  
 Schonbrunn, shon'brun  
 Schopenhauer, shō'pén-hou-ér  
 Schreiner, shrí'nér  
 Schubert, shoo'bért  
 Schumann, shoo'man  
 Schuyler, skí'lér  
 Schlater, slá'tér  
 Scone, skoon, skōn  
 Scrymgeour, skrim'jér  
 Scylla, síl'a  
 Seleucus, sé-lū'kūs  
 Selous, sé-loo'  
 Semele, sem'é-lē  
 Semiramis, sé-mir'a-mis  
 Sennacherib, se-nák'ér-ib  
 Seoul, sá-ool'  
 Sergeant, Serjeant, sar-jént  
 Sévigné, sá-vēn-a'  
 Sèvres, sáv'r  
 Seychelles, sá-shel'  
 Seymour, sē'mōr  
 Sheila, shé'lá  
 Sicyon, sísh-, sísl-on  
 Siegfried, sēg'frēd  
 Sigurd, sē'gurd  
 Simois, sim'ó-is  
 Sinope, sí-nō'pē  
 Sioux, soo  
 Sisyphus, sísl-l-fús  
 Skrine, skrēn  
 Sluis, slóis  
 Socinus, só-sí'nūs  
 Sofia, só-fē'yá  
 Soissons, swa-son'  
 Solferino, sol-fē-rē'nō  
 Somers, sūm'érz  
 Sotheby, sūth'ē-bi  
 Soult, soolt

Southey, sou'thi, sūth'i  
 Southwark, suth'árk  
 Spa, spaw  
 Speight, spāi  
 Spohr, shpōr  
 Spree, sprā  
 Staël, sta'el  
 Stanhope, stān'óp  
 Stapley, stāp'li  
 Stein, shtin  
 Steyne, stēn  
 Stolypin, stō-lip'in  
 Strachan, Strahan, strawn  
 Strachey, strā'chi  
 Strauss, strous, shtrous  
 Stuckley, stūk'li  
 Suarez, swa'rāth  
 Suchet, su-shā'  
 Suetonius, sū-ē-tō'ní-ūs  
 Sully, sul'i; (Fr.) su-lē'  
 Sumatra, soo-ma'trá  
 Swayne, swān  
 Sybaris, sib'a-ris  
 Symonds, sím'ondz  
 Symons, sím'onz  
 Syracuse, (Sicily) sir'a-kūs; (U.S.A.) sir'a-kūs  
 Tagliani, tá-lyō'nē  
 Tahiti, ta'hē-tē  
 Taj Mahal, tazh-ma-hal'  
 Talliesin, tál'i-ā-sin  
 Tampico, tam-pē'kō  
 Tanagra, tǎn'a-grá  
 Tangier, tǎn-jēr'  
 Tangye, táng'y  
 Tannhäuser, tan'hoi-zér  
 Tarifa, ta-rē'fa  
 Tartuffe, tar-tuf'  
 Tauchnitz, touch'nits  
 Teheran, té-hé-ran'  
 Teignmouth, tin'múth  
 Tel-el-Kebir, tel-el-ké-bēr'  
 Telemachus, té-lem'a-kūs  
 Tenedos, ten'é-dos  
 Tenerife, ten-ér-ē'  
 Teniel, ten'yél  
 Teniers, ten'yérs  
 Tereus, tē'rus, tēr'é-ūs  
 Terpsichore, térp-sik'ó-rē  
 Tetrazzini, tá-trat-sē'nē  
 Teucer, tu'sér  
 Thais, thā'is; [F.] ta-ēs'  
 Thalia, thá-lí'a  
 Thames, temz  
 Theobald, thē'ò-bawld, \*tib'ald  
 Theophilus, thē-of'i-lūs  
 Thérèse, tā-rāz'  
 Thersites, thér-sí'tēz  
 Theseus, thē'sūs, -sē-ūs  
 Thessalonica, thes-á-lō-ní'ká  
 Thiers, tyār  
 Thom, tom  
 Thoreau, thōr'ō  
 Thorold, thūr'öld  
 Thorwaldsen, tōr'vāl-sēn  
 Thucydides, thū-sid'i-dēz  
 Thulé, thū'lē

Thyrsis, thēr'sis  
 Ticino, te-chē'nō  
 Tieck, tēk  
 Tientsin, tē-ent-sēn  
 Tierra del Fuego, tyer'a-del-fwā'gō  
 Tighe, tí  
 Tintagel, tin-tǎj'él  
 Tiresias, tí-rē'shi-ās  
 Tisiphone, tí-sif'ó-nē  
 Tissot, tē-sō'  
 Titania, tí-tǎn'i-á  
 Titian, tish'-i-án  
 Tityrus, tíl'i-rūs  
 Tivoli, tív'ó-li  
 Tmolus, mō'lūs  
 Tokio, tō'ki-ō  
 Tollemache, tol'mash  
 Tormpichen, tōr'fi-kēn  
 Torquay, tōr-kē'  
 Tours, toor  
 Townshend, toun'zend  
 Trafalgar, tráf-ál-gar', trá-fál'gar  
 Traquair, trá-kwār'  
 Traviata, tra-vi-a'tá  
 Tredegar, trē-dē'gar  
 Trefusis, trē-fū'sis  
 Treloar, trē-lōr'  
 Treves, trēvz  
 Treviso, trā-vē'so  
 Trier, trēr  
 Trieste, trē-es'tā  
 Trinidad, trin-l-dǎd'  
 Trocadero, trok-á-dēr'ō  
 Troilus, trō'lūs  
 Troubridge, troo'brij  
 Trovatore, trō-va-tōr'ā  
 Tschalkovsky, chí-ko'f'skē  
 Tuileries, twē'lér-iz  
 Tullibardine, túl-i-bar'dēn  
 Turgenev, tur-gen'yef  
 Tussaud, tu-sō'  
 Tynemouth, tin'múth  
 Typhon, tí'fōn  
 Tyrol, tír'ól  
 Tyrone, tír'ón'  
 Tyrtæus, tír-tē'ūs  
 Tyrwhitt, tír'it  
 Tytler, tíl'lér  
 Uffizi, oo-fēt'sē  
 Uhland, oo'lant  
 Ukraine, ū'krān  
 Ulysses, ū-lis'ēz  
 Upanishad, oo-pǎn'i-shǎd  
 Upsala, up-sal'a  
 Ural, ūr'al  
 Urquhart, ér'kárt  
 Uruguay, ū'ru-gwā  
 Ushant, ūsh'ánt  
 Utah, ū'ta  
 Uttoxeter, uk'sé-tér  
 Vallombrosa, vǎl-óm-brō'sá  
 Valois, val-wa'  
 Valparaiso, vǎl-pá-rí-zō  
 Vambéry, vam'bār-ē  
 Vanbrough, vǎn'broo



Vannucci, va-noo'chē	Vogel, fō'gél	Wortley, wért'li
Vasa, va'sá	Volpone, vol-pō'né	Wouverman, vou'vér-man
Vauban, vō-ban'	Voltaire, vol-tár'	Wrotham, root'ám
Vaud, vō	Vosges, vōzh	Wrottesley, rots'li
Vaughan, vawn	Wagner, vag'nér	Württemberg, vur'tem-bergh
Vauvenargues, vōv-narg'	Wagram, va'gram	Wymondham, wind'ám
Vaux, vō, vōks	Walcheren, val'chér-èn	Wyndham, wind'ám
Vauxhall, vawks-, voks-hawl'	Waldemar, wol'-, val'dé-mar	Wyoming, wi'ó-mong, wi-ó'ming
Vecchio, vek'i-ō	Walewski, va-lev'skē	Xanadu, zán'á-doo
Vega, vá'gá	Wallachia, wá-lá'ki-á	Xanthippe, zán-tip'ē
Veitch, vēch	Wallenstein, val'én-shtín	Xavier, za'vi-ér
Vendée, van-dá'	Walmesley, wawmz'li	Xenophon, zen'ó-fón
Venezuela, ven-ē-zwē'lá	Waltham, wawl'ám	Xeres, zer'ēs
Venice, ven'is	Warwick, wor'ik	
Vercelli, ver-chel'ē	Watteau, wot-ō', va-tō'	
Verdi, vár-dē'	Waugh, waw	
Verestchagin, ver-es-cha'-gin	Weber, vā'bér	Yeats, yāts
Veronese, vár-ō-nā'sá	Wednesbury, wenz'bú-ri	Yenisei, yen-i-sā'ē
Veronica, vé-ron'i-ká	Weir, wēr	Yerburgh, yar'bú-rú
Verrocchio, vá-rok'ē-ō	Weismann, vís'man	Yonge, yŭng
Versailles, vér-sálz', ver-sa'yē	Wellesley, welz'li	Yosemite, yó-sem'i-tē
Vespucci, ves-poo'chē	Wemyss, wémz	Ypres, ēpr
Vichy, vish'i, vē-shē'	Wenceslaus, ven'ses-lous	Ysaye, é-za'yé
Vieuxtemps, vyér-tan'	Werther, ver'tér	Yucatan, ú-ká-tán'
Vigny, vē-nyé'	Whewell, hū'él	Yves, ēv
Vigo, vé-, ví'gō	Wieland, vē'lant	
Villars, vē-lar'	Wiesbaden, vēs-ba'den	
Villiers, vil'érz, -yérz	Wilhelm, vil'helm	
Villon, vē-yon', vē-lon'	Willesden, wilz'dén	
Vincennes, van-sen'	Winckelmann, ving'kel-man	
Viola, ví-ó-lá, vē-ō'lá	Windsor, win'zór	
Viollet-le-Duc, vyó-lá'lé-duk'	Witte, vit'é	
Vischer, fish'ér	Wodehouse, wood'hous	
Visconti, vēs-kon'tē	Wombwell, woom'wel, woom'bél	

## ABBREVIATIONS

A., Academy, Academician; America; Associate.	A.D. [L. <i>anno Domini</i> ], In the year of our Lord.	A.E.U., Amalgamated Engineers' Union.
@, For, at, to (in prices).	A.D.C., Aide-de-camp.	A.-G., Adjutant, Accountant, Agent, or Attorney-General.
A1, First-class ( <i>esp. ship</i> ).	Adj., Adjutant.	A.H. [L. <i>anno Hegiræ</i> ], In the year of the Hegira.
A.A., Automobile Association.	Adj.-Gen., Adjutant-General.	A.I.M.E., Associate of the Institute of Mining Engineers.
A.B. [L. <i>Artium Baccalaureus</i> ], Bachelor of Arts; able-bodied seaman.	ad lib. [L. <i>ad libitum</i> ], To any desired extent.	A.I.Mech.E., Associate of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers.
A B C, The alphabet; a railway guide.	Adm., Admiral, Admiralty.	Ala., Alabama.
A.C., Aero, or Alpine Club; [L. <i>Ante Christum</i> ], before Christ.	ad val. [L. <i>ad valorem</i> ], According to the value.	Alas., Alaska.
a/c, Account.	advt., Advertisement.	Alta., Alberta, Canada.
Acad., Academy.	Æ, ( <i>Shipping</i> ) 3rd class at Lloyd's.	A.M. [L. <i>Artium Magister</i> ], Master of Arts; Albert
acct., Account, accountant.	æt., ætat. [L. <i>ætatis</i> ], In the year of his age, aged.	

- Medal; [*L. anno mundi*], in the year of the world.  
**a.m.** [*L. ante meridiem*], Before noon.  
**Am.**, America, American.  
**A.M.I.C.E.**, Associate Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers.  
**A.M.I.E.E.**, Associate Member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers.  
**A.M.I.Mech.E.**, Associate Member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers.  
**A.-N.**, Anglo-Norman.  
**anat.**, Anatomy.  
**anc.**, Ancient.  
**antiq.**, Antiquary, antiquities.  
**A.N.Z.A.C.**, Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.  
**A.O.**, Army Order.  
**A.O.C.** [*R.A.O.C.*].  
**A.O.D.**, Ancient Order of Druids.  
**A.O.F.**, Ancient Order of Foresters.  
**A.P.C.**, Army Pay Corps.  
**Apoc.**, Apocalypse.  
**Apocr.**, Apocrypha.  
**app.**, Appendix.  
**appro.**, Approbation, approval.  
**approx.**, Approximate.  
**Apr.**, April.  
**aq.** [*L. aqua*], Water.  
**A.Q.M.G.**, Assistant-Quartermaster-General.  
**A.R.A.**, Associate of the Royal Academy.  
**A.R.A.M.**, Associate of the Royal Academy of Music.  
**A.R.C.A.**, Associate of the Royal College of Art.  
**A.R.C.M.**, Associate of the Royal College of Music.  
**A.R.C.O.**, Associate of the Royal College of Organists.  
**A.R.C.S.**, Associate of the Royal College of Science.  
**A.R.I.B.A.**, Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects.  
**Ariz.**, Arizona.  
**Ark.**, Arkansas.  
**A.R.S.A.**, Associate of the Royal Scottish Academy, or of the Royal Society of Arts.  
**A.R.S.L.**, Associate of the Royal Society of Literature.  
**A.R.S.M.**, Associate of the Royal School of Mines.  
**A.R.W.S.**, Associate of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours.  
**A.-S.**, Anglo-Saxon.  
**A.S.C.** [*R.A.S.C.*].
- A.S.E.**, Amalgamated Society of Engineers.  
**A.S.G.B.**, Aeronautical Society of Great Britain.  
**A.S.R.S.**, Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.  
**Ass.-Com.-Gen.**, Assistant-Commissionary-General.  
**assoc.**, Associate, association.  
**Assoc.Inst.C.E.**, Associate of the Institution of Civil Engineers.  
**A.T.C.**, Art Teachers' Certificate (South Kensington).  
**A.T.C.L.**, Associate Trinity College (of Music), London.  
**At.-Gen.**, Attorney-General.  
**Ath.**, Athabasca.  
**A.U.C.** [*L. ab urbe condita*], From the year of the building of the City [Rome, 754 B.C.].  
**Aug.**, August.  
**A.V.** (*Bib.*), Authorized version; artillery volunteers.  
**av.**, Average; avoiddupols.  
**A.V.C.**, Army Veterinary Corps.  
**avdp.**, Avoiddupols.
- b.**, Born; (*Naut.*) blue sky.  
**B.A.**, Bachelor of Arts; British Academy, or Association.  
**B.Agr.**, Bachelor of Agriculture.  
**Balt.**, Baltimore.  
**B. & F.B.S.**, British and Foreign Bible Society.  
**B.Arch.**, Bachelor of Architecture.  
**Bart.**, Baronet.  
**Bart's.**, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
**batt.**, Battalion; battery.  
**B.C.**, Before Christ; Board of Control; British Columbia.  
**B.Ch.** [*L. Baccalaureus Chirurgiæ*], Bachelor of Surgery.  
**B.C.L.** [*L. Baccalaureus Civilis Legis*], Bachelor of Civil Law, or [*Canonica Legis*], of Canon Law.  
**B.C.S.**, Bengal Civil Service.  
**B.D.**, Bachelor of Divinity.  
**B.D.S.**, Bachelor of Dental Surgery.  
**B.E.F.**, British Expeditionary Force.  
**B.Eng.**, Bachelor of Engineering.
- B. ès L.** [*F. Bachelier ès Lettres*], Bachelor of Letters.  
**B. ès S.** [*F. Bachelier ès Sciences*], Bachelor of Science.  
**B.Hy.**, Bachelor of Hygiene.  
**B.I.**, British India.  
**Bib.**, Bible, biblical.  
**biol.**, Biology.  
**bkrpt.**, Bankrupt.  
**B.L.**, Black letter; Bachelor of Law; breech-loader.  
**B/L**, Bill of lading.  
**B.Litt.**, Bachelor of Letters.  
**B.LL.**, Bachelor of Laws.  
**B.M.**, Bachelor of Medicine; Brigade Major; British Museum.  
**B.M.A.**, British Medical Association.  
**B.Mus.**, Bachelor of Music.  
**Bodl.**, Bodleian.  
**B. of E.**, Board of Education.  
**B. of T.**, Board of Trade.  
**Bom.C.S.**, Bombay Civil Service.  
**Bom.S.C.**, Bombay Staff Corps.  
**bot.**, Botany.  
**B.P.**, British public.  
**Bp.**, Bishop.  
**Braz.**, Brazil, Brazilian.  
**B.R.C.S.**, British Red Cross Society.  
**Brig.-Gen.**, Brigadier-General.  
**Brit.**, Britain, British, Britannia.  
**bros.**, brothers.  
**B.S.**, Bachelor of Science (U.S.A.), or of Surgery.  
**B.S.A.**, British South Africa; Birmingham Small Arms Co.  
**B.S.C.**, Bengal Staff Corps.  
**B.Sc.**, Bachelor of Science.  
**Bt.**, Baronet; bought.  
**B.Th.**, Bachelor of Theology.  
**B.T.U.** (*Elec.*) Board of Trade unit, or kilowatt hour.  
**B.V.**, Bible Version (Psalms).  
**B.V.M.**, The Blessed Virgin Mary.  
**B.W.I.**, British West Indies.
- C.**, Centigrade; common metre (hymns); conservative.  
**c.**, Cent; (*Naut.*) cloudy; circum (about).  
**C.A.**, Chartered Accountant.  
**Cal.**, California.  
**Camb.**, Cambridge.  
**Camb.**, Cambridgeshire.  
**Can.**, Canada.



- Cantab.** [*L. Cantabrigiensis*], Of Cambridge.
- Cantuar.** [*L. Cantuariensis*], Of Canterbury (signature of Archbishop).
- cap.**, Capital; [*L. caput*], chapter; foolscap.
- Capt.**, Captain.
- Cath.**, Catholic; Cathedral.
- Cav.**, Cavalry.
- C.B.**, Cape Breton; Companion of the Order of the Bath; (*Mil.*) confined to barracks.
- C.B.E.**, Commander of (the Order of) the British Empire.
- C.C.**, Chamber of Commerce; City or County Council, or Councillor; Common Councilman; Cricketer or Cycling Club.
- c.c.**, Cubic centimetre.
- C.C.P.**, Court of Common Pleas; Chief Commissioner of Police.
- C.C.S.**, Ceylon Civil Service.
- cd.** (official papers), Catalogued.
- C.E.**, Chief or Civil Engineer; Church of England.
- cent.**, Centigrade; century.
- Cestr.** [*L. Cestriensis*], Of Chester (Bishop's signature).
- C.E.T.S.**, Church of England Temperance Society.
- C.F.**, Chaplain to the Forces.
- f.** [*L. confer*], compare.
- c.f.i.**, Cost, freight, and insurance.
- C.G.**, Coast-Guard; Coldstream Guards; Consul-General.
- cg.**, Centigram.
- C.G.H.**, Cape of Good Hope.
- C.G.M.**, Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.
- ch.**, Chairman; champion (of dogs); chapter; church.
- Chap.**, Chaplain; chapter.
- Chas.**, Charles.
- Ch.B.** [*L. Chirurgiae Baccalaureus*], Bachelor of Surgery.
- C.I.**, Channel Isles; (Imperial Order of the) Crown of India.
- Cicestr.** [*L. Cicestriensis*], Of Chichester (Bishop's signature).
- C.I.D.**, Criminal Investigation Department.
- C.I.E.**, Companion (of the Order) of the Indian Empire.
- c.i.f.**, Cost, insurance, and freight.
- C-in-C.**, Commander-in-Chief.
- C.I.V.**, City Imperial Volunteers.
- C.J.**, Chief Justice.
- C.L.**, Commander (of the Order) of Leopold.
- clar.**, (*Print.*) Clarendon type.
- C.L.R.**, Central London Railway; Common Law Reports.
- C.M.**, Certified Master or Mistress; [*L. Chirurgiae Magister*], Master of Surgery; common metre (of hymns).
- cm.**, Centimetre.
- cmdg.**, Commanding.
- C.M.G.**, Companion (of the Order of) St. Michael and St. George.
- C.M.S.**, Church Missionary Society.
- C.O.**, Colonial, Crown or Criminal Office; Commanding Officer.
- Co.**, Company; County.
- c/o**, Care of.
- C.O.D.**, Cash or collect on delivery.
- Col.**, Colonel; Columbia Dist. (U.S.A.).
- coll.**, Colleague; college.
- collect.**, Collective.
- collog.**, Colloquial.
- Colo.**, Colorado.
- Col.-Sergt.**, Colour-Sergeant.
- Comdr.**, Commander.
- Comdt.**, Commandant.
- Comm.**, Commodore.
- comp.**, Comparative, compare; compositor; compound.
- conch.**, Conchology.
- conj.**, Conjunction.
- Conn.**, Connecticut.
- Cons.-Gen.**, Consul-General.
- Consols.**, Consolidated (Funds).
- cont.**, Containing; continued.
- Copt.**, Coptic.
- Cor.** (*Bib.*) Corinthians.
- Corn.**, Cornish; Cornwall.
- Corr. Fel., Mem., Sec.**, Corresponding Fellow, Member, Secretary.
- C.O.S.**, Charity Organisation Society.
- Cott. MSS.**, Cottonian Manuscripts.
- C.P.**, Clerk of Peace; College of Preceptors; Common Pleas; Common Prayer; [*L. Congregatio Passionis*], Passionist Fathers; Court of Probate.
- cp.**, Compare.
- Cpl.**, Corporal.
- C.P.R.**, Canadian Pacific Railway.
- C.P.S.**, [*L. Custos Privati Sigilli*], Keeper of the Privy Seal.
- C.R.**, Caledonian Railway; [*L. Custos Rotulorum*], Keeper of the Rolls.
- Cr.**, Credit, creditor; Crown; crown (size of paper).
- C.S.**, Civil Service; [*L. Custos Sigilli*], Keeper of the Seal.
- C.S.C.**, Conspicuous Service Cross.
- C.S.I.**, Companion of (the Order of) the Star of India.
- C.T.**, Certificated Teacher.
- Ct.**, Count; Court.
- C.T.C.**, Cyclists' Touring Club.
- Ctesse.** [*F. comtesse*], Countess.
- Ctss.**, Countess.
- C.U.**, Cambridge University.
- C.U.A.C.**, Cambridge University Athletic Club.
- cub.**, Cubic.
- cum. div.**, With dividend.
- cur.**, Currency, current.
- C.V.O.**, Commander of (the Royal) Victorian Order.
- cwt.**, Hundredweight.
- d.** [*L. denarius*], penny.
- D.A.G.**, Deputy-Adjutant-General.
- Dak.**, Dakota.
- D.A.Q.M.G.**, Deputy-Assistant - Quartermaster - General.
- d.b.**, Day-book.
- D.B.E.**, Dame Commander of (the Order of) the British Empire.
- D.C.**, District Court; District of Columbia; [*It. da capo*], (*Mus.*) repeat.
- D.C.L.**, Doctor of Civil Law.
- D.C.L.I.**, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.
- D.C.M.**, Distinguished Conduct Medal.
- D.D.** [*L. Divinitatis Doctor*], Doctor of Divinity.
- D.D.D.** [*L. dat, dicat, dedicat*], He gives, devotes, and dedicates; [*L. dono dedit dedicavit*], He gave and consecrated as a gift.
- D.D.S.**, Doctor of Dental Surgery.
- Dec.**, December.
- Del.**, Delaware.
- del.** [*L. delineavit*], He (or she) drew it.
- dept.**, Department.
- Deut.**, Deuteronomy.

- D.G.**, Director-General; Dragoon Guards; [*L. Dei gratia*], by the grace of God.
- D.G.M.**, Deputy Grand Master.
- dim.** [*L. dimidius*], One half; diminutive.
- dipl.**, Diploma.
- dist.**, Distinguished; district.
- div.**, Divided; dividend.
- D.L.**, Deputy-Lieutenant.
- D.L.L.**, Durham Light Infantry.
- D.Lit.**, Doctor of Literature.
- D.Litt.**, Doctor of Letters.
- D.M.**, Doctor of Medicine (Oxford).
- D.M.D.**, Doctor of Dental Medicine.
- D.N.B.**, Dictionary of National Biography.
- do.**, Ditto, the same.
- Dom. Proc.** [*L. Domus procerum*], (*Law*) The House of Lords.
- D.O.R.A.**, Defence of the Realm Act.
- doz.**, Dozen.
- D.P.H.**, Department of, or Diploma in, Public Health.
- D.Ph.**, Doctor of Philosophy.
- D.R.** (*Naut.*) Dead reckoning.
- Dr.**, Debtor; Doctor.
- D.S.C.**, Distinguished Service Cross.
- D.Sc.**, Doctor of Science.
- D.S.M.**, Distinguished Service Medal.
- D.S.O.**, Distinguished Service Order.
- d.s.p.** [*L. decessit sine prole*], Died without issue.
- D.T.**, The Daily Telegraph.
- d.t.**, Delirium tremens.
- D. Ter.**, Dakota Territory.
- D.Th.**, Doctor of Theology.
- Dunelm.** [*L. Dunelmensis*], Of Durham (Bishop's signature).
- D.V.** [*L. Deo volente*], God willing.
- dwt.** [*L. denarius*], Penny-weight, 24 grains troy.
- E.**, Earl; east; second-class merchant ship at Lloyd's.
- E. & O.E.**, Errors and omissions excepted.
- E.B.**, Encyclopædia Britannica.
- Ebor.** [*L. Eboracum*], York; [*L. Eboracensis*], of York (signature of the Archbishop).
- E.C.**, Eastern Central (London); Established Church.
- Ecua.**, Ecuador.
- ed.**, Edition, editor.
- Edin.**, Edinburgh.
- E.E.**, Early English; errors excepted.
- E.E.T.S.**, Early English Text Society.
- e.g.** [*L. exempli gratia*], For example.
- E.I.**, East India; East Indies.
- E.I.C.**, East India Company.
- E.I.C.S.**, East India Civil Service.
- E.M.**, Earl Marshal; [*L. Equitum Magister*], Master of the Horse.
- Ency. Brit.**, Encyclopædia Britannica.
- E.N.E.**, East-north-east.
- Eng.**, England, English, engineering; engraved, engraver, engraving.
- Ent. Sta. Hall.**, Entered at Stationers' Hall.
- E.R.**, East Riding (of Yorkshire); [*L. Edwardus Rex*], King Edward.
- erron.**, Erroneous, -ly.
- E.S.E.**, East-south-east.
- esp.**, Especially.
- Esq.**, Esquire.
- et al.** [*L. et alibi*], And elsewhere.
- E.T.C.**, Eastern Telegraph Company.
- etc.** [*L. et cetera*], And the rest.
- et seq.** [*L. et sequens*], (*pl.*) **et sqq.**, And the following.
- etym.**, Etymological.
- E.U.**, Evangelical Union.
- ex.**, Examined; example; exchanged; executed, executive.
- Exc.**, Excellency.
- Exch.**, Exchange.
- ex div.**, Without next dividend.
- Exon.** [*L. Exoniensis*], Of Exeter (signature of the Bishop).
- exor.**, Executor.
- exrx.**, Executrix.
- F.**, Fahrenheit; Fellow.
- f.**, Fathom; feet; fem.; [*L. forte*], (*Mus.*) loud.
- Fahr.**, Fahrenheit.
- F.A.I.**, Fellow of the Auctioneers' Institute.
- fam.**, Familiar.
- F.C.**, Football Club; Free Church of Scotland.
- F.C.A.**, Fellow of the Chartered Accountants.
- F.C.S.**, Fellow of the Chemical Society.
- F.D.** [*L. fidei defensor*], Defender of the Faith.
- Feb.**, February.
- fec.** [*L. fecit*], He (or she) made it.
- fem.**, Feminine.
- F.F.** (*Naut.*), thick fog.
- ff.** [*It. fortissimo*], (*Mus.*) Louder than forte, very loud.
- F.F.A.**, Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries.
- fff.** [*It. fortississimo*], (*Mus.*) As loud as possible.
- F.F.P.S.**, Fellow of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons.
- F.G.S.**, Fellow of the Geological Society.
- F.I.A.**, Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries.
- F.I.C.**, Fellow of the Institute of Chemistry.
- F.I.C.A.**, Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.
- F.I.D.**, Field Intelligence Department.
- Fid. Def.** [*L. fidei defensor*], Defender of the Faith.
- fig.**, Figurative; figure.
- F.I.H.**, Fellow of the Institute of Hygiene.
- F.I.Inst.**, Fellow of the Imperial Institute.
- Fin. Sec.**, Financial Secretary.
- F.K.Q.C.P.I.**, Fellow of the King's and Queen's College of Physicians, Ireland [*F.R.C.P.I.*].
- fl.** [*L. floruit*], flourished.
- Fla.**, Florida.
- flor.** [*L. floruit*], He (or she) flourished.
- F.L.S.**, Fellow of the Linnean Society.
- F.M.**, Field Marshal.
- F.O.**, Field Officer; Foreign Office.
- fo.**, Folio.
- f.o.b.**, Free on board.
- fol.**, **fol.**, Following.
- F.P.**, Fire-plug.
- Fr.**, France, French.
- F.R.A.I.**, Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute.
- F.R.A.M.**, Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music.
- F.R.A.S.**, Fellow of the Royal Astronomical or Asiatic Society.
- F.R.C.I.**, Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute.
- F.R.C.O.**, Fellow of the Royal College of Organists.



- F.R.C.P.**, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.
- F.R.C.S.**, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.
- F.R.C.V.S.**, Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.
- F.R.G.S.**, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Soc.
- F.R.H.S.**, Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Soc.
- F.R.Hist.S.**, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.
- Fri.**, Friday.
- F.R.I.B.A.**, Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects.
- F.R.Met.Soc.**, Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society.
- F.R.M.S.**, Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Soc.
- F.R.P.S.**, Fellow of the Royal Photographic Soc.
- F.R.S.**, Fellow of the Royal Society.
- F.R.S.A.I.**, Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, Ireland.
- F.R.S.L.**, Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature; Fellow of the Royal Society of London.
- F.R.S.S.**, Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society.
- F.S.A.**, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.
- F.S.I.**, Fellow of the Sanitary or of the Surveyors' Institute.
- F.S.S.** [**F.R.S.S.**].
- F.T.C.D.**, Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin.
- fur.**, Furlong.
- fut.**, Future.
- F.Z.S.**, Fellow of the Zoological Society.
- G.**, German.
- g.** (*Naut.*) gloomy.
- Ga.**, Georgia.
- Gael.**, Gaelic.
- G. & S.W.R.**, Glasgow and South-Western Railway.
- G.B.**, Great Britain.
- G.B. & I.**, Great Britain and Ireland.
- G.B.E.**, Knight (*or* Dame) Grand Cross of (the Order of) the British Empire.
- G.C.B.**, Knight Grand Cross of (the Order of) the Bath.
- g.c.f.**, (*Math.*) Greatest common factor.
- G.C.H.**, Knight Grand Cross of Hanover.
- G.C.I.E.**, Grand Commander of (the Order of) the Indian Empire.
- G.C.L.H.**, Knight Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.
- g.c.m.**, (*Math.*) Greatest common measure.
- G.C.M.G.**, Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George.
- G.C.R.**, Great Central Railway.
- G.C.S.I.**, Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India.
- G.C.T.**, Greenwich Civil Time.
- G.C.V.O.**, Knight Grand Cross of the (Royal) Victorian Order.
- Gen.**, General; Genesis.
- gen.**, Gender; generally; genitive.
- gent.**, Gentleman.
- Geo.**, George.
- geog.**, Geography.
- geol.**, Geology.
- geom.**, Geometry.
- G.E.R.**, Great Eastern Railway.
- G.G.**, Grenadier Guards.
- G.L.**, (*Freemasonry*) Grand Lodge.
- G.M.**, General Manager; Grand Master.
- gm.**, Gram.
- G.M.T.**, Greenwich Mean Time.
- G.N.R.**, Great Northern Railway.
- G.O.C.**, General Officer Commanding.
- G.O.M.**, Grand Old Man (Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone).
- Gov.-Gen.**, Governor-General.
- G.P.**, (*Med.*) General paralysis; general practitioner; Graduate in Pharmacy.
- G.P.M.**, (*Freemasonry*) Grand Past Master.
- G.P.O.**, General Post Office.
- G.R.** [*L. Georgius Rex*], King George; [*L. Gulielmus Rex*], King William.
- gr.**, Grain; gram.
- gram.**, Grammar.
- G.S. & W.R.**, Great Southern and Western Railway (Ireland).
- gt.**, (*Pharm.*) [*L. gutta*], Drop.
- Gt. Br.** [*G.B.*], Great Britain.
- G.W.R.**, Great Western Railway.
- h.**, (*Naut.*) Hall.
- hab. corp.** [*L. habes corpus*, you may have the body], A writ.
- H.A.C.**, Honourable Artillery Company.
- h. & c.**, Hot and cold (water).
- Harl. MSS.**, Harleian Manuscripts.
- H.B.M.**, His (*or* Her) Britannic Majesty.
- H.C.**, Heralds' College; High Church; House of Commons.
- h.c.f.**, (*Math.*) Highest common factor.
- H.C.M.**, His (*or* Her) Catholic Majesty.
- H.C.S.**, Home Civil Service.
- hdqrs.**, Headquarters.
- H.E.**, His Eminence *or* Excellency.
- H.E.I.C.**, Honourable East India Company.
- Hel.**, Helvetia (Switzerland).
- her.**, Herald, heraldry.
- H.G.**, His (*or* Her) Grace; Horse Guards; High German.
- H.H.**, His (*or* Her) Highness; His Holiness (the Pope).
- Hib.**, Hibernian.
- H.I.H.**, His (*or* Her) Imperial Highness.
- Hil.**, Hilary.
- H.I.M.**, His (*or* Her) Imperial Majesty.
- Hind.**, Hindustani.
- H.L.I.**, Highland Light Infantry.
- H.M.**, His (*or* Her) Majesty.
- H.M.C.**, His (*or* Her) Majesty's Customs.
- H.M.I.**, His (*or* Her) Majesty's Inspector.
- H.M.O.W.**, His (*or* Her) Majesty's Office of Works.
- H.M.S.**, His (*or* Her) Majesty's Service *or* Ship.
- H.M.S.O.**, His (*or* Her) Majesty's Stationery Office.
- Hon.**, Honourable, Honorary.
- Honble.**, Honourable.
- H.P.**, Half-pay; high-pressure; hot-pressed (of paper).
- h.p.**, Horse-power.
- H.Q.**, Headquarters.
- H.R.**, House of Representatives.
- H.R.H.**, His (*or* Her) Royal Highness.
- H.S.H.**, His (*or* Her) Serene Highness.
- H.S.M.**, His (*or* Her) Serene Majesty.
- h.w.**, (*Cricket*) Hit wicket.
- H.W.M.**, High-water mark.
- I.** [*L. Imperator, -trix*], Emperor, Empress; Idaho; island.

**Ia.**, Iowa.  
**ib.**, *ibid.* [L. *ibidem*], In the same place.  
**i/c.**, In charge.  
**I.C.E.**, Institute of Civil Engineers.  
**Icel.**, Iceland, Icelandic.  
**I.C.S.**, Indian Civil Service.  
**I.D.**, Intelligence Department.  
**id.** [L. *idem*], The same.  
**I.D.B.**, (S. Afr.) Illicit diamond buyer, or buying.  
**i.e.** [L. *id est*], That is.  
**I.E.E.**, Institute of Electrical Engineers.  
**I.G.**, Inspector-General.  
**i.h.p.**, Indicated horsepower.  
**IHS** [Gr. *Ies*], Jesus.  
**Ill.**, Illinois.  
**I.L.P.**, Independent Labour Party.  
**I.M.D.**, Indian Medical Department.  
**I.M.N.S.**, Imperial Military Nursing Service.  
**imp.**, Imperative; imperfect; imperial; *imprimatur*.  
**Imp. Inst.**, Imperial Institute.  
**I.M.S.**, Indian Medical Service.  
**in.**, Inch.  
**I.N.A.**, Institute of Naval Architects.  
**inc.**, incorporated.  
**incog.**, Incognito.  
**Ind.**, Indian; Indiana.  
**Indo-Eur.**, Indo-European.  
**Indo-Ger.**, Indo-Germanic.  
**Ind. T.**, Indian Territory.  
**inf.**, Infantry; infinitive.  
**infra dig.** [L. *infra dignitatem*], Beneath one's dignity.  
**I.N.R.I.** [L. *Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudæorum*], Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.  
**Ins.-Gen.**, Inspector-General.  
**I.N.S.T.** [L. *in nomine Sanctæ Trinitatis*], In the Name of the Holy Trinity.  
**inst.**, Institute, institution; instant (of this month).  
**Inst. Act.**, Institute of Actuaries.  
**Inst.C.E.**, Institute of Civil Engineers.  
**Inst. E.E.**, Institution of Electrical Engineers.  
**Inst.M.E.**, Institute of Marine Engineers.  
**Inst.Mech.E.**, Institution of Mechanical Engineers.  
**Inst.N.A.**, Institution of Naval Architects.

**int.**, Interjection.  
**Inter. Arts, Sc.**, Intermediate in Arts or Science.  
**interj.**, Interjection.  
**internat.**, International.  
**interrog.**, Interrogative.  
**I.O.**, India Office.  
**I.O.F.**, Independent Order of Foresters.  
**I.O.G.T.**, Independent Order of Good Templars.  
**I.O.O.F.**, Independent Order of Oddfellows.  
**I.O.P.**, Institute of Painters in Oil Colours.  
**IOU**, I owe you.  
**I.R.**, Inland Revenue.  
**Ir.**, Ireland, Irish.  
**I.S.**, Irish Society.  
**I.S.C.**, Indian Staff Corps.  
**Isl.**, island, isle.  
**I.S.M.**, Incorporated Society of Musicians.  
**I.S.O.** (Companion of the) Imperial Service Order.  
**I.T.**, Indian Territory.  
**It.**, Italian, Italy.  
**ital.**, Italics.  
**I.W.**, Isle of Wight.  
**I.W.W.**, International Workers of the World.  
**I.Y.**, Imperial Yeomanry.  
**J.A.**, Judge-Advocate.  
**J./A.**, Joint account.  
**Jam.**, Jamaica.  
**Jan.**, January.  
**Jas.**, James.  
**J.C.**, Jesus Christ; Justice-Clerk.  
**J.C.D.** [L. *Juris Civilis Doctor*], Doctor of Civil Law.  
**J.G.W.**, (Freemasonry) Junior Grand Warden.  
**JHS** [IHS].  
**Jno.**, John.  
**jnr.**, Junior.  
**J.P.**, Justice of the Peace.  
**J.R.** [L. *Jacobus Rex*], King James.  
**jr.**, Junior.  
**J.U.D.** [L. *Juris utriusque Doctor*], Doctor of both Civil and Canon Law.  
**jun.**, Junior.  
**K.**, King.  
**k.**, (Meteor.) Cumulus.  
**Kan.**, Kansas.  
**K.A.R.**, King's African Rifles.  
**K.B.**, King's Bench; Knight Bachelor.  
**K.B.E.**, Knight Commander of (the Order of) the British Empire.  
**K.C.**, King's College; King's Counsel; Kennel Club.  
**K.C.B.**, Knight Commander of (the Order of) the Bath.

**K.C.H.**, Knight Commander of the Hanoverian Guelphic Order.  
**K.C.I.E.**, Knight Commander of (the Order of) the Indian Empire.  
**K.C.M.G.**, Knight Commander of (the Order of) St. Michael and St. George.  
**K.C.S.I.**, Knight Commander of the Star of India.  
**K.C.V.O.**, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.  
**K.D.G.**, King's Dragoon Guards.  
**Ken.**, Kentucky.  
**K.G.**, Knight of (the Order of) the Garter.  
**kg.**, Kilogramme.  
**K.G.C.**, Knight Grand Cross.  
**K.G.F.**, Knight of the Golden Fleece.  
**K.G.H.**, Knight of the Hanoverian Guelphic Order.  
**K.H.**, Knight of the Hanoverian Guelphic Order.  
**K.H.C., P., S.**, Honorary Chaplain, Physician, or Surgeon to the King.  
**kilo.**, Kilogram.  
**K.K.K.**, Ku-Klux-Klan.  
**kl.**, Kilolitre.  
**K.L.H.**, Knight of the Legion of Honour.  
**K.M.**, Knight of Malta.  
**km.**, Kilometre.  
**Knt.**, Knight.  
**K.O.B.**, King's Own Borderers.  
**K.O.S.B.**, King's Own Scottish Borderers.  
**K.O.Y.L.I.**, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.  
**K.P.**, Knight of (the Order of) St. Patrick.  
**K.R.C.**, Knight of the Red Cross.  
**K.R.R.**, King's Royal Rifles.  
**K.S.**, King's scholar.  
**K.T.**, Knight of the Order of the Thistle; Knight Templar.  
**Kt.**, Knight.  
**Kt. Bach.**, Knight Bachelor.  
**kw.**, (Elec.) Kilowatt (1,000 watts).  
**Ky.**, Kentucky.  
**L.**, Latin; Lake; (*Theat.*) left; Liberal; licentiate; [*F. livre*], pound.  
**L.A.**, Law Agent; Library Association; Literate in Arts.  
**La.**, Louisiana.



- Lab.**, (*Polit.*) Labour; Labrador; laboratory.  
**L.A.C.**, London Athletic Club.  
**L.A.H.**, Licentiate of Apothecaries' Hall (Ireland).  
**L. & N.W.R.**, London and North-Western Railway.  
**L. & S.W.R.**, London and South-Western Railway.  
**L. & Y.R.**, Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.  
**L.A.O.**, Licentiate in Obstetric Science.  
**Lapp.**, Lappish.  
**L.A.S.**, Lord-Advocate of Scotland; Licentiate of the Apothecaries' Society.  
**Lat.**, Latin.  
**lat.**, Latitude.  
**lb.** [*L. libra, -bræ*], Pound, pounds.  
**L.B. & S.C.R.**, London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.  
**l.b.w.**, (*Cricket*) Leg before wicket.  
**L.C.**, Lord Chancellor or Chamberlain; Lower Canada.  
**l.c.** [*L. loco citato*], In the place cited; lower case (of type).  
**L.C.C.**, London County Council, or Councillor.  
**L.Ch.**, Licentiate in Surgery.  
**L.C.J.**, Lord Chief Justice.  
**l.c.m.**, Least common multiple.  
**L.C.P.**, Licentiate of the College of Preceptors.  
**L.Cpl.**, Lance-corporal.  
**L.Div.**, Licentiate in Divinity.  
**L.D.S.**, Licentiate in Dental Surgery.  
**L.D.Sc.**, Licentiate in Dental Science.  
**£E.**, Egyptian pound.  
**Leg.Hon.Fr.**, (Member of the) Legion of Honour, France.  
**L.F.P.S.**, Licentiate of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons.  
**L.G.**, Life Guards.  
**L.H.D.** [*L. Litterarum Humaniorum Doctor*], Doctor of Humane Letters.  
**L.I.**, Long Island (U.S.A.).  
**Lic. Med.**, Licentiate in Medicine.  
**Lieut.**, Lieutenant.  
**Lieut.-Col.**, -Gen., -Gov., Lieutenant-Colonel, -General, -Governor.  
**Linn.**, Linnæan.  
**lit.**, Literal, literary.  
**Lit.D.** [*L. Litterarum Doctor*], Doctor of Letters.  
**Lith.**, Lithuanian.  
**Lit.Hum.** [*L. Literæ Humaniores*], Final school of classics at Oxford.  
**Litt.D.** [*L. Litterarum Doctor*], Doctor of Letters.  
**L.K.Q.C.P.I.**, Licentiate of the King's and Queen's College of Physicians, Ireland [*L.R.Q.P.I.*].  
**LL.**, Of laws.  
**L.L.**, Late, law, or low Latin; Lord-Lieutenant.  
**LL.B.** [*L. Legum Baccalaureus*], Bachelor of Laws.  
**LL.D.** [*L. Legum Doctor*], Doctor of Laws.  
**LL.M.** [*L. Legum Magister*], Master of Civil and of Canon Law.  
**L.M.**, Licentiate in Medicine or Midwifery; long metre (of hymns).  
**L.M.R.C.P.**, Licentiate in Midwifery, Royal College of Physicians.  
**L.M.S.**, Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery; London Missionary Society.  
**L.M.S.R.**, London, Midland and Scottish Railway.  
**L.M.S.S.A.**, Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery, Society of Apothecaries, London.  
**L.N.E.R.**, London and North-Eastern Railway.  
**loc. cit.** [*L. loco citato*], In the place cited.  
**log.**, Logarithm.  
**long.**, Longitude.  
**loq.** [*L. loquitur*], He (or she) speaks.  
**L.P.**, Large paper (copy of a book); Lord Provost.  
**L'pool**, Liverpool.  
**L.R.C.P.**, Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians.  
**L.R.C.S.**, Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons.  
**L.R.C.V.S.**, Licentiate of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.  
**L.R.F.P.S.**, Licentiate of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons.  
**L.S.**, Linnean Society; [*L. locus sigilli*], the place of the seal.  
**L.S.A.**, Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries.  
**L.s.d.** [*L. libræ, solidi, denarii*], Pounds, shillings and pence.  
**£T.**, Turkish pound.  
**Lt.**, Lieutenant.  
**L.T.C.L.**, Licentiate of Trinity College (of Music), London.  
**Lt. - Col.**, Lieutenant-Colonel.  
**Ltd.**, Limited.  
**Lt.-Gen.**, Lieutenant-General.  
**Lt. Inf.**, Light Infantry.  
**L.U.**, Liberal Unionist.  
**L.W.L.**, Load-water-line.  
**LXX**, The Septuagint (70).  
**M.**, Master; majesty; member; militia; Monsieur.  
**m.**, Male; married; [*L. meridies*], noon; metre; mile; (*Med.*) minim; minute; (*Naut.*) mist.  
**M.A.**, Master of Arts.  
**M.A.B.**, Metropolitan Asylums Board.  
**Maj.**, Major.  
**Maj.-Gen.**, Major-General.  
**Man.**, Manit., Manitoba.  
**masc.**, Maschine.  
**Mass.**, Massachusetts.  
**math.**, Mathematics.  
**Matric.**, Matriculation.  
**max.**, Maximum.  
**M.B.** [*L. Medicinæ Baccalaureus*], Bachelor of Medicine.  
**M.B.E.**, Member of (the Order of) the British Empire.  
**M.C.**, Master of the Ceremonies; [*L. Magister Chirurgiæ*], Master of Surgery (U.S.A.); the Military Cross.  
**M.C.C.**, Marylebone Cricket Club; Middlesex County Council.  
**M.Ch.** [*L. Magister Chirurgiæ*], Master of Surgery.  
**M.Ch.D.**, Master of Dental Surgery.  
**M.D.** [*L. Medicinæ Doctor*], Doctor of Medicine.  
**Md.**, Maryland.  
**Mdlle** [*MLLE*]. **Mdme** [*MME*].  
**M.D.S.**, Master of Dental Surgery.  
**M.E.**, Mechanical, Military, or Mining Engineer; Middle English.  
**Me.**, Maine (U.S.A.).  
**Me** [*F. maître*], Advocate.  
**M.E.C.**, Member of the Executive Council.  
**mech.**, Mechanics.  
**med.**, Medical.  
**mem.**, Memorandum.  
**M.Eng.**, Master of Engineering (Dublin).  
**Messrs.**, Messieurs.  
**meteor.**, Meteorological.  
**Meth.**, Methodist.  
**Met. R.**, Metropolitan Railway.  
**Mex.**, Mexican, Mexico.

- mf.** [*It. mezzo-forte*], (*Mus.*) Moderately loud.
- M.F.B.**, Metropolitan Fire Brigade.
- M.F.H.**, Master of Foxhounds.
- mg.**, Milligram.
- M.G.C.**, Machine Gun Corps.
- Mgr.**, Monseigneur, Monsignor.
- M.H.G.**, Middle High German.
- M.H.K.**, Member of the House of Keys (Isle of Man).
- M.H.R.**, Member of the House of Representatives.
- M.I.**, Mounted Infantry.
- M.I.C.E.** [*M.INST.O.E.*].
- M.I.E.E.**, Member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers.
- mil.**, Military.
- M.I.M.E.**, Member of the Institute of Mining Engineers.
- M.I.Mech.E.**, Member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers.
- M.I.M.M.**, Member of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.
- min.**, Mineralogy; *minim.*
- M.I.N.A.**, Member of the Institute of Naval Architects.
- Minn.**, Minnesota.
- M.Inst.C.E.**, Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers.
- misc.**, Miscellaneous.
- Miss.**, Mississippi.
- Mk.**, Mark (German coin).
- M.L.**, Licentiate in Midwifery or Medicine.
- M.L.A.**, Member of the Legislative Assembly; Modern Language Association.
- M.L.C.**, Member of the Legislative Council.
- M.L.G.**, Middle Low German.
- Mlle.**, Mademoiselle.
- MM.**, Majesties; messieurs.
- M.M.**, (*Freemasonry*) Master Mason; the Military Medal.
- mm.**, Millimetre.
- Mme.**, Madame.
- M.N.S.**, Member of the Numismatical Society (U.S.A.).
- M.O.**, Money Order; Medical Officer.
- Mo.**, Missouri.
- mo.**, Month.
- M.O.H.**, Medical Officer of Health.
- Mon., Monday**; Monmouthshire.
- Mons.**, Monsieur (it is an insult to use this abbreviation).
- M.P.**, Member of Parliament; Metropolitan Police.
- M.P.S.**, Member of the Pharmaceutical or Philological Society.
- M.R.**, Master of the Rolls; Midland Railway; Municipal Reformer.
- Mr.**, Mister.
- M.R.A.S.**, Member of the Royal Asiatic Society or of the Royal Academy of Science.
- M.R.C.C.**, Member of the Royal College of Chemistry.
- M.R.C.O.**, Member of the Royal College of Organists.
- M.R.C.P.**, Member of the Royal College of Physicians.
- M.R.C.S.**, Member of the Royal College of Surgeons.
- M.R.C.V.S.**, Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.
- M.R.I.**, Member of the Royal Institution.
- M.R.I.A.**, Member of the Royal Irish Academy.
- Mrs.**, Missis, Mistress.
- M.R.S.A.**, Member of the Royal Society of Arts.
- M.R.S.L.**, Member of the Royal Society of Literature.
- M.R.U.S.I.**, Member of the Royal United Service Institution.
- MS.** (*pl.* **MSS.**), Manuscript.
- M.S.**, Master of Science or of Surgery; [*L. memoria sacrum*], sacred to the memory.
- M.S.A.**, Member of the Society of Apothecaries, or of Arts.
- M.S.C.**, Madras or Medical Staff Corps.
- M.Sc.**, Master of Science.
- MSS.**, Manuscripts.
- M.T.**, Motor Transport.
- Mt.**, Mount; mountain.
- M.U.**, Motor or Mothers' Union.
- Mus.B., Bac.** [*L. Musica Baccalaureus*] Bachelor of Music.
- Mus.D., Doc.** [*L. Musica Doctor*], Doctor of Music.
- Mus.M.** [*L. Musica Magister*], Master of Music (Cambridge).
- M.V.O.**, Member of the Royal Victorian Order.
- M.W.**, Most Worshipful or Worthy.
- myth.**, Mythological, mythology.
- N.**, (*Polit.*) Nationalist; north, northern.
- n.**, Neuter; noon; noun.
- N.A.**, National Academy; North America or American.
- n/a.**, (*Banking*) No account.
- N. & Q.**, Notes and Queries.
- Nat.**, Natal; national.
- nat. hist.**, Natural history.
- naut.**, Nautical.
- nav.**, Naval.
- N.B.**, New Brunswick; North Britain (Scotland).
- N.B.** [*L. nota bene*], Mark well.
- N.B.R.**, North British Railway.
- N.C.**, North Carolina.
- N.C.O.**, Non-commissioned officer.
- N.C.U.**, National Cyclists' Union.
- N.D.**, North Dakota.
- n.d.**, No date.
- N.D.L.**, Norddeutscher Lloyd.
- N.E.**, North-Eastern.
- Nebr.**, Nebraska.
- N.E.D.**, New English Dictionary (the Oxford English Dictionary).
- nem. con.** [*L. nemine contradicente*], No one contradicting.
- nem. diss.** [*L. nemine dissentiente*], No one dissenting.
- N.E.R.**, North Eastern Railway.
- neut.**, Neuter.
- Nev.**, Nevada.
- n.g.**, No good.
- N.H.**, New Hampshire.
- N.H.C.**, National Hunt Committee.
- Nicar.**, Nicaragua.
- N.I.D.**, Naval Intelligence Department.
- N.J.**, New Jersey (U.S.A.).
- N.L.C.**, National Liberal Club.
- N.L.F.**, National Liberal Federation.
- N.L.I.**, National Lifeboat Institution.
- N.L.R.**, North London Railway.
- N.N.E.**, North-north-east.
- N.N.W.**, North-north-west.
- No.** [*It. Numero*], (*pl.* **Nos.**) Number.
- Non-Coll.**, Non-Collegiate.



- non-com.**, Non-commissioned.  
**Noncon.**, Nonconformist.  
**non obst.** [*L. non obstante*], Notwithstanding.  
**non seq.** [*L. non sequitur*], It does not logically follow.  
**Norvic.** [*L. Norvicensis*], Of Norwich (Bishop's signature).  
**Nov.**, November.  
**N.P.**, Notary-Public.  
**N.R.**, North Riding (of Yorks).  
**nr.**, Near.  
**N.R.A.**, National Rifle Association.  
**N.S.**, New Series; New Style; Nova Scotia; Numismatic Society.  
**N.S.L.**, National Sunday League.  
**N.S.S.**, New Shakspeare Society.  
**N.S.P.C.C.**, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.  
**N.S.W.**, New South Wales.  
**N.T.**, New Testament; Northern Territory (Australia).  
**N.U.I.**, National University of Ireland.  
**N.U.R.**, National Union of Railwaymen.  
**N.U.T.**, National Union of Teachers.  
**N.U.W.W.**, National Union of Women Workers.  
**N.W.**, North Wales; northwest.  
**N.W.T.**, North-Western Territory.  
**N.Y.**, New York.  
**N.Z.**, New Zealand.
- O.**, Ohio (U.S.A.); Order.  
**ob.** [*L. obiit*], He (or she) died.  
**O.B.E.**, Officer of (the Order of) the British Empire.  
**obj.**, Object, objective.  
**ob. s. p.** [*L. obiit sine prole*], Died without issue.  
**O.C.**, Officer commanding.  
**Oct.**, October.  
**O.E.D.**, Oxford English Dictionary.  
**O.F.**, Odd Fellows; Old French.  
**O.F.M.**, Order of Friars Minor.  
**O.F.S.**, Orange Free State.  
**O.H.B.M.S.**, On His (or Her) Britannic Majesty's Service.  
**O.H.G.**, Old High German.  
**O.H.M.S.**, On His (or Her) Majesty's Service.
- Ol.**, Olympiad.  
**O.L.G.**, Old Low German.  
**O.M.** (Member of the) Order of Merit.  
**o.m.**, Old measure (of hymns).  
**O.N.F.**, Old Norman-French.  
**onomat.**, Onomatopœia.  
**Ont.**, Ontario.  
**O.P.**, Old Playgoers' (Club); the Order of Preachers (Dominicans).  
**o.p.**, (*Theat.*) Opposite the prompt side; out of print (of books).  
**op.** [*L. opus*], Work.  
**op. cit.** [*L. opere citato*], In the work cited.  
**O.R.C.**, Orange River Colony; Order of the Red Cross.  
**Ore.**, Oregon (U.S.A.).  
**orig.**, Origin, original.  
**ornith.**, Ornithology.  
**O.S.**, Old Saxon (language); old series; Old Style; ordinary seaman.  
**O.S.A.**, Order of St. Augustine.  
**O.S.B.**, Order of St. Benedict.  
**O.S.F.**, Order of St. Francis.  
**O.S.N.C.**, Oriental Steam Navigation Company.  
**O.T.**, Old Testament.  
**O.T.C.**, Officers' Training Corps.  
**O.U.**, Oxford University.  
**O.U.D.S.**, Oxford University Dramatic Society.  
**Oxon.**, Oxford; [*L. Oxoniensis*], of Oxford (Bishop's signature).  
**oz.**, Ounce, ounces.
- P.**, (*Polit.*) progressive.  
**p.**, Page; (*Naut.*) passing showers; past; pole; (*Mus.*) soft.  
**Pa.**, Pennsylvania.  
**P./A.**, Power of attorney.  
**Pan.**, Panama.  
**P. & O.**, Peninsular and Oriental (Steam Navigation Company).  
**par.**, Paragraph.  
**Para.**, Paraguay.  
**Parl.**, Parliament, parliamentary.  
**part.**, Participle.  
**pass.**, Passive.  
**Pata.**, Patagonia.  
**path.**, Pathology.  
**Pat. Off.**, Patent Office.  
**P.B.** [*L. Pharmacopœia Britannica*], British Pharmacopœia; Plymouth Brethren; Prayer Book; Primitive Baptists.
- P.C.**, Parish, or Privy, Council or Councillor; Police Constable.  
**p.c.**, Post card.  
**P.C.R.S.**, Poor Clergy Relief Society.  
**pd.**, Paid.  
**P.E.I.**, Prince Edward Island.  
**per cent.** [*L. per centum*], By the hundred.  
**perf.**, Perfect; perforated (of stamps).  
**Pers.**, Persia, Persian.  
**pers.**, Person, personal.  
**Peru.**, Peruvian.  
**P.G.M.**, Provincial Grand Master.  
**Ph.B.**, [*L. Philosophiæ Baccalaureus*], Bachelor of Philosophy.  
**Ph.D.** [*L. Philosophiæ Doctor*], Doctor of Philosophy.  
**Phil.**, Philadelphia.  
**Phil. Soc.**, Philological (London) or Philosophical (U.S.A.) Society.  
**Phil. Trans.**, Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London.  
**phon.**, Phonetics.  
**phr.**, Phrase.  
**P.H.S.**, Pennsylvania Historical Society.  
**pinx.** [*L. pinxit*], He (or she) painted it.  
**P.L.** [*L. Pharmacopœia Londinensis*], London Pharmacopœia.  
**P.L.B.**, Poor Law Board.  
**P.M.**, Past Master; Postmaster; post-mortem.  
**p.m.** [*L. post meridiem*], Afternoon.  
**P.M.G.**, Paymaster or Postmaster-General.  
**P.M.O.**, Principal Medical Officer.  
**P.O.**, Petty Officer; postal order; post office.  
**P.O.D.**, Pay on delivery; Post Office Department or Directory.  
**Pol.**, Poland, Polish.  
**P.O.O.**, Post office order.  
**P.O.P.**, (*Phot.*) Printing out paper.  
**Port.**, Portugal, Portuguese.  
**P.O.S.B.**, Post Office Savings Bank.  
**poss.**, Possessive.  
**P.P.**, Parish priest; Past President.  
**pp.**, Pages.  
**pp** [*It. pianissimo*], (*Mus.*) Very soft.  
**p.p.**, Past participle.  
**p.p.c.** [*F. pour prendre congé*], To take leave.

**ppp** [*It. pianissimo*], (*Mus.*)

As softly as possible.

**P.Q.**, Province of Quebec.

**P.R.**, Porto Rico; prize ring.

**P.R.A.**, President of the Royal Academy.

**pref.**, Prefix; preference.

**Pres.**, President.

**P.R.I.**, President of the Royal Institute (of Painters in Water-colours).

**P.R.I.B.A.**, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

**pro.**, Professional.

**Prof.**, Professor.

**Prog.**, Progressive.

**prol.**, Prologue.

**pron.**, Pronoun; pronounced.

**pro tem.** [*L. pro tempore*], For the time being.

**Prov.**, Provençal; province.

**Prov. Batt.**, Provisional Battalion.

**prox.** [*L. proximo*], Next month.

**prox. acc.** [*L. proxime accessit*], He (or she) came next.

**P.R.S.**, President of the Royal Society.

**P.R.S.A.**, President of the Royal Scottish Academy.

**P.S.** [*L. postscriptum*], Postscript; (*Theat.*) prompt side.

**Ps.**, Psalm, Psalms.

**P.S.A.**, Pleasant Sunday Afternoon.

**p.s.c.**, (*Mil.*) Passed Staff College.

**P.S.N.C.**, Pacific Steam Navigation Company.

**P.T.**, Pupil teacher.

**Pte.**, (*Mil.*) Private.

**P.T.O.**, Please turn over.

**P.W.**, Prime Warden.

**P.W.D.**, Public Works Department.

**Q.**, Queen; question; (*Naut.*) squalls.

**Q.B.**, Queen's Bench.

**Q.C.**, Queen's Counsel.

**Q.E.D.** [*L. quod erat demonstrandum*], Which was to be proved.

**Q.E.F.** [*L. quod erat faciendum*], Which was to be done.

**Q.E.I.** [*L. quod erat inventendum*], Which was to be found out.

**Q.F.**, Quick-firing (of guns).

**Q.M.**, Quartermaster.

**Q.M.G.**, Quartermaster-General.

**Q.M.S.**, Quartermaster-Sergeant.

**qq.v.** [*L. quæ vide*], Which (things, etc.) see.

**qr.**, Quarter (weight); quire.

**Q.S.**, Quarter-Sessions.

**q.s.** [*L. quantum sufficit*], A sufficient quantity.

**qt.**, Quantity; quart.

**quant. suff.** [*Q.S.*].

**Que.**, Quebec.

**Queensl.**, Queensland.

**Q.U.I.**, Queen's University of Ireland.

**q.v.** [*L. quod vide*], Which see; [*L. quantum vis*], as much as you will.

**qy.**, Query.

**R.**, Radical; railway; (*Thermom.*) Réaumur; [*L. rex*], King; (*Theat.*) right side; river; Royal.

**R.A.**, Royal Academy or Academician; Royal Artillery.

**R.A.A.**, Royal Academy of Arts.

**R.A.C.**, Royal Agricultural College; Royal Automobile Club.

**R.-Adm.**, Rear-Admiral.

**R.A.F.**, Royal Air Force.

**R.A.G.C.**, Royal and Ancient Golf Club (St. Andrews).

**R.A.M.**, Royal Academy of Music.

**R.A.M.C.**, Royal Army Medical Corps.

**R.A.O.B.**, Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.

**R.A.O.C.**, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

**R.A.S.**, Royal Agricultural Asiatic, or Astronomical Society.

**R.A.S.C.**, Royal Army Service Corps.

**R.B.**, Rifle Brigade.

**R.B.A.**, Royal (Society of) British Artists.

**R.C.**, Roman Catholic.

**r.-c.**, Right of centre (of stage).

**R.C.A.**, Royal Cambrian Academy; Royal College of Art.

**R.C.I.**, Royal Colonial Institute.

**R.C.M.**, Royal College of Music.

**R.C.O.**, Royal College of Organists.

**R.C.P.**, Royal College of Physicians, or of Preceptors.

**R.C.S.**, Royal College of Surgeons.

**R.C.V.S.**, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

**R.D.**, Rural Dean.

**R./D.**, (*Banking*) Refer to drawer.

**R.D.C.**, Rural District Council.

**R.D.S.**, Royal Dublin Society.

**R.D.Y.**, Royal Dockyard.

**R.E.**, Reformed Episcopal; Royal Engineers; Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and Engravers.

**Ref. Ch.**, Reformed Church.

**Reg.**, Regent; [*L. Regina*], Queen.

**Reg.-Gen.**, Registrar-General.

**Reg. Prof.**, Regius Professor.

**Regr.**, Registrar.

**regt.**, Regiment.

**rel.**, Relative, relatively.

**repr.**, Representing.

**res.**, Reserve; resident.

**ret.**, Retired.

**Rev.**, Reverend.

**R.F.** [*F. République française*], French Republic.

**R.F.A.**, Royal Field Artillery.

**R.F.C.**, Royal Flying Corps.

**R.G.A.**, Royal Garrison Artillery; Royal Guernsey Artillery.

**R.G.S.**, Royal Geographical Society.

**R.H.**, Royal Highness.

**R.H.A.**, Royal Hibernian Academy; Royal Horse Artillery.

**R.H.G.**, Royal Horse Guards.

**R.H.S.**, Royal Horticultural or Humane Society.

**R.Hist.S.**, Royal Historical Society.

**R.I.**, Rhode Island; Royal Institute (of Painters in Water-colours).

**R.I.A.**, Royal Irish Academy.

**R.I.A.M.**, Royal Irish Academy of Music.

**R.I.B.A.**, Royal Institute of British Architects.

**R.I.M.**, Royal Indian Marines.

**R.I.P.** *L.* [*Requiescat in pace*], May he (or she) rest in peace.

**R.L.O.**, Returned Letter Office.

**Rly.**, Railway.

**R.M.**, Resident Magistrate; Royal Mail; Royal Marines.

**R.M.A.**, Royal Marine Artillery; Royal Military Academy; Royal Military Asylum.



- R.M.C.**, Royal Military College (Sandhurst).  
**R.M.L.I.**, Royal Marine Light Infantry.  
**R.M.S.**, Royal Mail Service or Steamer; Royal Microscopical Society; Royal Society of Miniature Painters.  
**R.N.**, Royal Navy.  
**R.N.A.S.**, Royal Naval Air Service.  
**R.N.A.V.**, Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers.  
**R.N.D.**, Royal Naval Division.  
**R.N.R.**, Royal Naval Reserve.  
**R.N.V.R.**, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.  
**R.O.**, Receiving office or officer; relieving or returning officer; Royal Observatory.  
**Roffen.** (*L. Roffensis*), Of Rochester (the Bishop's signature).  
**R.O.I.**, Royal Institute of Oil Painters.  
**Rom.**, Roman.  
**R.P.**, Reformed Presbyterian.  
**R.P.A.**, Rationalist Press Association.  
**R.P.D.**, Regius Professor of Divinity; [*L. Rerum Politicarum Doctor*], Doctor of Political Science.  
**R.R.C.**, Royal Red Cross.  
**R.S.**, Royal Society.  
**r.s.**, (*Theat.*) Right side.  
**R.S.A.**, Royal Scottish Academy or Academician; Royal Society of Antiquaries.  
**R.S.E.**, Royal Society of Edinburgh.  
**R.S.L.**, Royal Society of Literature or of London.  
**R.S.M.**, Regimental Sergeant-Major; Royal School of Mines.  
**R.S.O.**, Railway sub- or sorting-office.  
**R.S.P.C.A.**, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.  
**R.S.S.** [*L. Regiæ Societatis Socius*], Fellow of the Royal Society.  
**R.S.V.P.** [*F. répondez s'il vous plaît*], Please reply.  
**R.S.W.**, Royal Scottish Society of Painters in Water-Colours.  
**Rt. Hon.**, Right Honourable.  
**Rt. Rev.**, Right Reverend.  
**R.T.S.**, Religious Tract Society.  
**R.U.**, Rugby Union.  
**R.U.I.**, Royal University of Ireland.  
**R.U.S.I.**, Royal United Service Institution.  
**R.V.**, Revised Version (of the Bible); Rifle Volunteers.  
**R.W.**, Right Worshipful; Right Worthy.  
**R.W.S.**, Royal Society of Painters in Water-Colours.  
**Ry.**, Railway.  
**R.Y.S.**, Royal Yacht Squadron.  
**S.**, Saint; Saxon; Signor; Socialist; south, southern.  
**s.**, Second; shilling; singular; (*Naut.*) snow; son.  
**\$**, Dollar.  
**S.A.**, Salvation Army; South Africa, America, or Australia.  
**Sansk.**, Sanskrit.  
**S.A.R.**, South African Republic.  
**Sarum**, Of Salisbury (the Bishop's signature).  
**S.B.**, Bachelor in Science (America).  
**S.C.** [*L. Senatus Consultum*], Decree of the Senate; South Carolina; Special Constable; Staff College; Supreme Court.  
**Sc.**, Science; Scotch.  
**sc.** [*L. sculpsit*], He engraved it.  
**Sc.B.** [*L. Scientiæ Baccalaureus*], Bachelor of Science.  
**Sc.D.** [*L. Scientiæ Doctor*], Doctor of Science.  
**S.C.U.**, Scottish Cycling Union.  
**S.E.**, South-east or Eastern.  
**S/E**, Stock Exchange.  
**Sen.**, Senate, senator; senior.  
**Sept.**, September; Septuagint.  
**seq.** (*pl. seqq.* [*L. sequens*]), The following.  
**S.E.R.**, South-Eastern Railway.  
**S.G.**, Solicitor-General.  
**Sgt.**, Sergeant.  
**S.G.W.**, Senior Grand Warden (*Freemasonry*).  
**Shak.**, Shakespeare.  
**S.H.S.** [*L. Societatis Historiæ Socius*], Fellow of the Historical Society.  
**Sig.**, Signor.  
**S.I.M.**, Sergeant Instructor of Musketry.  
**sing.**, Singular.  
**S.J.**, Society of Jesus (Jesuits).  
**S.M.**, Senior Magistrate; Sergeant-Major; short metre (of hymns).  
**Smith. Inst.**, Smithsonian Institution (Washington, U.S.A.).  
**S.M.O.**, Senior Medical Officer.  
**S.O.**, Stationery Office; sub-office.  
**S. of M.**, School of Musketry.  
**Sol.-Gen.**, Solicitor-General.  
**S.O.S.**, Wireless signal of ship in great distress (arbitrary; but usu. extended to "Save our souls").  
**sov.**, Sovereign.  
**Sp.**, Spain, Spanish.  
**S.P.C.K.**, Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.  
**S.P.G.**, Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.  
**sp. gr.**, Specific gravity.  
**S.P.Q.R.** [*L. Senatus populusque Romanus*], The Senate and people of Rome.  
**S.P.R.**, Society for Psychological Research.  
**sq.**, Square.  
**S.R.I.** [*L. Sacrum Romanorum Imperium*], The Holy Roman Empire.  
**S.R.S.** [*L. Societatis Regiæ Socius*], Fellow of the Royal Society.  
**S.S.**, Secretary of State; steamship; Straits Settlements.  
**SS.**, Saints.  
**S.S.C.**, Solicitor before the Supreme Court.  
**S.S.E.**, South-south-east.  
**S.S.M.**, Squadron Sergeant-Major.  
**S.S.U.**, Sunday School Union.  
**S.S.W.**, South-south-west.  
**St.**, Saint; strait; street.  
**Sta.** [*It. santa*], Female saint.  
**S.T.B.** [*L. Sacræ Theologiæ Baccalaureus*], Bachelor of Theology.  
**S.T.D.** [*L. Sacræ Theologiæ Doctor*], Doctor of Theology.  
**Ste.** [*F. sainte*], Female saint.  
**stg.**, Sterling.  
**S.T.P.** [*L. Sacræ Theologiæ Professor*], Professor of Sacred Theology.  
**suff.**, **suff.**, Suffix.  
**supp.**, Supplement.  
**supt.**, Superintendent.  
**surg.**, Surgeon, surgery.

- Surg.-Gen.**, Surgeon-General.  
**S.V.** [*L. Sancta Virgo*], Holy Virgin; [*L. Sanctitas Vestra*], Your Holiness.  
**s.v.** [*L. sub voce*], Under the word, heading, etc.  
**s.v.p.** [*F. s'il vous plaît*], If you please.  
**S.W.**, Senior Warden; South Wales; south-west.  
**S.W.B.**, South Wales Borderers.  
**s.w.g.**, Standard wire gauge.  
**T.C.**, Town Councillor.  
**T.C.D.**, Trinity College, Dublin.  
**T.C.O.**, Trinity College, Oxford.  
**T.D.**, Territorial Decoration.  
**Tenn.**, Tennessee.  
**Test.**, Testament.  
**Teut.**, Teuton, Teutonic.  
**Tex.**, Texas.  
**T.F.**, Territorial Force.  
**theat.**, Theatrical.  
**Thos.**, Thomas.  
**T.N.T.**, Trinitrotoluol (*explosive*).  
**T.N.X.**, Trinitroxylol (*explosive*).  
**T.O.**, Telegraph Office.  
**T.R.**, Tariff Reform.  
**T.R.C.**, Teachers' Registration Council; Thames Rowing Club.  
**T.R.H.**, Their Royal Highnesses.  
**Trin. H.**, Trinity Hall, Cambridge.  
**Trip.**, Tripos.  
**Truron.** [*L. Truronensis*], Of Truro (signature of the Bishop).  
**T.S.S.**, Twin-screw steamer.  
**T.T.**, Teetotaler.  
**T.U.**, Trade Union.  
**T.U.C.**, Trade Union Congress.  
**U.** (*Polit.*), Unionist.  
**U.C.**, University College.  
**U.C.L.**, University College, London.  
**U.C.S.**, University College School (London).  
**U.D.C.**, Urban District Council.  
**U.E.**, University Extension.  
**U.E.I.C.**, United East India Company.  
**U.F.C.**, United Free Church of Scotland.  
**U.J.D.** [*L. Utriusque Juris Doctor*], Doctor of both (Civil and Canon) Law.  
**U.K.**, United Kingdom.
- U.K.A.**, United Kingdom Alliance.  
**Unit.**, Unitarian.  
**Univ.**, University.  
**unm.**, Unmarried.  
**unop.**, Unopposed.  
**U.P.**, United Presbyterian.  
**u.p.**, Under proof (of spirits).  
**U.P.C.**, United Presbyterian Church.  
**Uru.**, Uruguay.  
**U.S.**, United States; United Service.  
**u.s.**, [*L. ubi supra*], In the place above mentioned.  
**U.S.A.**, United States of America; United States Army.  
**U.S.C.**, United States of Colombia.  
**U.S.I.**, United Service Institution.  
**U.S.N.**, United States Navy.  
**U.S.S.**, United States Senate, ship or steamer.  
**U.S.S.C.**, United States Supreme Court.  
**U.T.**, Utah Territory.  
**Ut.**, Utah.  
**ut sup.** [*L. ut supra*], As above.  
**V.**, Vice; Viscount; Volunteers.  
**V.A.**, Vicar-Apostolic; Vice-Admiral; (Royal Order of) Victoria and Albert; Volunteer Artillery.  
**Va.**, Virginia.  
**V.A.D.**, Voluntary Aid Detachment.  
**V. & A. Mus.**, Victoria and Albert Museum.  
**Vat.**, Vatican.  
**V.B.**, Volunteer Battalion.  
**V.C.**, Vice-Chairman, -Chancellor, or -Consul; Victoria Cross.  
**V.D.**, Volunteer Decoration.  
**V.D.M.** [*Verbi Dei Minister*], Minister of the Word of God.  
**Ven.**, Venerable.  
**Venez.**, Venezuela.  
**verb. sap.**, or **sat.** [*L. verbum satis sapienti*], A word is enough for a wise man.  
**Vet.**, Veterinary Surgeon.  
**V.G.**, Vicar-General.  
**Vic.**, Vict., Victoria.  
**Visct.**, Viscount Viscountess.  
**viz.** [*L. videlicet*], Namely.  
**V.M.H.**, Victoria Medal of Honour (R. Hort. Society).  
**V.-P.**, Vice-President.
- V.R.** [*L. Victoria Regina*], Queen Victoria.  
**V.R.C.**, Volunteer Rifle Corps.  
**V.R. et I.** [*L. Victoria Regina et Imperatrix*], Victoria Queen and Empress.  
**V.S.**, Veterinary Surgeon.  
**v.s.** [*L. vide supra*], see above.  
**V.S.C.**, Volunteer Staff Corps.  
**Vt.**, Vermont (U.S.A.).  
**Vulg.**, Vulgate.  
**V.W.**, Very worshipful.
- W.**, Wales; warden; west; western.  
**W.A.**, Western Australia.  
**W.A.A.C.**, Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps.  
**W.A.F.F.**, West African Frontier Force.  
**W. & M.**, William and Mary.  
**W.C.**, Wesleyan Chapel; Western Central London postal district.  
**w.c.**, Water-closet.  
**W.D.**, War or Works Department.  
**w.f.**, (*Print.*) Wrong fount.  
**W.F.L.**, Woman's Freedom League.  
**w.g.**, Wire gauge.  
**W.I.**, West Indies.  
**Winton.** [*L. Wintoniensis*], Of Winchester (the Bishop of Winchester's signature).  
**W.I.R.**, West India Regiment.  
**Wisc.**, Wisconsin.  
**W.L.F.**, Women's Liberal Federation.  
**Wm.**, William.  
**W.M.S.**, Wesleyan Missionary Society.  
**W.N.W.**, West-north-west.  
**W.O.**, War Office.  
**Wor.**, Worshipful.  
**W.P.B.**, Waste-paper basket.  
**W.R.**, West Riding (Yorks).  
**W.R.A.F.**, Woman's Royal Air Force.  
**W.R.N.S.**, Woman's Royal Naval Service.  
**W.S.**, Writer to the Signet.  
**W.S.P.U.**, Women's Social and Political Union.  
**W.S.W.**, West-south-west.  
**Wyo.**, Wyoming (U.S.A.).  
**Wy. Ter.**, Wyoming Territory.
- X.**, Christ.  
**x.d.**, Ex (without) dividend.



<b>x.i.</b> , Ex (without) next interest.	<b>Y.L.I.</b> , Yorkshire Light Infantry.	<b>Y.W.C.A.</b> , Young Women's Christian Association.
<b>Xmas.</b> , Christmas.	<b>Y.M.C.A.</b> , Young Men's Christian Association.	<b>Y.W.C.T.U.</b> , Young Women's Christian Temperance Union.
<b>Xn.</b> , Christian.	<b>Y.M.Cath.A.</b> , Young Men's Catholic Association.	
<b>Xt.</b> , Christ.	<b>Y.M.C.U.</b> , Young Men's Christian Union.	<b>Z.G.</b> , Zoological Gardens.
<b>Y.</b> , Year.	<b>yr.</b> , Year; younger; your.	<b>zool.</b> , Zoological.
<b>Yeo.</b> , Yeomanry.		<b>Z.S.</b> , Zoological Society.

## BRITISH AND METRIC WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

### BRITISH

#### MEASURES OF LENGTH

- 12 inches = 1 foot.
- 3 feet = 1 yard = 36 inches.
- 5½ yards = 1 pole = 16½ feet = 198 inches.
- 40 poles = 1 furlong = 220 yards = 660 feet.
- 8 furlongs = 1 mile = 1,760 yards = 5,280 feet.
- 3 miles = 1 league = 5,280 yards = 15,840 feet.

#### Nautical and Geographical Measure

- 6 feet = 1 fathom.
- 120 fathoms = 1 cable.
- 2,027·3 yards = 1·152 miles = 1 nautical (or geographical mile, or knot).
- 3 nautical miles = 1 nautical league = 3·456 ordinary miles.

#### Surveying Measure

- 1 link = 7·92 inches.
- 100 links = 1 chain = 66 feet = 22 yards.
- 80 chains = 1 mile = 5,280 feet.

#### MEASURES OF AREA

- 144 square inches = 1 square foot.
- 9 square feet = 1 square yard = 1,296 square inches.
- 30½ square yards = 1 square pole (Note: 30½ = 5½ × 5½).
- 40 square poles = 1 rood = 1,210 square yards.
- 4 roods = 1 acre = 4,840 square yards.
- 16 square poles = 1 square chain = 484 square yards (= 22 × 22).
- 10 square chains = 1 acre = (22 × 220 yards).
- 640 acres = 1 square mile.

#### MEASURES OF CAPACITY

- 1,728 cubic inches = 1 cubic foot.
- 27 cubic feet = 1 cubic yard.
- 40 cubic feet = 1 shipping ton.

### Liquid and Dry Measure

- 4 gills = 1 pint (20 avoirdupois oz. of water).
- 2 pints = 1 quart.
- 2 quarts = 1 pottle.
- 4 quarts = 1 gallon (10 avoirdupois lb. of water).
- 2 gallons = 1 peck.
- 4 pecks = 1 bushel = 8 gallons.
- Bushel of Barley, 47 lb.; beans, 63 lb.; oats, 40 lb.; peas, 64 lb.; rye, 53 lb.; wheat, 60 lb.
- 8 bushels = 1 quarter.
- 5 quarters = 1 wey or load.
- 2 weys = 1 last.
- 9 gallons = 1 firkin.
- 2 firkins = 1 kilderkin.
- 4 firkins = 1 barrel = 36 gallons.
- 54 gallons = 1 hogshead ale.
- 63 gallons = 1 hogshead wine.
- 84 gallons = 1 puncheon.
- 126 gallons = 1 pipe or butt.
- 2 pipes = 1 tun.

### Apothecaries' Fluid Measure

- 60 minims = 1 drachm = ·216 cubic inches.
- 8 drachms = 1 ounce = 437½ grains (1 ounce avoirdupois of water).
- 20 ounces = 1 pint = 8,750 grains.

### MEASURES OF WEIGHT

#### Avoirdupois Weight

- 16 drams = 1 ounce = 437½ grains.
- 16 ounces = 1 pound = 7,000 grains.
- 14 pounds = 1 stone.
- 2 stones = 1 quarter = 28 pounds.
- 4 quarters = 1 hundredweight (cwt.) = 112 pounds.
- 20 cwt.s. = 1 ton = 2,240 pounds.

**Troy Weight**

- 24 grains = 1 pennyweight (dwt.).  
 20 dwts. = 1 ounce = 480 grains.  
 12 ounces = 1 pound = 5,760 grains.

**Apothecaries' Weight**

- 20 grains = 1 scruple (written  $\mathfrak{D}$ ).  
 3 scruples = 1 drachm (written  $\mathfrak{z}$ ).  
 8 drachms = 1 ounce = 480 grains (written  $\mathfrak{z}$ ).  
 12 ounces = 1 pound = 5,760 grains.

**METRIC****Measures of Length**

- 10 millimetres = 1 centimetre = .3937 inch.  
 10 centimetres = 1 decimetre.  
 10 decimetres = 1 metre = 39.370113 inches.  
 10 metres = 1 decametre.  
 100 metres = 10 decametres = 1 hectometre = 109.36 yards.  
 1,000 metres = 10 hectometres = 1 kilometre = .62138 mile.  
 10,000 metres = 10 kilometres = 1 myriametre = 6.2138 miles.

**Measures of Capacity**

1,000 cubic centimetres (1 cubic decimetre) = 1 litre = 61.024 cubic inches.

The tenth, hundredth, and thousandth of a litre are called decilitre, centilitre, and millilitre respectively, while ten, a hundred, and a thousand are deca-, hecto-, and kilo-litres respectively.

**Measures of Weight**

The weight of 1 cubic centimetre of distilled water at 4° Centigrade (39.2° F.) is 1 gramme. As with the other units, the tenth, hundredth, and thousandth are the deci-, centi-, and milli-gramme respectively, while ten, a hundred, and a thousand are called deca-, hecto-, and kilo-gramme respectively.

1 gramme = 15.43235 grains.

1 kilogramme = 2.20462 lb. avoirdupois.

**Measures of Area**

- 1 square metre = 10.7644 square feet.  
 100 square metres = 1 square decametre = 1 are.  
 10,000 square metres = 1 square hectometre = 1 hectare = 11,960.46 square yards = 2.471 acres.  
 100 hectares = 247.1169 acres.



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